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USGS'S SAFRR (SCIENCE APPLICATION FOR RISK REDUCTION) TSUNAMI SCENARIO

Today, September 5th, 2013, from 1pm to 4:30pm at our County EOC the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management hosted the USGS and CalOES team in the rollout and presentation of their SAFRR (Science Application for Risk Reduction) tsunami scenario results.

The report describes two years of work that studied the potential implications of a tsunami caused by a 9.1 earthquake in the Alaskan Peninsula. The purpose of the meeting is to inform interested, impacted, and participating stakeholders of the results allowing them to better plan for a tsunami incident of this type.

The purpose of the Scenario and the workshop was to increase the understanding of the potentially damaging effects of a distant tsunami to help improve 1) response and evacuation planning, 2) development of public outreach, education, and preparedness measures, and 3) design of mitigation measures that could lessen damage, cost, and recovery times. The result is ultimately improved, overall resiliency of coastal California communities.

This invitation-only workshop was designed for coastal county/city emergency managers, police, fire, port/harbor authorities, city planners, recovery planners, and elected officials and their staff. The intended users of the Tsunami Scenario are those who need to make mitigation decisions before future tsunamis, and those who will need to make rapid decisions during future tsunamis.

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