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Hello--

I am a county resident of "Noleta" and live about a mile from Goleta Beach. I often take my kids there to play in the waves, look for shells (especially after a storm), run around in the sand, or use the playground. But now we can't go there, and I don't know when we safely can. I was extremely concerned to learn about the gigantic sewage spill that spewed over 1 million gallons into the adjacent slough, which flows directly into the ocean at our local beach. The fact of this disgusting reality of closing a beach due to fecal contamination is sick enough, but to hear of the way the Public Health Dept. neglected to receive information surrounding the discovery of the leak and subsequent communications is embarrassing to say the least. According to reports and news articles, it took 6 days from when the leak was discovered for the Public Health dept. to get the word to the public in order to warn us to stay away from the area and close the beach. Apparently someone LITERALLY did not check their messages, which is why the initial leak wasn't learned about for that long. This lack of competence put people's safety and the public's health at risk, when you had surfers in dangerously contaminated water for 5 days--and the Public Health Department did nothing. The Public Health Director should be responsible for keeping the lines of communication open for reporting public health hazards--and in this case, a public health crisis--affecting the community in a very serious way. I see that the Sanitary Districts will now require a direct line to Hazmat--but why wasn't this in place before and why wasn't this number listed on the answering machine message in case of emergencies like this one?

The recent sewage spill from the Goleta West Sanitary District facility on 2/16 uncovered some serious mistakes made in our County's Public Health Department and the way that it communicates to the public. Please consider investigating and holding accountable those that were/are in charge, and make sure this does not happen again.

Thank you,

Emily Zacarias

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From: Andres Martinez <apais@icgworldwide.com>
Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:40 PM
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Subject: Public Comment 3/5/24: California Mortgage Relief Program

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

We are reaching out on behalf of the State of California Mortgage Relief Program (<https://camortgagerelief.org/>) to provide an important update that could assist thousands of your constituents. Homeowners behind on 2 payments of mortgage **starting February 1** can now apply to the program and receive up to \$80,000 in payments that do not need to be paid back. The previous delinquency date was August 1st.

There are **limited funds remaining for late mortgage and property tax payments through the California Mortgage Relief Program (CMRP) with an even later delinquency date for missed payments (February 1st)**. Through \$750 million in funds, CMRP has already funded over 30,000 homes throughout California to help homeowners stay in their homes and get caught up with their mortgage. CMRP is open to **all eligible Californians** and is **absolutely free**—funds never need to be paid back. Grants from the program are paid directly to your bank or mortgage servicer. The program's website is available in 6 languages (English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, & Tagalog.)

The link for the toolkit is provided here (<https://camortgagerelief.org/partner-resources/>). The resource page has more information to share with your network and materials. Homeowners can visit the application questionnaire [here](#) to find out if they qualify. Property tax has now been added which covers 1 payment owed prior to February 2022.

When possible, I'd like to hold a call to go over more details on the program and help gather any questions that you may have. Looking forward to how we can work together.

More details of the program:

- Previously awarded homeowners who are still eligible and need more assistance **can return for additional funds** with a maximum of \$80,000 in total assistance
- Assistance is now available for homeowners with partial claim second mortgages or loan deferrals **taken during or after January 2020**
- The delinquency date for assistance with past-due mortgage and property tax payments was reset - applicants must have missed at least two mortgage payments **OR at least one property tax payment prior to February 1, 2024**
- Homeowners with a primary residence that **includes up to 4 units on the property** may now be eligible
- Must have faced a pandemic-related financial hardship after January 21, 2020
- Must have missed at least 2 payments by February 1, 2024, and are currently behind.

- Full list of eligibility requirements here: <https://camortgagerelief.org/whoiseligible/>

Thank you,

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