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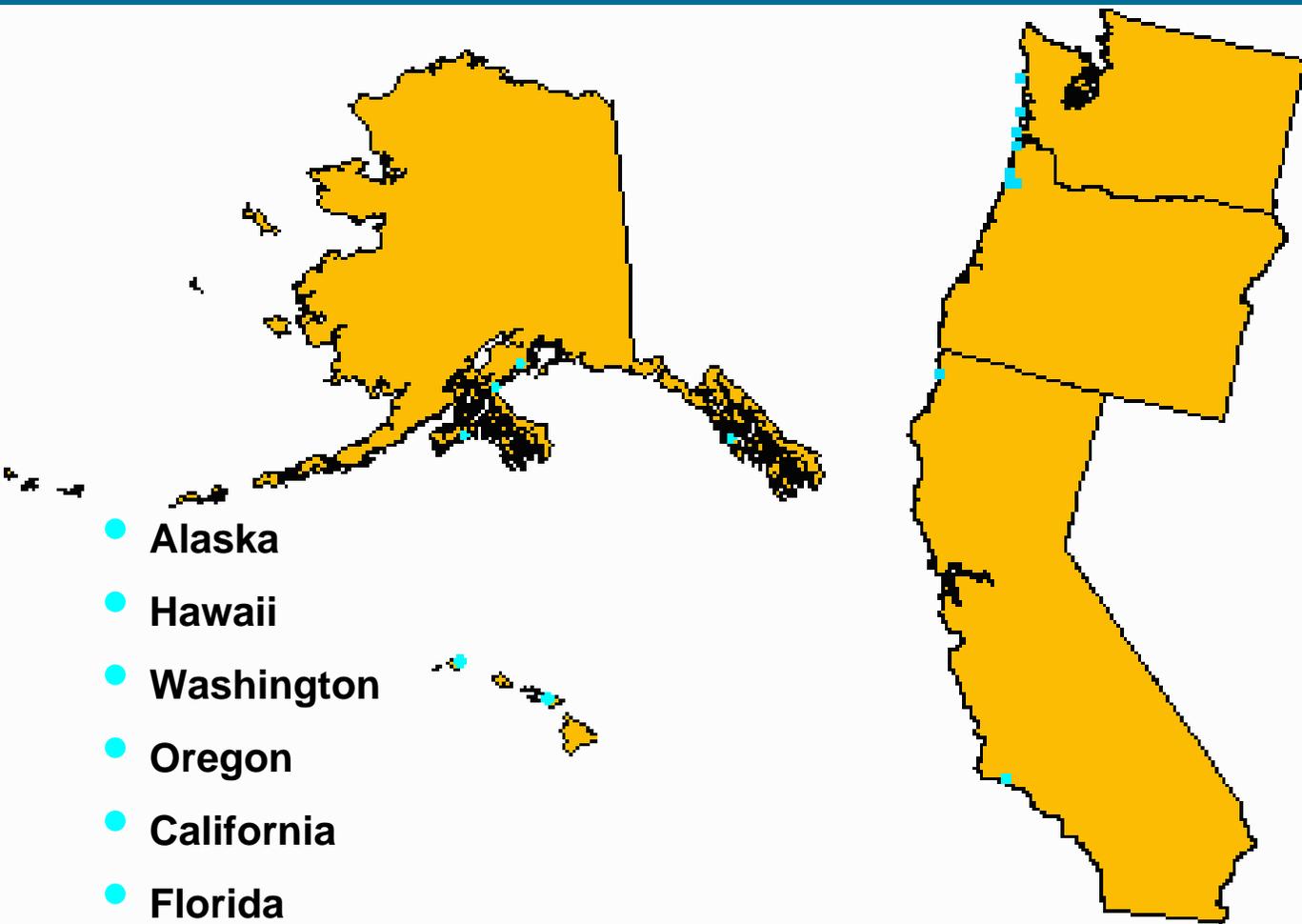
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# What is TsunamiReady?

- “*Grass roots*” program that promotes tsunami hazard readiness.
- Collaborative effort between federal, state, and local emergency management, and the public.
- Improve public safety during tsunami emergencies.
- Prepares communities for tsunami hazard.
- Part of the NWS StormReady Program.



# As of August, 2005 there are 22 TsunamiReady Communities in 6 States



California

Crescent City

U.C. Santa Barbara

# TsunamiReady Objectives

- Create minimum standard community guidelines for adequate tsunami readiness.
- Increase and maintain public awareness and understanding of tsunami hazard.
- Improve and maintain community planning for tsunami disasters.
- Encourage consistency in educational materials and response.
- Recognize communities that have adopted TsunamiReady guidelines.



# How does a Community become TsunamiReady?

- *Establish Communication and Coordination Plan*
- *Receive Critical Tsunami Warning Information*
- *Dissemination Systems for Tsunami Warnings*
- *Administrative Planning*
- *Increase Community Preparedness (includes evacuation signs)*

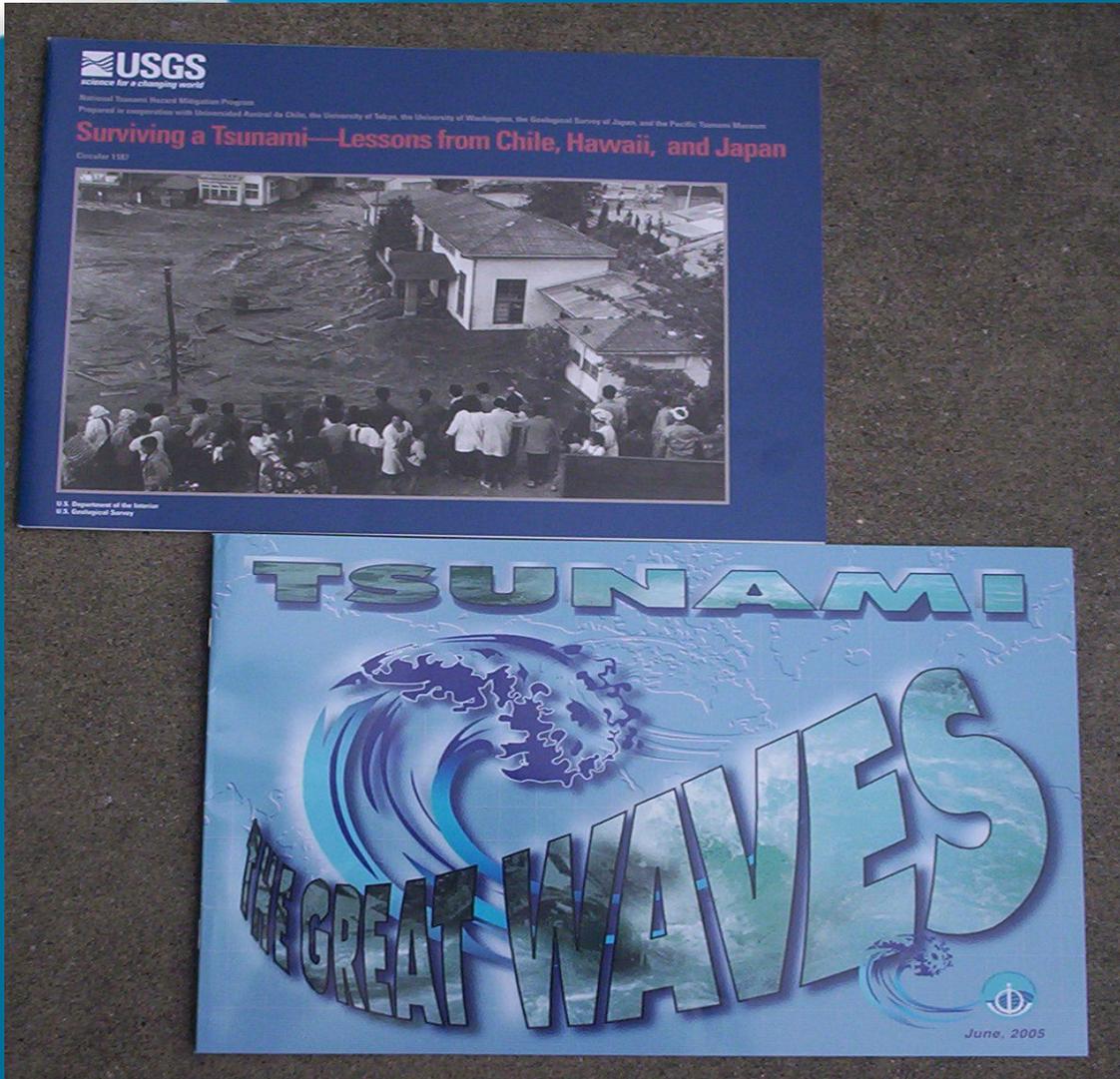


# Application Process:

- TsunamiReady application submitted to Advisory Board consisting of NOAA/NWS and emergency management community
- TsunamiReady recognition valid for 3 years and then must be renewed.
- Community receives official TsunamiReady signs.
- Authorization to use the TsunamiReady logo.
- Listing on various Tsunami Web sites.



# Educational Material - National



Brochures,  
Webpages,  
Educational  
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# Educational Material - Local



*Collaboration with the media*

*Times-Standard Insert  
– Eureka, CA*

*San Diego Tribune  
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# Educational Material - Local

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#### Tsunami (Tidal Wave) Safety

##### If You Feel A Strong Earthquake When You Are On The Coast:

- Protect yourself during the earthquake. Duck, cover and hold if inside and watch for falling objects until the earthquake is over.
- Move to higher ground immediately AND inland away from the coastline. In Crescent City move north of 9th Street. Gather your family members and evacuate quickly. Leave everything else behind. A tsunami may be coming within minutes. Go on foot if at all possible.

##### Do Not Wait For An Official Warning!!!

- Stay away from the coast. A later wave may be higher than the first! Damaging waves may continue to arrive even hours later.
- Listen to radio for information. Wait until an official all clear signal has been given before returning to low-lying areas.

On March 28, 1964, Crescent City was damaged by a tsunami. A tsunami is a series of sea waves most commonly caused by earthquakes beneath the sea floor. Tsunami waves travel at speeds of up to 600 miles per hour, and can cause great damage where they come ashore.

- Never go to the coast to watch for a tsunami if you hear that a warning has been issued. Tsunamis move faster than a person can run. Incoming traffic hampers safe and timely evacuation of coastal areas.
- Tsunamis are not surfable! They are not V-shaped or curling waves. Most frequently they come onshore as a rapidly-rising turbulent surge of water choked with debris.

- An earthquake is a natural tsunami warning. Other warning signs may be a loud roar like a jet or train coming from the ocean or a withdrawal of the water. Do not stay in low-lying coastal areas. There is no time for authorities to issue a warning.

- Damaging tsunamis are very rare. Our coastlines are vulnerable but tsunamis are infrequent. Understand the hazard and learn how to protect yourself, but don't let the threat of tsunamis ruin your enjoyment of Del Norte County, Crescent City and its beaches.

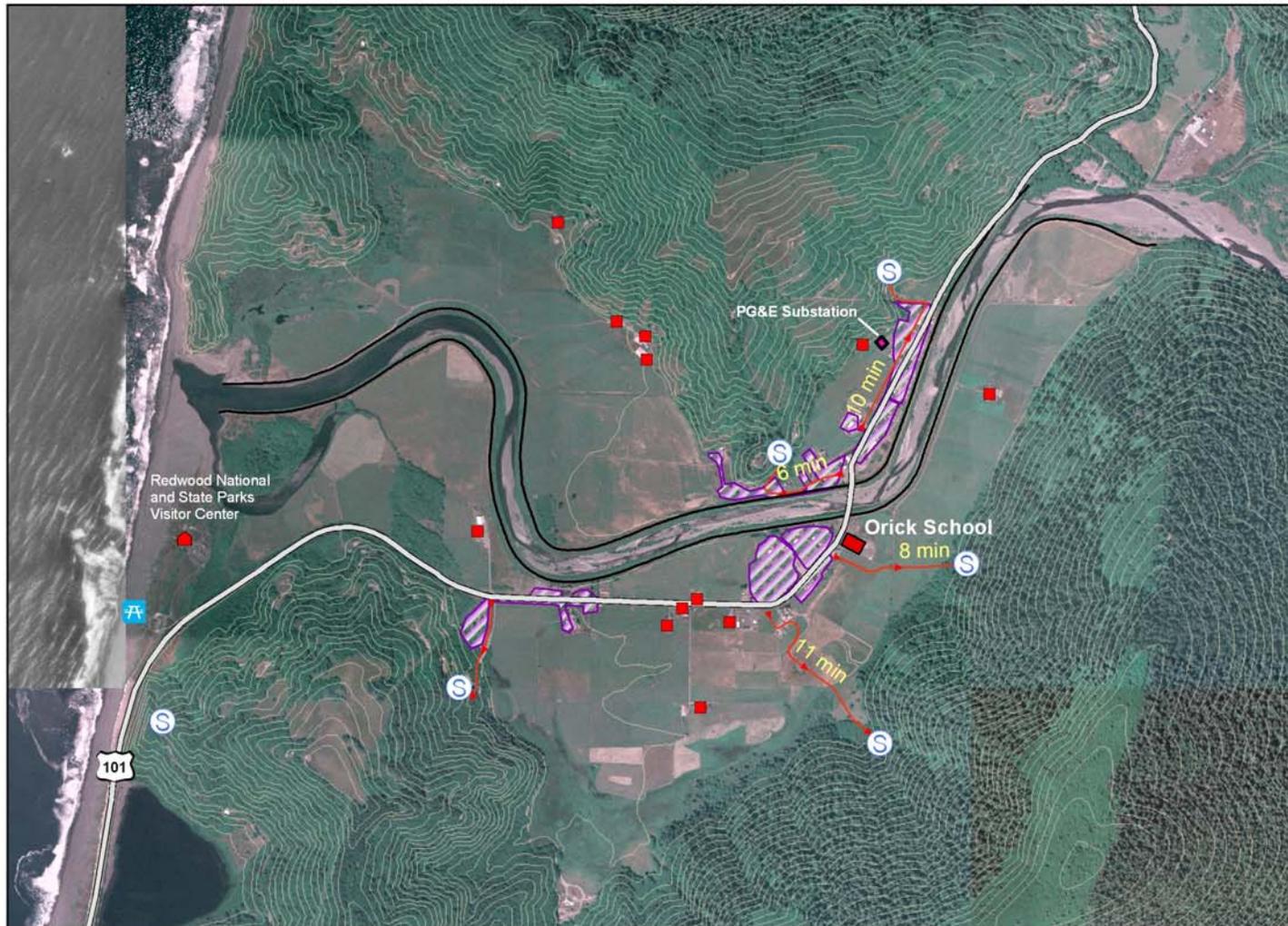
- To learn more about tsunamis, call or visit the Historical Society 577 H St., Chamber of Commerce 1001 Front St., Crescent City Harbor 101 Cinema Dock Rd. or the Del Norte Library 190 Price Mall.

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# Tsunami Evacuation Routes

## Orick Valley Tsunami Evacuation Routes



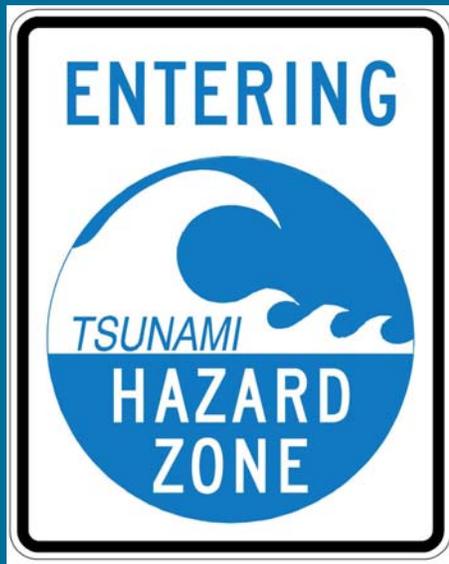
### Orick Tsunami Evacuation Plan

- Evacuation Routes
- Ⓢ Safety Zones
- ▨ Residential Areas
- Buildings at Risk
- ⬠ Visitor Center
- Ⓜ Picnic Area
- Levees
- Highways



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# Tsunami Signs



# Web Resources

- **NWS TsunamiReady Page:** [www.tsunamiready.noaa.gov](http://www.tsunamiready.noaa.gov)
- **Tsunami Warning Centers Page:** [www.tsunami.gov](http://www.tsunami.gov)
- **NOAA Tsunami Page:** [www.tsunami.noaa.gov](http://www.tsunami.noaa.gov)
- **NWS StormReady Page:** [www.stormready.noaa.gov](http://www.stormready.noaa.gov)