

News Release

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Manila Community Meeting on March 26th to get ready for the April tsunami evacuation drill ...and to prepare for real tsunamis in the process

The meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Manila Community Center, located at 1611 Peninsula Dr, Manila, CA. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare the community for the **evacuation drill that will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.** (Similar evacuation drills have been conducted in King Salmon, Samoa, Big Lagoon, and Trinidad.) The meeting will also provide valuable information on how to make sure you, your family, and your community is ready for any tsunami emergency. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.

The meeting will include short presentations as well as opportunities to talk to local earthquake and tsunami experts one-on-one to get those nagging tsunami questions answered. The presenters will include Professor Lori Dengler of Humboldt State University and Troy Nicolini from NOAA's National Weather Service. Members of the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group will also be on hand to answer questions.

Dr. Dengler is a well-known expert on earthquakes and tsunamis and has traveled all over the world to learn from other tsunamis the lessons that we can apply here on the North Coast. Dr. Dengler's presentation will include:

- A short overview of Manila's tsunami risk and how lessons learned from other tsunamis can be applied directly to Manila.
- Why driving cars to escape a tsunami is a bad idea.
- Inspirational stories of how community preparedness saved lives in Japan, Chile, Samoa, and Indonesia.

Troy is NOAA's tsunami program leader for NW California and is the co-chair of the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group. Troy's presentation will include:

- Description of Manila's newly drafted evacuation routes and evacuation sign plan.
- How to make sure that community preparedness addresses the mobility-impaired, the elderly, and children left at home.
- Overview of the evacuation drill and how it will make you feel confident that you and your family will be safe during any tsunami.

A second community meeting will be held to prepare for the drill on **Friday, April 12 at 5:30 p.m.** The two meetings will be very similar so attend whichever one is most convenient. Attendance at one of the meetings is not required to participate in the drill. Additional information about the drill, including maps to personalize your evacuation plan, will be mailed to Manila residents in late March. Here are all the dates:

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Evacuation Drill

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Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m.