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# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 29, 2011

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Administrative Division, Fire Department

**SUBJECT:** Overview Of The City's Tsunami Preparedness Efforts

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive an update on work underway to designate the City as a Tsunami Ready Community under National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration guidelines.

### **DISCUSSION:**

In June 2009, Council authorized the Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services, to take efforts that would result in the designation of the City of Santa Barbara as a Tsunami Ready Community. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the National Weather Service have developed standards and guidelines aimed at helping coastal communities be better prepared for the impact of tsunamis through focused planning, education and awareness efforts.

In August of 2009, the City attained the designation of Storm Ready, one of 13 communities in California to do so. Additional work to attain tsunami ready designation has continued, with the recent delivery of signs designating evacuation routes, and concurrent community outreach and education. Final approval of the City's Tsunami Ready application by the National Weather Service is anticipated by the end of this calendar year.

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