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TSUNAMI ADVISORY UPDATE #6

National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration West Coast Alaska Warning Center Cancels Tsunami Advisory for Los Angeles County Beaches and Harbor Areas

LOS ANGELES (Sat., March 12, 2011 – 9 a.m.) – The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) West Coast Alaska Warning Center located in Palmer, Alaska, has cancelled the Tsunami Advisory for Los Angeles County beaches and harbor areas effective at 8 a.m. on Saturday. NOAA issued the Tsunami Advisory for Los Angeles County beaches and harbor areas after the 8.9 magnitude earthquake that struck northern Japan on Fri., March 11.

Despite the cancellation of the Tsunami Advisory for Los Angeles County beaches and harbor areas, the National Weather Service (NWS) in Oxnard reminds residents that there may still be the possibilities of strong currents or waves. These strong currents could effect possibly local conditions, including swimming, coastal structures and small crafts. Mariners are advised to use caution and monitor the NWS Tsunami Warning website along with news updates. Those in harbors and marinas should follow U.S. Coast Guard and Harbor Master recommendations.

The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) with support from the Department of Beaches and Harbors, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and its Lifeguard Operations will continue to monitor the Los Angeles County beaches and harbor areas in coordination with the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) from now till over the weekend.

To find out more information on tsunamis and how to prepare for them, please visit www.espfocus.org or www.noaawatch.gov.

Residents and business owners, including persons with disabilities, access and functional needs may also call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed by visiting <http://211la.org>.

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