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said that the map misses 95 percent of the houses that were damaged or destroyed above East Valley Road. He described an unintended consequence of that is that insurance companies will not pay for homeowners to rebuild higher if the map does not reflect the need to do so. "How can we use this as a tool, but also allow people to rebuild safely?" he said.

County reps were also at the hearing, giving an update on the front lines of helping affected homeowners. So far, 40 meetings have been held with homeowners and their assigned case managers; Flood Control reps are also present at those meetings. Some issues so far: many people do not have copies of their previous home's plans. "Having those plans are important if they are trying to rebuild like-for-like," said planner **Tess Harris**. Homeowners are also encouraged to have topographic and boundary line surveys completed prior to the meeting with their case managers.

The full board of the Montecito Association will meet next Tuesday, July 10.

MWD Latest

Late last week, Montecito Water District (MWD) released its annual Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report, which shows that Montecito drinking water met or exceeded state and federal water quality standards. The testing was conducted between January 1 and December 31, 2017, and included three main water sources: Lake Cachuma, Jameson Lake, and local groundwater, and included screening for more than 180 contaminants and constituents. The test is available for viewing on the District's website

at www.montecitowater.com.

At the District's June board meeting, several other topics were discussed, including the status of groundwater wells in the Montecito Groundwater Basin. According to engineering manager **Adam Kanold**, the District's regular fall 2017 and spring 2018 groundwater well surveys successfully recorded groundwater elevations for 62 wells (19 District-owned, 43 private) in the Montecito Groundwater Basin. The data shows a slight rebound in groundwater elevations across the District, but the majority of wells are still well below 1998 wet weather elevations, and more than 50% are below historic (1991) dry-weather levels.

More than 50 percent of the wells monitored during spring 2018 showed a decrease in groundwater elevation when compared with spring 2017 elevations. It will require several more consecutive wet years to fully recharge the basin. Private well owners who would like to be added to the survey are encouraged to contact the District's engineering department directly by calling (805) 969-2271.

As reported last month, the board also adopted the budget for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. The budget provides the planning, framework, and functions necessary to improve, maintain, and manage the District's assets necessary to provide high-quality and reliable water supplies to the Montecito and Summerland communities. The District's current facilities include approximately 114 miles of pipelines, two surface water treatment plants, 2,556 valves, 922 fire hydrants, 4,605 meters, 51 pressure regulating stations, 12 groundwater wells, and

nine pump stations.

For the 2018-19 fiscal year, the District will have a staff of 27 full-time employees, including engineers, certified treatment and distribution operators, water conservation experts, finance, customer service, and administrative staff. The 2018-19 fiscal year budget forecasts \$19,543,454 in Revenue, \$16,542,492 in Expenditures, \$2,088,157 in Debt Service (non-operating), and \$2,712,570 in Capital Improvements.

During this fiscal year, heavy emphasis will be placed on making permanent repairs to infrastructure following the January 9 debris flow that, among other impacts, damaged pipelines and associated infrastructure at nearly every creek crossing across Montecito. Other limited, high-priority infrastructure replace-

CalOES, and insurance.

Finally, the Sycamore Canyon Capital Improvement Project was confirmed to be on track for completion by this week. Successful replacement of this 94-year-old pipeline upgrades approximately 4,900 feet of existing 8-inch cast-iron pipe (originally installed in 1923) with new 12-inch ductile iron pipe.

For more, visit www.montecitowater.com.

Allora Celebrates Five Years

This weekend, Allora by Laura, the women's clothing boutique on Coast Village Road, will celebrate five years in business with an anniversary sale to thank loyal customers. "It's truly been our great pas-



Allora by Laura owner Laura Dinning and daughter, TJ Breidenstein, the store's manager

ments and equipment purchases are also budgeted, including \$1,231,570 in capital improvement projects and \$221,000 in equipment purchases. Additional obligations include \$9,170,589 in Joint Power Agency (JPA) commitments and \$1,260,000 for remaining regional groundwater storage rights.

General manager **Nick Turner** provided an update on disaster-related expenses, saying that booked expenses to date are at approximately \$2.5 million, and the projected total upon completion of all future repairs is estimated at \$8 million. The District has received a \$1.7 million advance from FEMA, and the District will be pursuing additional grants in search of funding to cover the expenses that will not be covered by its insurance and/or FEMA funding. That amount may be at least 6.25% of FEMA-related expenses incurred. Preliminary approvals indicate that the District will have the majority of its disaster-related expenses reimbursed by FEMA,

sion," said owner **Laura Dinning**, who runs the store with the help of her daughter, **TJ Breidenstein**, and their employees.

The mother and daughter duo, who have shared a love of fashion and merchandising for decades, tell us the last five years have been a journey of finding the right flow to the store, building a loyal clientele, and creating a niche boutique unlike any other in Montecito or Santa Barbara. "We love to source the latest designers, but also stay true to the names we know our customers love and will keep coming back for," Breidenstein said. "We've always stayed true to our concept: captivating modern luxury."

Dinning opened the shop in 2013, after holding the creative designer position at Antoinette for many years. She has worked in the industry since her teens and instilled the same love of style to her daughter, who graduated from FIDM



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(Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising) prior to the shop's debut. The pair takes bi-annual trips to New York, Paris, and beyond, to scout out the latest designs and meet designers, as well as research what's fresh and exciting.

The store, located at 1269 Coast Village Road, carries exclusive items that are typically not found in department stores. "Our goal is to inspire people with special, carefully curated pieces from relevant designers," Dinning said, adding that the style can be described as fine European clothing with a soulful California attitude. Some of the shop's designers include Peter Cohen, Amina Rubinacci, Norma Kamali, Sally LaPointe, Clergèrie, and Kai Linz, whose delicate jewelry line has become a big hit at the store. The ladies host several trunk shows each year to showcase certain designers and offer incentives for customers.

The anniversary celebration is especially poignant this year, as the store, which sustained minor mud intrusion, continues to recover from the January mudslides. "We are still recovering from losing essentially two months of business," Breidenstein said. "But we see the light at the end of the tunnel, and we

want to celebrate five years and our loyal customer base."

Allora by Laura is located at 1269 Coast Village Road. For more information, visit www.allorabylaura.com.

Sheriff's Blotter

Sheriff's deputies assigned to the Coastal Division have made several arrests the past week on a case involving a number of residential burglaries and auto thefts in the Carpinteria area. Sheriff's deputies arrested two suspects on June 24, at an illegal camping area in Carpinteria and located items stolen from several residences in the region. The investigation revealed that more suspects were likely involved in a string of thefts.

On June 27, sheriff's deputies took a report of a residential burglary in the 2300 block of Whitney Avenue in Summerland. The homeowner came home from vacation to find the home burglarized. The surveillance video revealed several suspects had been living in the residence and were seen unloading items from the house into a vehicle. In all, there were several suspects and vehicles associated with the residential burglary. Sheriff's Forensics personnel

responded to document the extensive crime scene with an estimated property loss of more than \$10,000.

Just before 3 am on June 28, a sheriff's deputy observed a vehicle matching the description of one of the suspect vehicles associated with the Whitney Avenue residential burglary. The deputy conducted a vehicle stop on Lillie Avenue and contacted the driver and the passenger, both of whom had outstanding warrants. Twenty-nine-year-old **Johnathan Gibson**, a transient, was found to be in possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, and 51-year-old **Ryan Smith** of Carpinteria was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia. The white Volkswagen Jetta was determined to be stolen out of Summerland on June 26 and was identified as a vehicle connected with the residential burglary on Whitney Avenue.

The suspects were arrested and booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail on charges of vehicle theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, possession of stolen property, and resisting arrest. Gibson is being held on \$30,000 bail, and Smith on \$20,000 bail.

At approximately 9:30 the same morning, sheriff's deputies locat-

ed another vehicle associated with the Whitney Avenue residential burglary traveling in the 4100 block of Via Real in Carpinteria. When deputies attempted to conduct a vehicle stop, the driver jumped out of the vehicle and fled on foot. Sheriff's deputies with the assistance of a CHP K-9 unit secured a perimeter and located the suspect hiding in a nearby grassy area. Nineteen-year-old **Joshua Campbell** of Carpinteria was detained, and the car he had been driving was determined to be stolen from Montecito. Campbell was identified as being the suspect seen on surveillance at the Whitney Avenue residential burglary. He was booked at the Santa Barbara County Jail on charges of vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, and resisting arrest. He is being held without bail.

The Sheriff's Office wants to remind residents who are going to be away from their property for extended periods of time to let their neighbors know to be on the lookout for any suspicious activity. Residents can contact the Sheriff's Office at (805) 681-4100 and request a vacation check or go to our website and its reporting section. Home security surveillance video in this case was critical to help identify and locate the suspects responsible.

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