

Draft Safety Element Review Guide for Pescadero

Pescadero Hazards

Below are the hazards with potential to impact the Pescadero area. To learn more about one of these hazards, please visit the matching Safety Element chapter. To search the Safety Element for policies and actions related to a hazards, hold down the ctrl + F keys, and use the search bar to search for these terms. Each Safety Element policy lists the relevant hazards in a green box.



Other Hazards of Concern for Pescadero



Key Findings from Pescadero Outreach

These are the key findings from the May 4th, 2025 Pescadero Safety Element Focus Group:

- Attendees shared serious concerns about **disaster preparedness, flooding and other weather-related disasters, and communication.**

- Residents expressed frustration around frequent and lengthy **power outages** that result in an inability to communicate or receive updates due to lack of cell and radio signals.
- They also discussed the challenges that arise when **roads close**, including due to **flooding**.
- Additionally, attendees shared that they felt unprepared for hazards or disasters when they do occur, and that when they did gather at **emergency points there were no available resources to support them**.
- Finally, residents shared that **trainings and classes** are essential resources that they need, including around how to take care of children. They stated that being issued certificates of trainings (such as CPR, CERT, etc.) would help them feel more confident and ensure a uniformity of knowledge.

Policies Relevant to Pescadero

Below are policy numbers and titles that relate to the main areas of concern highlighted during the Pescadero focus group meeting. For further details, please review the full policy and corresponding actions in the Safety Element.

Disaster preparedness:

- Policy SE 5.7 Community Emergency Response Team
- Policy SE 5.16 Home-Hardening Assistance

Flooding and weather-related disasters:

- Policy SE 3.16 Floodplain Management Regulations
- Policy SE 3.17 Areas of Special Flood Hazard
- Policy SE 3.19 Creek Buffers
- Policy SE 3.20 Avoidance of Creek Bank Armoring

Communication & Trainings:

- Policy SE 2.1 Public Education on Hazards
- Policy SE 2.2 Emergency Alert Systems
- Policy SE 5.7 Community Emergency Response Team

Power outages:

- Policy SE 4.3 Utility Resilience
- Policy SE 4.5 Critical Facilities Energy Resilience

- Policy SE 5.12 Emergency Power Supplies
- Policy SE 5.10 Mobile Resilience Resources

Flooded & Closed roads:

- Policy SE 4.1 Maintenance of Evacuation Routes
- Policy SE 5.12 South Coast Stormwater Management
- Policy SE 5.24 Collaboration with Local Community

Emergency Shelters:

- Policy SE 5.9 Coordination of Emergency Facilities and Resilience Centers