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CALTRANS INSTALLS TSUNAMI SIGNS IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY

Eureka – Caltrans is helping to increase tsunami awareness in Humboldt County with new signs. These new signs alert the public when they are entering, driving through, or leaving an area on a State Highway which could be affected by a tsunami.

A total of 132 tsunami signs are being installed on the State right of way in Humboldt County on Route 101, Route 211, and Route 255. Tsunami signs are already posted in areas of Del Norte County. Eventually, all coastal communities in California will have tsunami warning signs.

In addition to the new tsunami signs, Caltrans is participating in the tsunami test on Wednesday, March 26, from 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. This test is the first of its kind in California. Caltrans will assist in public notification using Changeable Message Signs and Highway Alert Radio.

For the most current information on all California State Highways, please call 1-800-GAS-ROAD (1-800-427-7623) or visit www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo.

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Note to Media: Please contact Julie East at julie.east@dot.ca.gov or 707-441-3998 for accompanying photos.

