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Cayucos Veterans Hall Closed Indefinitely Due to Unsafe Conditions

CAYUCOS, CA— The Cayucos Veterans Hall has officially closed for safety reasons, effective immediately, according to County officials. A structural analysis of the building found that the building is not structurally sound and is unsafe to occupy.

“The roof is barely being held up right now. The walls or roof could collapse if a strong wind blows in the wrong direction or if a moderate earthquake hits,” said County Public Works Deputy Director Dave Flynn. “We don’t want to close the Cayucos Veterans Hall, but we have no choice. Public safety is our top priority.”

The County ordered the closure of the Cayucos Veterans Hall today as it reviews rehabilitation and reconstruction options. It may take some considerable time to get the Cayucos Veterans Hall up and running again, officials say, but it’s unclear at this time when the facility will be reopened. County representatives are in contact with the Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council to review the potential for rehabilitation. The County has also been working with the Cayucos Lions Club regarding existing reservations for the space. The Cayucos Lions Club has already reserved the space more than 40 private events and more than 100 group and public events through the remainder of the calendar year.

“This is a big inconvenience for a lot of people, which is why we’re working with the community to find alternative gathering places for those who have already reserved dates to use the Cayucos Veterans Hall,” Flynn said.

As soon as the County found out about the extent of the problems with the building’s structural integrity, it got to work determining the best course of action. The County closed the building’s stage last fall and repaired structural problems with the building’s south-facing wall this past winter, after a stucco maintenance project in the summer revealed the wall’s problems. The County hired VerTech Engineering to complete the design plans for rehabilitation of the decks and the ocean-side exterior wall and conduct a comprehensive structural analysis.

The analysis indicates that the nails holding the roof together are severely compromised and building lacks lateral bracing, which means that the roof or walls could collapse if a strong wind blows or an earthquake hits. In addition, the foundation has begun to fail due to corrosion. When the County received the final report on May 3, 2016, it officially ordered the closure of the building.

Further information about the building’s status will be provided once a proposed plan is in place.

Please contact the Cayucos Lions Club directly at (805) 235-0409 regarding existing reservations. For more information, please call Public Works Deputy Director Dave Flynn at (805) 781-4463.

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