

2019 Tsunami Preparedness Campaigns

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Participant Updates

Christa Rabenold (NOAA/NWS/HQ) reminded the group that tsunamis are included in the NWS's spring safety campaign, which runs March through May. Links to the materials will be shared when available. The NWS's [Tsunami.gov](https://www.tsunami.gov), [National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program](https://www.nationaltsunami.gov), [TsunamiReady](https://www.tsunamiready.gov), and [Tsunami Safety](https://www.tsunamisafety.gov) websites are still accessible during the partial federal government shutdown.

Nic Arcos (NOAA/NCEI) shared via Christa Rabenold that the NOAA/NCEI website, which hosts the Global Historical database, is down, but that he still has access to some of the information. While he can't run complex searches, he can provide basic information on events and runups to anyone that needs it. If you need such information, email nicolas.arcos@noaa.gov.

Yvette LaDuke (California Office of Emergency Services) shared that they are having the first call of their new Tsunami Technical Advisory Panel. The goal of the advisory panel is to provide guidance on policies related to the implementation of the Seismic Hazard Mapping Act. Participants will include local decision makers and people with tsunami planning experience. A [delegation from Japan](#) will be participating in a Redwood Coast Tsunami Working Group meeting. The next meeting of the Tsunami Steering Committee, which includes state and local representatives as well as NWS partners, is scheduled for January 23. New and updated maps for kiosks in Newport Beach and San Francisco are in the works. Tsunami Preparedness Week will be March 25-29. Two events are currently planned, a tabletop exercise and a tsunami walk.

Keily Yemm (Washington Emergency Management Division) reported on Washington's recent successful social media outreach campaign. They had over 300,000 hits on Facebook. It was very successful for the money spent and was in addition to ShakeOut print and radio ads that had a tsunami element. Washington will be participating in Pacifex on March 20. A communications drill

scheduled for February with the National Tsunami Warning Center is on hold given the partial government shutdown. Their annual Tsunami Roadshow is planned for the second week in April. They are aiming to visit eight communities. They have a new inner coast tsunami group.

Mark Moede (NOAA/NWS/San Diego) mentioned that the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program’s annual meeting is scheduled to be in San Diego at the end of the month. He hopes to attend along with Alex Tardy and Matt Moreland (also NWS/San Diego).

Liz Vanacore (Puerto Rico Seismic Network) noted that CARIBE WAVE is scheduled for March 14. Puerto Rico will be using the Kick ‘em Jenny scenario, which is timely due to the Anak Krakatau activity. The U.S. Virgin islands are likely using the same scenario.

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