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COUNTY DOWNSIZES TO ONE CZU LIGHTNING COMPLEX FIRE SHELTER

The Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center is closing the Seventh-Day Adventist Conference Grounds Fire Emergency Evacuation Shelter at 5 p.m. today, Sept. 11, in Soquel. Thereafter, only the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds Fire Emergency Evacuation Shelter in Watsonville will remain in operation.

This consolidation of shelters is enabling County staff to focus on the needs of those with longer-term displacements. There are 188 residents currently served down from a high of just under 2,500 across all shelters. Repopulation of fire-impacted areas of the North Coast, Bonny Doon and San Lorenzo Valley is now in progress with the CZU Lightning Complex Fire currently 85% contained.

The Santa Cruz Emergency Operations Center is grateful to the American Red Cross who has provided supplies, support, and emergency response expertise. The Center is also thankful for the continued efforts of FEMA, the California Department of Social Services, the California Office of Emergency Services and other state agency partners for providing support at the Santa Cruz and Watsonville shelter locations.

Information on shelter help for evacuees of the CZU Lightning Complex Fire, is available at <http://santacruzcounty.us/FireResources.aspx>.