

# **San Pablo declares emergency due to severe landslides**

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San Pablo officials have declared a local emergency and will seek similar state and Contra Costa County declarations in the wake of a severe landslide in the Hillcrest Road and Wyman Street areas.

San Pablo City Manager R. Matt Rodriguez issued the proclamation late Sunday afternoon. Emergency declarations permit local agencies to move more quickly and provide access to government money earmarked for such events.

In the wake of heavy rains last week, the hillside began slumping Thursday and eroded the backyards of a half-dozen homes.

City inspectors have restricted access to three houses between the 5900 block of Wyman Street and 5900 block of Hillcrest Road to daylight hours, permitting residents to enter only if at least one other person is with them.

The tree crew was cutting large trees on the hillside, which were leaning forward toward the homes in the direction of the landslide, said assistant city manager Kelsey Worthy.