MidCoast Community Council
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To The Employers of MidCoast Residents

The winter rains of 1995 brought much-needed moisture to our farming communities, and water to our reservoirs. But they also brought a natural disaster to our area, and we need the help of everyone to survive this test.
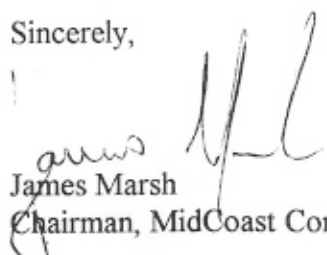
Specifically, the Devil's Slide portion of Highway 1, which is between Montara and Pacifica, is closed due to a severe slippage of the road. CalTrans has been unable to predict when this road will be repaired, since it is still sliding. The impact on the residents of the MidCoast has been huge. A simple 15 minute commute to Pacifica, traveling north on Highway 1, is now routed south on Highway 1 and east on Highway 92, and has lengthened to at least one hour. At normal commute times, which are considered 6:30 to 8:30 am, and 5:00 to 7:00 pm, just the ten to thirteen mile trip between the MidCoast and the intersection of Highways 92 and 280 can take as long as one and one half hours.

A partnership of the San Mateo County Sheriff's department, the California Highway Patrol, the Half Moon Bay Police department, and CalTrans continues to work hard to refine the traffic flow patterns, to minimize these commute delays as much as possible. The MidCoast Community Council regularly solicits suggestions from the residents of the area, and a number of these have proven beneficial.

We ask your active support and cooperation with two of the best ideas: carpools and flexible work schedules, including where possible telecommuting. These programs will clearly result in fewer cars on the road, spread over a wider period of time. We certainly recognize that you must manage your business in a responsible, profitable manner, but we hope that if a MidCoast resident asks to work a different schedule, or to adhere to certain fixed times to support a carpool, that you will give this request serious consideration.

The residents of the coast thank you very much.

Sincerely,

James Marsh
Chairman, MidCoast Community Council