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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SECOND DISTRICT
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Date: May 30, 2008
To: Maria Lopez, COB
From: Mario Mainero, Chief of Staff
Re: Resolution Language for Item #5 on June 3, 2008's Board Meeting

Please see the attached TsunamiReady® Resolution language for June 3, 2008's Board meeting. This resolution was requested Victoria Osborn from the Emergency Management Bureau and will honor the County of Orange as well as our county's coastal cities.

Mario Mainero, Chief of Staff
Second District

TsunamiReady® Recognition

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Weather Service established a recognition/certification program called StormReady®, which would provide communities specific steps to prepare themselves for severe weather hazards; and

WHEREAS, with additional preparedness requirements, coastal communities can be certified as TsunamiReady®; and

WHEREAS, tsunamis are rare but highly dangerous events. The TsunamiReady® program will help communities be better prepared to save lives by providing a program which will aid communities to keep their tsunami response plans current, to increase community contact with experts and to warn dissemination personnel; and

WHEREAS, in order to obtain status as a TsunamiReady® community, jurisdictions must provide and show compliance by demonstrating the ability to receive National Weather Service Tsunami Warning Information, disseminate a tsunami warning to the local populations, have an established warning point and emergency operations center, a community education tsunami readiness program, designated tsunami hazard zones, and evacuation and response plans; and

WHEREAS, all Jurisdictions have developed a public education and awareness program designed to communicate the specific hazard to those residents, businesses, and visitors that live and work within the tsunami hazard area. This is being accomplished by public education brochures, tsunami workshops, and posting of Tsunami Hazard Zone Signs in the inundation area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Orange, the cities of Dana Point, Huntington Beach, Laguna Beach, Newport Beach, Seal Beach, and San Clemente have worked with NOAA, and the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services to become the first County to have 100% completion for all coastal entities as TsunamiReady® in California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby recognize the Orange County Operational Area Coastal Areas as the first complete region to become TsunamiReady®.