



Member News

September 24, 2003

Dear Beach Club Member:

Sept 24: Tropical depression Marty is currently located pretty much RIGHT ON TOP OF Puerto Peñasco, and moving slowly NW. Although the winds have abated somewhat (only 30 mph), it has been raining since yesterday – they are predicting 4 inches of rain, with “localized” heavier rainfall. It started raining in Peñasco yesterday, and Tucson & Lukeville last night. The rains continue today.

As you may recall, when we get enough rain North of Peñasco, it collects and comes down the Sonoyta river basin – and collects just East of Gamboa road. When this water builds up, the temporary sand bridge can't hold it back and it washes out. In addition, local rainfall floods the lower areas of the road all by itself.

Although we don't have any current pictures, we are told that Gamboa road is now closed. There is no access to or away from the East Beach peninsula, even for 4-wheel drive vehicles.

We will keep you posted as to any updates we hear.

Also, we apologize, but we just found that the message below was sent yesterday and it did not go through – the problem has been corrected. Sorry for the delay in getting this to you. Please always check the website for the latest info..... FYI!

Sept 23: Just a quick update to let you know that Tropical Storm "Marty" has been working its way up the Sea of Cortez, aiming pretty much directly at Puerto Peñasco. The center of the storm is still South of Peñasco and the latest forecast calls for the storm to dissipate rapidly over the next 24 hours. At this point, it looks like heavy rains (forecasted to be up to 4 inches) will be the biggest issue, extending all the way up to Southern Arizona. If this occurs, it is highly probable that Gamboa road will flood out again from the rain water as the Sonoyta river drains across our road.

The improvements needed to make the road withstand this kind of water have not been started due to a lack of time to secure an engineered solution and the financial participation of all of the Associations on East Beach. Watch our website for road updates as we get them, especially if you're considering going to

Mexico this weekend. In the meantime, the best site we've found for the storm information is the National Hurricane Center. Save this link for future reference!

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>

Sincerely, your Beach Club Board

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