

Report of the Activities by the State of California under the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program -- 2002

The State Steering Committee met in the spring of 2002 to review the priorities for funding. Consensus continued for funding the completion of inundation projections for the counties before funds are allocated to evacuation planning and signage. The events of September 11, 2001 put tsunami mitigation and evacuation planning on hold in all coastal counties. Participating in the State's Steering Committee, in addition to the coastal counties, are the California Coastal Commission, State Lands Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, the Department of Transportation, and the California Geological Survey.

With 2001 and 2002 funding, OES contract with the University of Southern California for the completion of inundation projections for the coastline south of San Francisco Bay. To date, with this and previous years funding, inundation projections have been provided to the counties of San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, San Mateo and San Francisco counties. Inundation projections for Orange, Ventura, Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties will be completed by the end of this calendar year with 2002 funds.

In October 2002, OES conducted a conference call of State Steering Committee members to establish their priorities for 2003 funding. Those priorities are as follows:

Completion of inundation projections for the counties north of the San Francisco Bay and high resolution projections where appropriate

Provision of technical assistance and staff support for the development of local coastal evacuation plans based on inundation projections

Development of a standard brochure template for publication of local inundation projections

Development of a graphic display for use in public education, training and conferences and Public Service Announcements.

Tsunami program activities will continue to benefit from OES Earthquake Program and Emergency Operations, Planning and Training programs in Risk Communication; Communication Links to PSAPs; the Partnership for Public

Warning; EDIS and Amber Alert; and the integration of tsunami preparedness with multihazard preparedness efforts. The Tsunami Program is now a part of the Disaster Assistance Branch, including the State's hazard mitigation program.