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Community Advisory

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Officials to test tsunami warning system in central and southern California during Tsunami Preparedness Week

NOAA and the California Emergency Management Agency plan to conduct a test of the tsunami warning communications system on March 27 at approximately 10:15 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time in coastal areas of central and southern California.

NOAA's National Weather Service Offices in Monterey, Oxnard, and San Diego will broadcast the "Required Monthly Test". The test will also be broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, local television and radio stations.

Some television systems are programmed to scroll a standard emergency alert text message and in some cases, the message may not contain the word "TEST." An audio message will say that the message is only a test, but if the volume is turned down or otherwise unheard, viewers may not realize the message is a test.

To avoid confusion with an actual alert the test will be canceled if there is excessive seismic activity 24 hours prior to the test. People monitoring the test in coastal areas who do not receive it are asked to inform their local National Weather Service office. The public can provide feedback online at weather.gov/test.

The test is a cooperative effort between NOAA, the California Emergency Management Agency, California Broadcasters Association, and local emergency management officials in coastal California. During National Tsunami Preparedness Week, March 24 -30, emergency managers urge coastal residents to review information on what to do in the event of a tsunami. NOAA's West Coast and Alaska Tsunami Warning Center Web site http://wcatwc.arh.noaa.gov, offers complete information, including the current

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