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New Tsunami Preparedness Kiosks Being Installed

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Residents and visitors now have another tool to help them understand tsunami hazards and know what to do when a tsunami threatens our coastline.

With funding from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), eight new tsunami preparedness kiosks are being installed at key coastal locations throughout Del Norte County. Each kiosk includes a site-specific evacuation map showing evacuation routes from that location, along with information about tsunami warning signs, near-source and distant-source tsunamis, the history and impacts of tsunamis in Crescent City, and local sources for emergency information. A QR code also connects users to the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group for additional preparedness and safety information. The kiosks are being installed at:

Pebble Beach Drive, 801 North Pebble Beach Parking lot

Mouth of the Smith River, 12480 South Indian Rd. Parking lot

Battery Point Lighthouse parking lot

Anchor Way, Between the Chart Room and The House of Jambalaya

Crescent City Harbor District Building

Klamath, DeMartin Beach Picnic Area

Howe Drive, near the Marine Mammal Center

Lighthouse Cove RV Park

The kiosks have arrived in Del Norte County. Installation dates will vary by location based on the schedules and site needs of the participating agencies, including the County of Del Norte, City of Crescent City, and Crescent City Harbor District.

The kiosks were developed through a collaborative effort involving Cal OES, the National Weather Service, Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services (OES), the City of Crescent City, and Claudine Jaenichen with the Network Design for Emergency Management at Chapman University. Jaenichen worked with County OES and the City on the kiosk designs, while the County and City collaborated to identify locations where the information would be accessible and useful to the public.

Del Norte County’s history underscores the importance of tsunami awareness and preparedness. While many local residents are familiar with the risk, visitors to our coastline may be less familiar with tsunami warning signs or evacuation routes. County OES encourages residents and visitors to take a few minutes when they encounter a kiosk to review the evacuation map, learn the warning signs, and identify the safest route to higher ground. Providing this information before an emergency occurs can help residents and visitors respond quickly and safely when every minute counts.

For more information, please contact the Del Norte County Office of Emergency Services at (707) 464-7255.

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