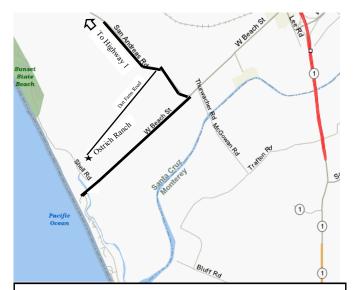
# **FLOOD**

Because Pajaro Dunes is almost completely surrounded by water, flooding is a concern. Extreme caution should always be used when driving during floods. The Office of Emergency Services recommends that people not drive on a road that is covered with more than six inches of water. During periods of flood warning, the Association staff will attempt to post a sign indicating that roads may be flooded. We may not always be able to get to the pole at the exit gate to post the sign. If you see water across the road and you can not see the yellow center line, it is unsafe. You are responsible for your personal safety and must use good judgment. If circumstances indicate that Pajaro Dunes is likely to be flooded for a day or more and we have enough notice, staff will attempt to call each unit that we know to be occupied so that you can leave before it is unsafe to leave. If you stay, we will try to make you as comfortable as possible. The Gatehouse and Fire House have generators and the coffee is always on.

If the Gatehouse is unsafe, staff will stage at the Fire Department or the parking lot inbetween the Gatehouse and the Fire Department.

# SLIP HAZARD

Boardwalks can be slippery when wet or when frost or ice are present. Always use caution and please report hazards to the Gatehouse at (831) 761-7744



**Recommended Tsunami or Flood evacuation route** 

## **TSUNAMI**

Staff will attempt to notify occupants if we receive a Tsunami warning. If you notice the ocean water level drop rapidly or there is an earthquake that lasts more than 20 seconds, you must leave the area for higher ground immediately. Although the Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Services Tsunami impact map indicates that you would be safe half way between Pajaro Dunes and San Andreas Road, we recommend that you get as high as you can as fast as you can. If you are driving, the best route is Beach Road to San Andreas Road. San Andreas Road eventually meets Highway 1. If you are on foot try to get to the hill behind the Shorebirds Gatehouse. Our Engineer and Engineering Geologist believe that if you can get higher than the ostrich ranch, you should be safe. From there you can follow farm roads to San Andreas Road. The Association will attempt to arrange for transportation from San Andreas Road to safe shelter. Register your cell phone for reverse 911 calls at or www.scr911.org or call 471-1000. To have texts or emails sent to by NOAA log onto nhc.noaa.gov/signup.shtml

# PAJARO DUNES ASSOCIATION

# Emergency Action Plan A Guide to Disaster Response

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# Emergency Response at Pajaro Dunes



The staff at Pajaro Dunes prides itself on its training and planning for emergencies. This guide is designed to inform you of our planned response in any emergency. We can not guarantee that we will be able to assist you, but

we will try. If conditions create an unsafe situation for staff, we will evacuate. You should have emergency supplies and plans in place. Please contact the Gatehouse at 831 761-7744 if you have any questions regarding disaster planning. You can also contact the Pajaro Dunes Fire Department at 831 722-7179. Please only use their direct number for questions. Dial 911 for all emergencies.

# 911 REPORTING EMERGENCIES

Report all emergencies to 911 dispatch using a landline whenever possible. **911 Cell** calls are directed to CHP in Sacramento. Tell the dispatcher that you are at 2661 Beach Road Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, Closest unit number including House, Pelican or Cypress Never tell the dispatcher you are in Pajaro or your call will immediately be sent to the town of Pajaro in Monterey County.

Unit #	
Address	
<b>Cross Street</b>	

#### **EARTHQUAKE**

In California, it is not a matter of if, it is a matter of when there will be an earthquake. If you choose to leave immediately following a large earthquake, please attach a note to the door indicating that you have left and notify the Gatehouse on your way out. If you choose to stay and want to help, come to the Gatehouse. The property has been divided into sections and maps are prepared that indicate homes that have propane or other potential hazards. The Gatehouse staff will circle each unit that is known to be occupied. Staff and volunteers will first check known occupied units to find out if anyone has been injured and will coordinate triage with the Pajaro Dunes Fire Department. While checking on the health and welfare of occupants, staff and volunteers will also turn off propane tanks if the Fire Department feels that it is prudent. **IT IS** IMPORTANT THAT OWNERS AND

# IMPORTANT THAT OWNERS AND GUESTS CHECK IN WITH THE GATEHOUSE UPON ARRIVAL OR WE WILL NOT KNOW TO LOOK FOR YOU FOLLOWING A DISASTER.

If the Gatehouse is unsafe, staff will stage at the Fire Department or the parking lot in-between the Gatehouse and the Fire Department.

#### FIRE

Because of the type of construction materials, the proximity of homes, and trees and vegetation, a fire can quickly spread. Pajaro Dunes has a full time professional fire department and most of the maintenance workers and safety officers are also trained to assist the Fire Department. If you are displaced because of a fire, every effort will be made to arrange for emergency accommodations. If a fire starts in your home or condominium, please evacuate the building and call 911. The Pelican condominiums also have pull stations in the courtyards which can be used to summon Fire Department personnel in any emergency. Do not test or tamper with the alarms in the Pelican or Cypress units because they are a part of a monitored system and will elicit a response from the Pajaro Dunes Fire Department and neighboring fire stations. IT I\$ IMPORTANT THAT OWNERS AND GUESTS CHECK IN WITH THE GATEHOUSE UPON ARRIVAL OR WE WILL NOT KNOW TO LOOK FOR YOU IN AN EMERGENCY.

# **MEDICAL AID**

Although our Fire Department is not staffed regularly with paramedics, they are highly qualified to aid victims of any medical emergency. Response for an ambulance is usually within 8 minutes. Maintenance workers and Safety Officers are also trained in CPR and First Aid.