

TSUNAMI WARNING COMMUNICATIONS TEST

Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties

WHEN: Wednesday, March 23, 2011, between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WHERE: Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties.

HOW: Interruptions of TV* and Radio Stations, and activation of NOAA weather radios with Public Alert feature.

**Not all Cable TV Stations may be able to participate*

WHY: To test the (EAS) Emergency Alert System to ensure it works properly during a real tsunami emergency.

HOW THIS TEST WILL AFFECT YOU:

If you are watching television between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Wednesday morning, expect to see a crawler indicating that a tsunami warning has been issued, and hear a voice indicating that it is only a test. If you don't hear the TV audio for any reason, please remember that this is only a test. If you are listening to the radio, you will hear alerting tones followed by a voice announcing that the test is occurring. If you have a NOAA weather radio with the Public Alert feature, the radio will automatically turn on and you will hear the same message as broadcast on radios. **In some areas, you may also hear the sounding of a tsunami siren, or you may hear an airplane testing its public address system.** Some schools and communities in the three test counties may be practicing their evacuation plans during the test. You will receive additional information about any planned drills in your area.

Please help us evaluate this test by following the links online or by telephone at:

www.weather.gov/eureka (707) 443-6484

When you hear or see the warning test on March 23 between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon:

- You do NOT need to take any action
- Do NOT call 911 or local authorities
- Do NOT evacuate your home or business.

THIS IS ONLY A TEST!!

PREPARE: This is a good opportunity to find out more about preparing for earthquakes, tsunamis or any other disaster on the North Coast. Contact the American Red Cross (Humboldt – (707) 443-4521; Del Norte – (707) 464-2277; Mendocino – (707) 463-0112) for more information on how best to protect yourself and your family.

The test is conducted by the National Weather Service (NWS), the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), the Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Office's of Emergency Services (OES) and Tribal Governments. For more information contact: National Weather Service (707) 443-6484.

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