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Subject: Earthquake Update - Damage Assessment

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Estimates of damage caused by Saturday's earthquake continue to be modified as officials gather information from cities and unincorporated areas of the county.

In the unincorporated area of the county alone, county roads suffered \$2.5 million in damages, primarily on Mattole Road. Additionally, the preliminary estimates are that nine county buildings suffered between \$10-15 million in damages.

The public is strongly urged to report any damage they may have suffered as a result of Saturday's earthquake. Because the Governor has proclaimed that a state of emergency exists in Humboldt County (including in our incorporated cities), it is imperative that all damage is accurately and completely recorded.

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Reporting damages helps ensure that the County and local cities quantify damages that may be eligible for assistance from state sources. It is important that accurate damage/dollar figures be reported. Even if an individual does not expect to seek out assistance from the government, or even if an individual or business has already made repairs, it is critically important to report the value of the damage or repairs. Again, for the County and local cities to be eligible for assistance from the state, it is essential that all damages be reported. This is one more way we can come together as a community to ensure we are helping our neighbors.

To report damage call:

- In unincorporated areas of the county, call (707) 445-7245
- In Eureka, call (707) 441-4164
- In Ferndale, call (707) 764-4224
- In Fortuna, call (707) 725-7600
- In Arcata, call (707) 822-2426
- In Trinidad, call (707) 677-0133

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