

# News Release



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## California State Parks Park District Tsumani response and update

### North Coast Redwoods:

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:23 AM

0830 water has started to recede at the mouth of the Klan River. A second wave was expected to hit 0900.

Park staff are at OES since 0130. They assisted in the evacuation of Crescent City up to 9th street. All parks are confirmed evacuated.

Evacuations: Sinkyone Wilderness Campgrounds at Usal and Bear Harbor in the Eel River Sector and in the Redwood Sector. Davidson Road in Prairie Creek out to Gold Bluffs and Fern Canyon has been cleared and barricaded as has Trinidad State Beach and both Dry Lagoon and Stone Lagoon. Highway 101 is closed to northbound traffic at Big Lagoon.

### Mendocino District:

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 7:12 AM

All coastal units with beach access signed "Area Closed" and barricaded. This includes trail heads, parking lots and entrance roads. Campers have been evacuated from MacKerricher, Van Damme, Navarro Beach and Manchester. Campgrounds will remain closed as well. Campers at Westport have been advised and are currently on voluntary evacuation.

## **Russian River District:**

Sonoma Coast SB: Wright's Beach and Bodega Dunes currently evacuated

Salt Point SB: Advised of tsunami warning, not in the tsunami lowland area that would be affected.

Beaches are under voluntary closure.

## **Marin District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:27 AM

Angel Island: Park remains open. Environmental Learning Program students/adults have been relocated from the Quartermaster's building at Camp Reynolds to higher ground until further notice. Campers have been notified to stay in high locations. Residents are gathered at E. Garrison employee housing.

Public ferry will be running a regular trip to the Island at 1000 hrs. (Alcatraz is still open and is running ferries.)

Mainland parks: Employees, volunteers, and residents have been notified although most park locations are above local OES-concerned levels.

Tomales Bay SP is closed.

Alcatraz Island (SF Bay) also remains open.

## **Santa Cruz District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:46 AM

State Park personnel are staffing emergency operation centers as part of the county emergency response plan. San Mateo Coast Sector: all of the park units west of State Route 1 are closed and being evaluated hourly and will remain closed until late this afternoon. Guided walks at Ano Nuevo have been cancelled. No damage or injuries have been reported at this time.

## **Diablo Vista District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:03 AM

No campgrounds evacuated in the Diablo Vista District. Beach areas at Benicia SRA and Candlestick Point were/are cleared of visitors.

## **Monterey District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:19 AM

In Big Sur, Andrew Molera State Park (first come first served, no reservations) was closed and all of the campers were accounted for and evacuated. All of the beaches in Monterey County are closed.

Pfeiffer State Park is still open and honoring reservations.

## **San Luis Obispo District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:12 AM

San Luis Obispo County EOC is activated and State Park staff are at the EOC and coordinating with other agencies.

In San Luis Obispo area, the following campgrounds are evacuated:

Oceano Dunes SVRA  
Pismo State Beach (Oceano and North Beach campgrounds)  
Morro Strand SB

The following have had campers moved from low lying campsites to the higher elevation loops:  
Hearst San Simeon SP  
Limekiln SP

Additionally, day use lots have been closed and beaches and piers cleared of visitors.

We anticipate reopening the SVRA and Pismo SB when we receive the all clear from County OES today.

## **Channel Coast District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:11 AM

Campground notifications and evacuations occurred at the following campgrounds:

Gaviota SP  
El Capitan SP  
Refugio SP  
Carpinteria SB  
Emma Wood SB  
San Buenaventura SB

McGrath SB

All evacuations were voluntary with the exception of Emma Wood SB and Carpinteria SB. We will reopen around 1200pm and honor all reservations.

### **Angeles District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:32 AM

The Angeles District is not evacuating coastal campgrounds. All campers have been contacted and advised of the Tsunami Advisory. Coastal day use areas are closed until further notice

### **Orange Coast District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:23 AM

Activated our State Parks (OCD) EOC at 0250 hours to respond to the 0300 Orange County Operational Area conference call. No campgrounds were evacuated. All beaches were closed to public access and will remain so until after the 1000 Orange County Operational Area decision-makers conference call. Based on what we are NOT seeing on our beaches, expect to reopen the Orange Coast District beaches shortly after the conclusion of the conference call.

### **San Diego Coast District:**

Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 9:18 AM

Monitoring communication with San Diego County EOC and coordinating activities with San Diego, Encinitas and Del Mar Cities' public safety personnel. All beaches have been cleared of use (though a few surfers remain in the water) and low lying day use parking lots have been closed. The campground at Silver Strand SB was not evacuated based on the low tide (less than 2)', low surge expectation of 2 to 3' feet for San Diego Coast and large sand berm that has been built that typically redirects up to 7' tidal surges.

**Park closures will remain in effect for the duration of the warning period. As soon as the warning has been lifted coastal areas will be evaluated and re-opened when safe.**

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