

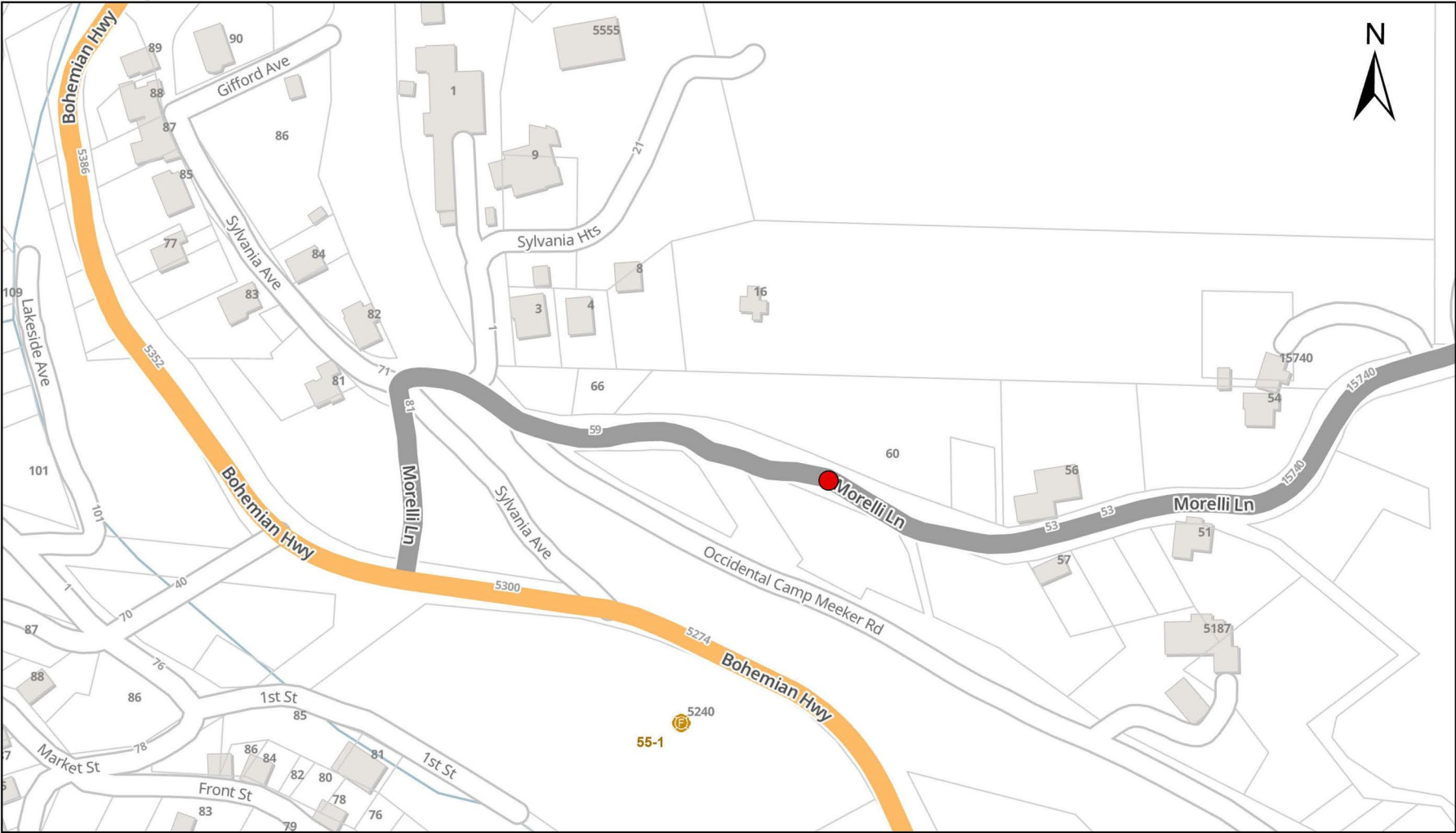


Resolution of Necessity: Morelli Lane PM 10.14 Storm Damage Repair Project Hawkley Property

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF
NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN

SONOMA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
JANUARY 27, 2026

Location Map: Morelli Lane



Morelli Lane

● Road Damage Site

Postmile	Long	Lat	Construction Status	Damage Number	FEMA Project	County Number
10.14	-122.9572	38.42547	Pending	300388	106279	C31864

Summary of Presentation & Intent

Sonoma County proposes the Morelli Lane Storm Damage Repair Project in Camp Meeker to restore a section of roadway damaged by a slope failure during the 2019 winter storm events, caused by extreme precipitation and saturated soils. The project includes roadway reconstruction, slope stabilization, construction of a retaining wall, drainage improvements, and vegetation restoration.

Completion of the project requires the acquisition of temporary and permanent easements, as the necessary repairs extend beyond the existing roadway right-of-way. One affected property owner has reached agreement with the County; however, the second parcel is subject to an unresolved trust and probate process. Because the estate in situation remains in limbo and probate proceedings have not even begun, there is no expected timeframe or guarantee for when control over the estate will be resolved. That uncertainty and delay continues to prevent needed roadway repairs and jeopardizes the federal funding which is subject to strict deadlines. In light, the County is requesting authorization to proceed with eminent domain to secure the needed property rights without further delay related to the unresolved estate situation.

Approval of the Resolution of Necessity will allow the County to continue negotiations with the affected family while preserving the ability to advance eminent domain proceedings if needed. This action is necessary to maintain eligibility for FEMA and Cal OES reimbursement funding and to ensure timely restoration of the roadway in the interest of public safety.

Construction is anticipated to begin in fall 2026, subject to completion of right-of-way acquisition.

Disaster Pictures



Needed Property Interests

