

## **Homes damaged by large slide in Hercules**

*Four homes red-tagged; four yellow-tagged as authorities closely monitor site on Carson Street*

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Authorities are closely monitoring a large landslide in Hercules that has severely damaged four homes and placed at least four others in jeopardy.

Four residences in the 200 block of Carson Street were red-tagged March 22, and crews disconnected the utilities for safety reasons, said city spokeswoman Michelle Harrington.

The occupants had previously vacated the structures. On Tuesday, crews will bring in barricades in an attempt to brace the homes and prevent them from slipping into the street because the hillside continues to move even though the rains have stopped.

"At this point now, the hill has basically come into the homes," Harrington said. "The windows are broken. It's pretty severe."

On Monday, authorities yellow-tagged four additional homes on Carson Street as a precautionary measure, said Capt. Paul Fernandez of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District. A yellow tag allows people to enter the homes but advises them not to spend the night.

City workers continue to monitor the hillside closely. On Tuesday night, the City Council will consider declaring an emergency.

The hill near Carson Street has had other slides in recent years, but none this severe, Fernandez said.

Homes in San Pablo have also been in jeopardy because of recent landslides.