



County of Monterey, Department of Emergency
Management

ROAD CLOSURES UPDATE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE* (FROM CALTRANS UPDATE #8)

ONE DAY OPENING OF HIGHWAY 1 CLOSURE TO TAKE PLACE FRIDAY JAN. 6 FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM

MONTEREY / SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTIES – Caltrans maintenance and engineering teams completed initial assessments of Highway 1 after the atmospheric river events over the last two days.

Highway 1 is reopened today between Ragged Point and Deetjen's from 8 am to 5 pm. This opening is timed to take advantage of a forecasted break in the rain.

The express intent of this daylight reopening of Highway 1, to accommodate those community members who need to get out of the closure area a chance to head north and leave the closure.

It is also intended for local community members within the closure area to resupply themselves in preparation for an extended closure of Highway 1. Additionally, community members may wish to take advantage of this opening to leave the area ahead of anticipated storms.

Once Highway 1 closes between Ragged Point and Deetjen's, on Friday Jan. 6 at 5 pm, that closure is expected to remain in effect for the next 10 days in anticipation of more rain and potential damage to the roadway.

Caltrans will be looking for opportunities during this period to reopen the road during breaks in the weather if roadway conditions allow for safe travel.

Also, the gates at Paul's Slide (PM 22) will be closed and locked day and night for the duration of this closure for public safety. Crews from Chavez Construction will continue to work removing debris from the catchment area at Paul's Slide ahead of the next storm.

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Realtime maps available at: <https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

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