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****MEDIA UPDATE****

Weather-Related Schedule Updates for Demolition of 320 Esplanade Ave.

*Demolition of the Building Now Tentatively Scheduled for
Saturday, March 12 at 9 a.m.*

Schedule: **Saturday, March 12, 2016, 8:30 am:** City representatives will be available at 320 Esplanade to provide media comment in advance of demolition.

Saturday, March 12, 2016, 9 am: Demolition of 320 Esplanade begins and will take 4-5 days. Saturday-Tuesday will provide the best camera visuals.

Where: 320 Esplanade, Pacifica

What: The City of Pacifica released an updated schedule for the demolition of the “red-tagged” apartments at 320 Esplanade as a result of forecasted storms. Due to a major rain and wind storm forecasted, the demolition of the building is now scheduled to begin on Saturday, March 12 starting at 9 a.m. Representatives from the City will be available about 30 minutes prior to the start of demolition, at 8:30 a.m., to provide media comment.

On Tuesday, crews began abating the building for lead, asbestos and other hazardous materials prior to demolition. Due to erosion of the adjacent bluffs, the building has been vacant since 2010 and is now at risk of crumbling over the eroding cliff and threatening public safety.

Who: City of Pacifica officials

Background: The City of Pacifica is closely monitoring conditions closely as El Nino storms continue to batter the California coast and accelerate coastal erosion along the Pacifica bluffs. On Friday, Jan. 22, City Manager Lorie Tinfow, Director of Emergency Management, declared a state of local emergency due to the significant damage sustained by City infrastructure. The City has requested assistance from both State and Federal government to help cover the \$3.5 million it will cost to repair damaged City structures. Grant applications have been filed and are under consideration.

On Jan. 25, 2016, the City of Pacifica determined the apartments at 310 Esplanade Avenue uninhabitable due to coastal erosion. Pacifica Chief Building Official Mike Cully “yellow-tagged” the apartments and several private residences, meaning residents were allowed to access buildings only to remove belongings. The City has worked tirelessly to provide assistance to residents as they transition to other housing.