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NEWS RELEASE

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COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES URGES TSUNAMI AWARENESS

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA, March 25, 2013 – In conjunction with National Tsunami Preparedness Week, the County Office of Emergency Services will be requesting the Board of Supervisors to locally proclaim March 24 – 30 as Tsunami Awareness and Preparedness Week. The request is part of the March 26 Board of Supervisor's meeting agenda.

While most people are well aware of the potential for a tsunami along our coastline, what many are not aware of is the sheer power that a tsunami brings ashore. Tsunami energy travels through the ocean at what can be many hundreds of miles per hour and then suddenly arrives at a coastline with a huge amount of energy. That energy comes ashore as a force that can push a tsunami surge of ocean waters well inland.

Tsunami warnings should be taken seriously and those living or visiting coastal areas should be aware of actions to take not only for a tsunami warning but also in case of a large earthquake felt along our coastline. Information on tsunami preparedness can found through links on the web site of the County Office of Emergency Services at <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/OES.htm>

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EDITOR'S NOTE: For electronic media or other use, OES also has a short name web site that links to our main site; the short name can be easier to use for electronic media – although note that the site is indeed just a link to our main long name site. The short name is slocountyoes.com Note the .com, that is correct.

Also, along with this news release we are sending a copy of the NOAA National Weather Service news release regarding a test of the tsunami warning communications system in central and southern California on March 27 at approximately 10:15 a.m.

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