



MEDIA UPDATE

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Hummingbird and Whitehurst Fires Prompt Mandatory Evacuations in South Santa Clara County

*Shelter Opens to Assist Evacuees
120 Houses Evacuated, Over 300 Residents Impacted*

SAN JOSE, CALIF. Two extremely dangerous fires that started in Santa Clara County on Saturday afternoon continue to expand south of Morgan Hill.

- The Whitehurst fire, (Hecker Pass/Mount Madonna) has consumed **175 acres**.
- The Hummingbird fire, (Hummingbird Road/Watsonville Road and Day Road area, unincorporated County land) is extending **over 400 acres**.
- 128 houses have been evacuated by the County of Santa Clara Sheriff's Department. Over 350 residents, including approximately 75 from Coeur de Valle Golf Course were contacted and have evacuated.
- At this time residents are utilizing the shelter managed by the American Red Cross at Live Oak High School, 1505 East Main Avenue, in Morgan Hill. Food, shelter and counseling will be provided to evacuated residents until they are allowed to return to their homes or until alternative housing is available.

On Saturday evening, County of Santa Clara Executive Pete Kutas proclaimed a local emergency and activated the County's Emergency Operations Center. A local emergency is declared when conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Santa Clara.

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