



# County of Santa Cruz

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### PRESS RELEASE

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#### **Tsunami Awareness & Preparedness Week March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

SANTA CRUZ, California (March 7, 2011) – The Board of Supervisors plans to issue a proclamation declaring March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup> Tsunami Awareness & Preparedness Week”.

Is your home or business in a tsunami inundation area? Are tsunamis a threat to our coastline? What are the chances that a tsunami will do real damage to our county? These questions and more will be answered at a community meeting to be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>, in the Community Room of the Santa Cruz Police Department, 155 Center St, Santa Cruz, from 7pm to 9pm. The Office of Emergency Services is sponsoring this event in recognition of the Board of Supervisors proclamation.

Steven Ward, Research Geophysicist from UCSC’s Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, will give a talk titled “Tsunami Basics: A Monterey Bay Perspective”. His talk will cover the types of tsunamis and the likelihood of a tsunami occurring in Santa Cruz County. The latest county maps illustrating inundation areas will be on display so that residents can see whether their homes and businesses are located in areas that are likely to suffer the effects of a tsunami.

Rick Wilson from the California Geologic Survey will also be present to answer questions about how scientists map the inundation areas and how the maps will be used to determine where warning signs may be placed.

This is an opportunity for residents to hear nationally recognized tsunami experts talk about the potential threat from tsunamis in Monterey Bay.

For more information on the meeting, please call Laurie Lang at 454-4733.