

# **TSUNAMI WARNING COMMUNICATIONS TEST**

Del Norte, Humboldt, and Mendocino Counties

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 24, 2010, between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

**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*

***On Wednesday morning, March 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:15 and 10:45:***

- **On TV:** 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.
- **On Radio:** 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.
- **Tsunami siren:** In some areas, you may also hear the sounding of a tsunami siren,
- Or you may hear an airplane testing its public address system,
- You may even receive a reverse 911 call at home to let you know about the drill.

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

**When you hear or see the warning test on March 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

- **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.
- Check the links below for more information on Tsunamis.
- Check the web at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov> for info. This site includes a spot where you can type in your address to see if you are in a tsunami hazard zone, or to check out your earthquake risk.