



News Release

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Road Closed in Stanislaus County due to Sink Hole

Stanislaus County - Jennings Road between Monte Vista and West Main has been closed in Stanislaus County as a result of a sink hole. The road was closed on Friday afternoon December 17 after the hole was assessed to be a hazard. The sink hole is approximately 3 feet wide by 5 feet in length. There were no injuries or accidents associated with the sink hole.

Stanislaus County Public Works staff are working on the plan for the necessary repairs to reopen the road. Due to the adverse weather conditions impacting repairs, the road is not anticipated to be re-opened until mid-January.

On Friday, December 17, Stanislaus County Public Works was contacted by the City of Modesto wastewater personnel in regard to this issue. City of Modesto staff were notified of the sink hole by a local farmer. Stanislaus County Public Works road operations staff went to perform a site review and it was decided to close Jennings Road immediately with detours on Monte Vista to West Main.

There is a naturally occurring slough (a water channel) that flows off the San Joaquin River and under the road at this section. The shoulder of the road collapsed over the slough and part of the sink hole extends under the roadway.

For more information on the event, members of the public can call Public Works at (209) 525-4130.



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