



NEWS 5

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Highway 1 Rat Creek Slide

A massive water and debris flow from the hillside above Rat Creek on Highway 1 on the Big Sur coast overwhelmed drainage infrastructure flowed across the highway and eroded the roadway, resulting in the complete loss of a segment of Highway 1 at this location.

The area of the slip out was inside an existing larger closure, done in support of areas affected by the Dolan Fire scar in advance of the forecast for the rainstorm.

Rat Creek is located on Highway 1 at PM 30.2 in Monterey County and is two miles south of the Esalen Institute. It sits about one mile south of the origin of the Dolan Fire in Dolan Canyon area of Big Sur and is within the burn scar area.

Road crews, Engineers and Geologists continue working hard every day to clean-up, assess damage and determine the best rebuild option at the washout.

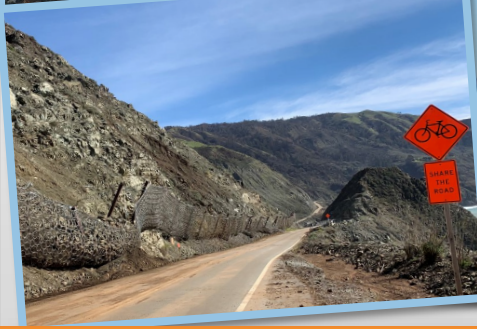
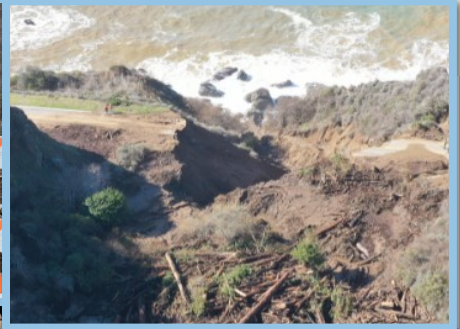
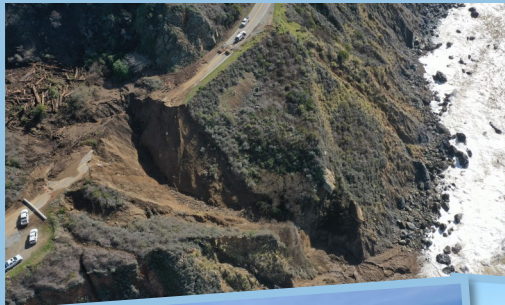
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What happened?



The progression of the slip out which appeared on Big Sur area social media.



Highway 1, the famously rugged, picturesque and artistically-vibed road was devastated once again due to Mother Nature's ferocity of wildfire and heavy rain.

A recipe of burned vegetation from the destabilizing Dolan Fire, dirt, rocks and trees came down when the late January storm hit, making it ripe to washout and plug culverts.

Our D5 Geological and Surveys teams along with other staff have spent numerous hours gazing at the 150-foot gap in the highway while narrowing down the possible alternative rebuild options.

A shout out to both **Ryan Turner** and **Jim Shivers** for a great interview with the San Francisco Chronicle. To read the story, please visit :

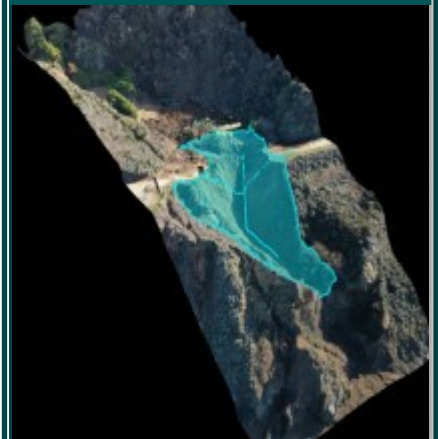
[Highway 1 through Big Sur will be re-paired. How long that takes is unclear.](#)





Intensive damage assessment continues at the Rat Creek site. Surveys by land and air have provided necessary data to describe the topographical conditions now in place after the immense debris flow. Geotechnical and environmental studies also continue. Crews have also begun to edge out into the debris flow basin to start.

3-D modeling courtesy of Ron Karpowicz, Geotechnical UAS Senior Engineering Geologist.



WHAT'S NEXT?



FROM POINT A ...



TO POINT B

Paul Valadao has been assigned as the Highway 1/Rat Creek Project Manager to assist the excellent work that Zeke Dellamas, Berkeley Lindt, Steve Balaban and our entire maintenance/construction/geotechnical team are doing. Our road crews and contractors continue making steady progress on site with clean-up, damage assessment and constructing traffic turnarounds on both sides of the washout closure. We expect details about the rebuild strategy and schedule to be determined soon. Also check out the link to some drone video, courtesy of Jeff Brackett in Maintenance.

[D5 YouTube Drone Video](#)

Big News for Small Business

Story by Jessica Biro, D5 Business Management Branch Chief



District 5 is seeing a record number of public works contracts go out for bid on the Central Coast. There's a lot of work available here and in the rest of the state. For many, the question is, "**How does a local firm prepare to enter the contracting world?**"

Caltrans is offering small business webinars geared for contractors, subcontractors, consultants and public works suppliers.

This year's outreach will provide an overview of the contracting process with the goal of fostering more diverse, project-ready certified firms. Topics include bonding and insurance requirements, where to find advertised contracts, best practices in estimation and working with primes, labor compliance and certified payroll, and an understanding of prompt payment and the post-bid timeline. The goal is to provide an overview of what is required to successfully deliver on a contract with the State.

Now more than ever, we need public works firms who are ready, willing and able to help us restore and repair our transportation system. We believe in a level playing field, where every business has

the same opportunity to participate in state contracts and procurement. Help keep jobs here in our community by sharing this information with your friends and colleagues.

Since these events will be held virtually via Cisco WebEx, attendance is open to all firms in the state. Special thanks to our neighboring districts for their partnership in this series (D 4, 9, 10 and 7), LA Metro, CPM Logistics, and our prime partners for sharing their subject matter expertise.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:

February 23	<u>Virtual Industry Forum on Prompt Payment</u>
March 4	<u>Finding Opportunities with the State and Caltrans</u>
March 11	<u>Best Practices for Understanding Caltrans Contracts</u>
March 30	<u>2021 Statewide DBE Summit</u>
April 27 & 29	<u>Labor Compliance</u>

Past recorded webinars are listed on the [Caltrans District 5 YouTube Channel](#)

For more information about these and other events, visit the Caltrans Office of Civil Rights [events calendar](#).

**BEST PRACTICES FOR UNDERSTANDING CALTRANS CONTRACTS**



VIRTUAL WEBINAR
LEARN ABOUT:

- How to read a contract and assess risk
- Avoid Pitfalls in Contracting
- Understand Indirect and Direct Costs
- Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual
- Best Practices

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Prime Contractors
- Subcontractors
- Service Contractors

**THURSDAY
MARCH 11, 2021
10 AM - Noon**
Held via Cisco WebEx
REGISTER TODAY!
www.tiny.cc/practices2021
For upcoming small business events, visit the OCR [events calendar](#).

LABOR COMPLIANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS



TWO DAY VIRTUAL EVENT
Tuesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 29
Attendees should plan to attend both days

This course is designed for small business owners or contractors who work on jobs subject to prevailing wage requirements.

- TOPICS:
 - Federal and State Labor Laws
 - Labor Compliance Enforcement Guidelines
 - Who is Subject to Labor Provisions & Prevailing Wage
 - Laws Affecting Owner Operators
 - Contract Provisions & Prevailing Wage
 - State Prevailing Wage Determinations
 - Federal Prevailing Wage Determinations
 - Certified Payroll

TIME:
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
COST
Free!
WHERE
Cisco WebEx Events
REGISTER
<http://tiny.cc/CTtraining0421>

