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**ONGOING COUNTY RESTORATION EFFORTS REQUIRE TRANSPORT OF
SEDIMENT TO LOCAL BEACHES**

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – As search and rescue continues, county, city, state, and federal agencies are conducting restoration efforts simultaneously. These efforts include cleaning out debris in basins and channels and clearing roads for access to repair utilities and to reopen Highway 101 and State Route 192.

Part of restoration includes transporting sediment cleared from roads and channels to local beaches. The sediment consists of wet or dry dirt or mud and does not contain rocks, debris, or vegetation. Santa Barbara County Flood Control District obtained emergency permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the California Coastal Commission to place sediment on local beaches. Current permits allow up to 300,000 cubic yards of sediment to be placed into the surf zone (i.e. where the waves are breaking) at Goleta Beach and Carpinteria Beach at the end of Ash Avenue.

At this time, approximately 800 cubic yards has been transported to Goleta Beach. Approximately 900 cubic yards has been transported to Carpinteria Salt Marsh. Sediment transported to Carpinteria Beach is mainly coming from Franklin Creek and Santa Monica Creek within Carpinteria Salt Marsh. The amount of sediment transported to the beaches is of less quantity than the level of sediment that naturally flows through the drainage system during a rainfall event. Sediment clean-up will continue to restore the area to pre-storm conditions as quickly as possible. Without these efforts, subsequent storms will cause more destruction.

Santa Barbara County Flood Control personnel are at each site inspecting each load that is delivered. They are instructed to refuse any load that contains unpermitted material. Occasional rocks and other material are being hand-picked and set aside for disposal. Both Goleta and Carpinteria Beach have been used in the past for both routine and emergency sediment placement.

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Emergency permits issued do not require testing for this critical operation. However, Public Health Department officials will continue to test ocean waters and will act accordingly.

County officials understand the seriousness of this activity and how community members may be concerned. This extraordinarily horrific incident has required County personnel to work under emergency permits. However, precautions are being taken, including inspecting loads for unpermitted materials.

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