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Project to Rebuild Storm-Damaged Section of Highway 9 Underway

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – Work crews have begun the rebuilding of a section of Highway 9 just south of Felton that sustained major damage in the New Year’s storms, local Caltrans officials have announced.

This pavement and roadbed along a 100-foot section of Highway 9 near Glengarry Road, which runs parallel to the San Lorenzo River, washed out due to heavy rainfall in the area.

Caltrans estimates the road will be reopened to traffic in 2-3 weeks, weather permitting. Until then, motorists are advised to use Graham Hill Road as an alternate route. However, emergency vehicles will be able to use Hwy. 9 on a limited basis beginning next week.

Granite Construction of Watsonville is the contractor for this \$750,000 emergency contract.

Due to extensive preventative maintenance and quick response by highway workers, Hwy. 9 was the only state highway in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties to sustain major damage in the New Year’s storms.

Further south on Hwy. 9 about two miles north of Hwy. 1, minor damage occurred which may require some repairs later this year.

Caltrans reminds motorists to ‘Slow for the Cone Zone’ and to call our Highway Information Network at 800-GAS-ROAD for updated road conditions this winter.

