

Dear Mayor Butt, Mayor-elect Martinez, Members of the City Council, & Councilmembers-elect [via Bcc]:

Incident Overview and General Update

On Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 8:18 PM, the City of Richmond Fire and Police departments responded to the 300 block of Seaview Drive on reports of a break-line in the hillside which, due to an expected weather event, had the potential to develop into a landslide. Following recent storm surges, the hillside above Seacliff Drive and Seaview Drive in the Brickyard Cove area became unstable. City staff and technical experts assessed the area. Out of an abundance of caution and due to concerns that additional storms were approaching with anticipated heavy rainfall, 15 residences on Seaview Drive and Seacliff Way were asked to evacuate. The City of Richmond Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated to support the incident.

Richmond's EOC is still active and continues to monitor and respond to the Seaview Incident, as well as other storm-related incidents. To support Richmond residents and businesses, City Public Works (PW) staff members supplied over 4,000 sandbags, with over 400 of those delivered to senior or differently abled residents.

The PW's tree crew has also been responding to fallen trees throughout the City, including the following locations:

- Richmond Parkway
- Blume Drive
- South 37th St.
- Grove Street & Chanslor Ave.
- Alamo Ave.
- Hilltop Green Park
- Research & Lakeside
- Nichol Park
- 29th & Bissell
- S. 30th St.
- Memorial Park
- South 1st & Ohio Ave

City EOC staff attended a CAL-OES Statewide Situational Call for 2023 Winter Storms today, January 8, 2023. Various State departments provided informative updates and provided opportunities for participants to ask questions.

Evacuated Resident Communication

To ensure their continued safety, evacuated residents remain restricted from returning to their homes. Temporary accommodations for evacuated residents remain available at the Hyatt Place in Emeryville through January 15, 2023, with check out currently planned on or around on January 16, 2023. City staff will continue to keep them updated on any extensions of the temporary accommodations.

While there have been breaks in the rain, Richmond's EOC Public Information Officer informed evacuated residents that they could temporarily access their homes during scheduled windows of time

to retrieve essential items on Friday, January 6 and Sunday, January 8, 2023. Several residents have taken the opportunity to retrieve essential items.

Impacted residents can contact the City of Richmond at EOCPIO@ci.richmond.ca.us for questions or concerns. City staff will continue to provide regular updates.

Seaview Hillside Stabilization Efforts

City Public Works staff visited the Seaview Incident site on Sunday, January 8, 2023, to view the temporary hillside stabilization work being implemented by the HOA's contractors. Staff reported there were no major developments other than the contractor repairing the sheeting that was displaced due to the high winds last night and early this morning. City staff will continue to monitor and assess the area, and safety personnel will continue to secure the site with the support of Allied Security Services.







Communication with Surrounding Property Owners

The City is preparing correspondence to property owners adjacent to the known landslide (Richmond Cove 1 LLC, KM Phoenix Holdings LLC, and East Bay Regional Park District). This correspondence will inform them that the exact extent of the landslide is unknown, and that the Seacliff Homeowners' Association has retained experts to assess the extent of the landslide and implement temporary stabilization efforts on their property. The City is recommending that adjacent property owners retain an expert to assess the condition of their property.

Storm Support related to the Unsheltered Unhoused

Prior to last week's storms, City staff reached out to County H3 staff and service providers to understand any additional supports or services being deployed to support the unsheltered unhoused in response to the storms. County H3 staff stated it was assessing shelter capacity and noted any unhoused residents, via 211, could seek shelter or support services. In addition, CORE staff has been deploying items such as tarps, mylar blankets, sleeping bags, gloves, hand warmers, beanies, and canned goods to the unhoused

in known encampments. City service providers at encampments also checked in with encampment dwellers on needs.

Following the establishment of the EOC for the Seaview Incident, City staff has been assessing other storm-related needs and emergencies, including needing to provide shelter and additional supports for the unsheltered unhoused. Below are updates:

- **Bay Area Rescue Mission (BARM):** City staff checked in with BARM regarding their capacity to house additional people during the storms. The BARM noted that the Men's Center will not turn anyone away needing to come indoors. In addition, the BARM will stay open during daytime hours while the storms are ongoing. The BARM is located at 200 Macdonald Avenue. Please see the information provided by Contra Costa County below regarding beds available for men and women & children.
- **Care Packages and Resources:** Through the EOC, the City is also procuring items to be part of a care packet to distribute and deploy to the unhoused that choose to not go into shelter during the storms. These items include tarps, ponchos, hats, gloves, mylar blankets, sleeping bags, hand warmers, energy bars, and water. These items are anticipated to be deployed tomorrow, Monday, January 9 by SOS and other City service providers to supplement what CORE has already distributed.
- **City Emergency Shelter:** City staff is also assessing the availability of City facilities to offer as an emergency shelter location site should the need exceed the capacity of what Bay Area Rescue Mission BARM and the County shelters have. Cal-OES also noted today during its Statewide briefing that cities should reach out to their respective County if Red Cross support was needed to open and provide emergency shelters when shelter capacity exceed needs. Facilities being evaluated include the Richmond Auditorium and Richmond Recreation Complex.
- **Emergency Housing Support (Accommodations):** The City Council may also recall that a contract with RCF Connects (previously known as Richmond Community Foundation or RCF) was approved by the Council on December 20, 2022, to provide short-term emergency sheltering support and develop and implement a housing first program. Staff is working on finalizing the contract with RCF and expects to have RCF available to secure short-term hoteling for residents should it be needed while an emergency shelter was established, if determined needed.

Contra Costa Agencies Expanding Capacity at Homeless Shelters

The following statement was released by Contra Costa Health on January 8, 2023. Please note that Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) and Bay Area Rescue Mission are both located in Richmond.

In anticipation of another series of heavy rain storms this week, Contra Costa Health (CCH) and community organizations are expanding capacity at shelters in the county for unsheltered homeless individuals and families, as well as increasing outreach to deliver supplies to those who remain outdoors.

Anyone needing assistance with shelter placement should contact the [Contra Costa Crisis Center](#) by calling 211.

Here is a breakdown of the expanded shelter and warming-center capacity this week:

- Concord Service Center overnight Warming Center is increasing capacity from 6 slots to 15. Effective immediately.
- SHELTER, Inc. is adding capacity for 10 families in Martinez and Pittsburg. Effective immediately.
- Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) is adding capacity for 20 adults and 3 families. Effective immediately.
- Trinity Center Winter Program in Walnut Creek is adding capacity for up to 50 adults. Effective January 9.
- Delta Landing in Pittsburg can expand by 6 beds beginning January 9
- Bay Area Rescue Mission has up to 9 beds available for men and up to 14 beds for the Women and Children's Shelter. Effective immediately.

CCH has also temporarily expanded hours and staffing for the [CORE homeless-outreach program](#) to help facilitate shelter placements and deliver supplies such as tarps, blankets, sleeping bag, gloves and beanies to unsheltered homeless people who remain outdoors. Our outreach teams are in need of -- in order of importance -- sleeping bags, gloves and beanies, tarps and blankets. Donations can be dropped off at 2400 Bisso Lane, Suite D in Concord.

Community members and organizations that would like to volunteer labor or space should contact the [Bay Area chapter of the Red Cross](#).

City of Richmond Ordinance Regarding the Building Code and Emergency Shelters

Linked is [Ordinance No. 14-22](#) adopted by the City Council adopting the 2022 California Building Code including the optional appendices regarding emergency shelters. This ordinance supersedes previous Ordinance No. 18-20 adopted in 2020.

I would like to thank all the City of Richmond team members involved for the extremely long hours they have put in to provide thoughtful service to our community.

Sincerely,
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