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## Santa Cruz Harbor Public Information Statement Storm Surge Event of December 23, 2024

MEDIA CONTACT: Holland MacLaurie, Port Director Santa Cruz Port District (831) 475-6161 **RELEASE DATE:** December 23, 2024 – 6:15 PM

Due to damage caused by the recent surge event on Monday, December 23, 2024, the Santa Cruz Harbor remains closed until further notice. Powerful surge conditions in the harbor and breaking surf at the entrance continue to persist.

<u>Dock access is not permitted at this time.</u> Docks are damaged in areas and unstable, and surge conditions continue to persist. Harbor staff is working to assess the damage to determine when access to vessels by slip licensees will be allowed. It is a priority for harbor staff to allow access as soon as dock safety is assured.

The north harbor area sustained the heaviest damage. The full extent of damage and the impact to personal property is not known at this time.

If you have a safety issue to report, please contact the harbor office by calling (831) 475-6161 during normal business hours.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to assess and secure the area.