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Subject: NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) and Emergency Alert System (EAS) Live Event Code Test for a Tsunami Warning by the Eureka, California Weather Forecast Office (WFO) on March 27, 2024 at Approximately 11:00 AM PDT

The National Weather Service (NWS) WFO in Eureka, California (CA); the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services; the California Broadcasters Association and broadcasters in northwestern CA plan to conduct a live code Tsunami Warning Test on Tuesday, March 27 between the hours of 11 AM and Noon Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) with the test being issued as closely to 11:00 AM PDT as possible.

The purpose of this test is to test the local electronic communications for tsunami warnings in northwestern California. WFO Eureka will issue a Tsunami Warning message at approximately 11 AM PDT. This message will activate the Emergency Alert System, to include commercial and satellite television and commercial radio; and weather radio broadcasts with accompanying Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) alerts in northwestern CA. Tsunami sirens may be heard in some areas. The test will not activate any internet-based system or the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) system to cell phones, although these systems would be used in the event of an actual Tsunami Warning. Local jurisdictions may test their reverse-calling systems during the testing window from 11 AM to Noon.

This test also supports California's Tsunami Preparedness Week, which runs from March 23-31, 2024.

Please note the Required Weekly Test (RWT) for the transmitters listed below will not be conducted the week of March 25th and will resume the following week.

There is no backup date for this test. If the test is canceled, it will not be rescheduled for another day.

Table 1. The NWR transmitters Disseminating a Tsunami Warning on March 27, 2024 at Approximately 11:00 AM PDT

Transmitter ID	Location	Frequency
KIH-37	Palmer Butte	162.55
KEC-82	Mt. Pierce	162.40
KIH-30	Cold Springs	162.55
WNG-720	Laughlin Ridge	162.525
WZ-2550	Horse Mountain	162.45

Additional information provided online at:

https://www.weather.gov/media/eka/NW CA Tsunami Test 2024.pdf

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