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CALIFORNIA TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK, MARCH 22 – 30, 2025 Encouraging Residents to Stay Informed

Monterey, Calif. – Emergency preparedness is a priority for the City of Monterey all year long. The City of Monterey Emergency Management team works with County and State officials to coordinate and provide resources for community preparedness for all types of emergencies. This week is California Tsunami Preparedness Week. A tsunami is a series of large ocean waves generated by either earthquakes that deform the ocean floor, or landslides within or falling into the ocean.

"As a predominately coastal California community, it is essential to understand the hazards of living in or visiting Monterey," said City Manager Hans Uslar. "Community awareness programs help minimize the risk posed by tsunamis and other natural emergencies."

The City of Monterey website has a tsunami preparedness web page at https://monterey.gov/tsunami. Information and resources include:

- The different types of official tsunami messages and what they mean: warning, advisory, watch, or information statement.
- The latest tsunami hazard area maps (October 2022) for both Monterey as well as the other local jurisdictions served by the City of Monterey Fire Department – Pacific Grove, Carmel-by-the-Sea, and Sand City.
- State and Federal Tsunami resource links.
- California Tsunami Preparedness Guide Video.

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<u>Tsunami Hazard Area Map for Monterey</u> | <u>Tsunami Hazard Area Map for Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel, and Sand City (other Monterey Fire jurisdictions)</u>

Just as with other potential natural or manmade emergencies such as a fire or an active shooter situation, communication and awareness is key. The City reminds the public to register their cell phones at <u>alertmontereycounty.org</u>. Alerts to cell phones and email addresses provide specific information based on the particular emergency. Situational awareness is a key step in being prepared.



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