



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 25, 2012

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Office of Emergency Services, Fire Department

SUBJECT: TsunamiReady Community™ Designation

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept recognition by the National Weather Service designating the City of Santa Barbara as a TsunamiReady Community™.

DISCUSSION:

Becoming a TsunamiReady Community™ is the result of a collaborative effort between local government, federal government, and the community. The City of Santa Barbara is the first city in the County of Santa Barbara to be recognized with this designation. No community is tsunami proof, but being Tsunami Ready can help minimize loss to our community.

In order to be recognized as TsunamiReady Community™, the City had to meet the following criteria:

- An established 24-hour warning point and Emergency Operations Center
- More than one way to receive tsunami warnings and to alert the public
- Promote public readiness through community education and the distribution of information
- Develop a formal tsunami plan, which includes holding emergency exercises.

The designation is a three-year term. As a result of the designation, the City may notify the Federal Insurance Services Organization for consideration to obtain 25 Community Rating System (CRS) points, which may lower the City's National Flood Insurance Program insurance premiums.

There are no costs associated with the designation.

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