



# COASTSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Multi-Agency Evacuation Drill Planned for El Granada

**El Granada, CA** – Saturday, May 11, 2024, CAL FIRE, Coastside Fire Protection District, San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office, and San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management will host a voluntary evacuation drill in El Granada. This is a real time evacuation drill that will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. **NOTE: The voluntary evacuation drill includes the area on Page 2 and only includes Zone SMC-E092.** People living near the evacuation area may hear **HI LO sirens** but will not be included in this drill. **Zones SMC-E067** and **SMC-E087** will be highlighted in yellow but will not be asked to evacuate.

Prior to May 11th, you are advised to:

1. Download GENASYS PROTECT (formerly Zonehaven) mobile app or access the web version, enter your home address in the search bar and save your zone. Make sure the app is set to deliver notifications. You can find notifications in SETTINGS.
2. Sign-up for SMC Alerts. You can choose to receive notifications via text, tablet, landline voice, and email.

### Genasys Protect



### SMC Alert



### What should you do if you live in the impacted area?

At 9 a.m., notifications will go out through **Genasys Protect** and **SMC Alert** that the drill has begun. Once you hear that siren, if you live in Zone SMC-E092 and choose to participate, you should evacuate. San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office vehicles will be driven through the neighborhood broadcasting the **HI LO siren**, also known as the evacuation siren. If you have downloaded the Genasys Protect app and have set your device to receive notifications, you will be notified that your zone is under an Evacuation Order. You will also receive an SMC Alert. When you receive the notifications and/or hear that **HI LO siren**, it’s time to go to the predetermined meeting point for this voluntary drill.

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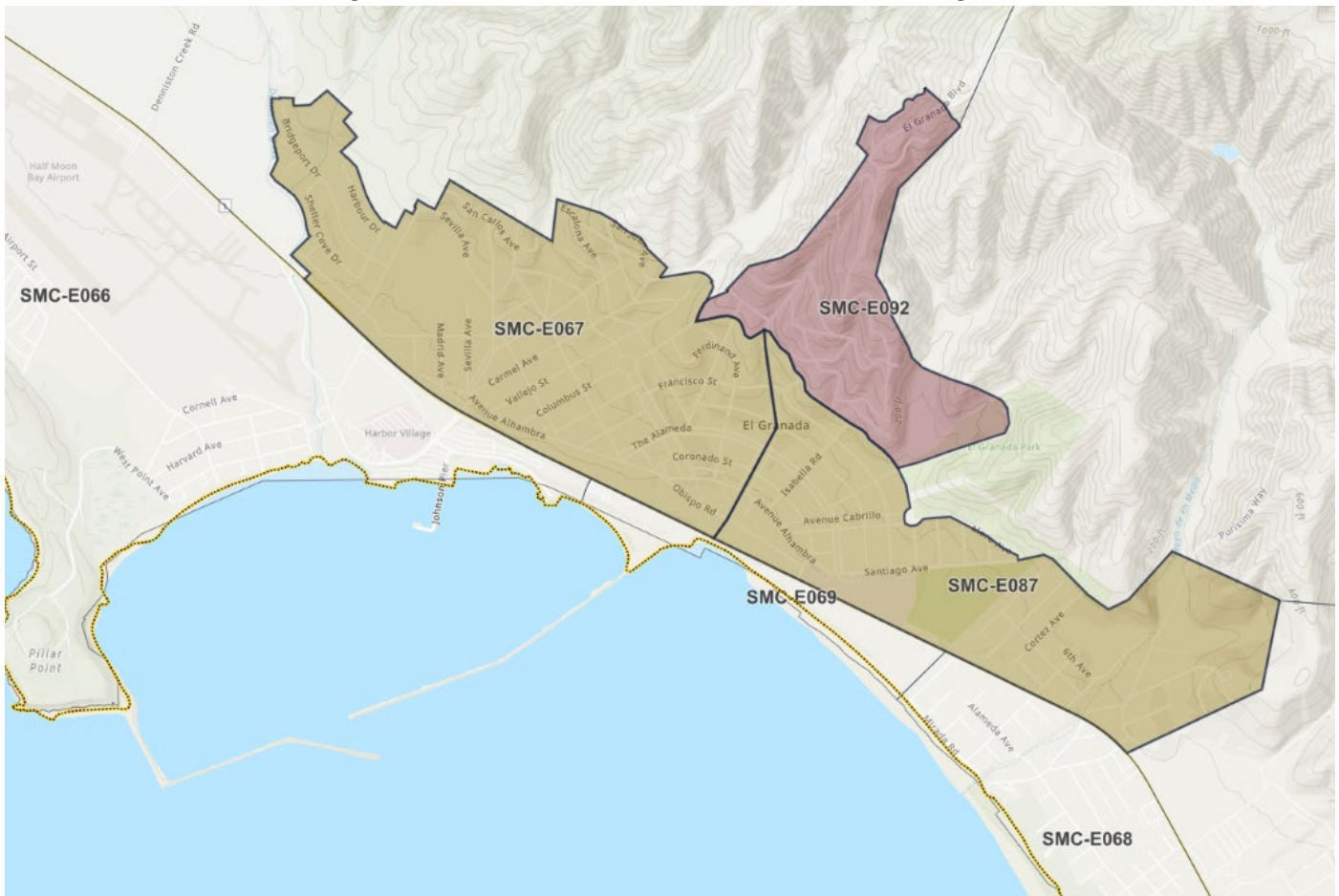
The meeting point for this drill is: **El Granada Elementary School, 400 Santiago Ave, El Granada, CA 94019**

**In the event of an actual evacuation, you would be given direction where to go as the emergency would warrant.**

This is what your Genasys Protect map will look like at 9:00 a.m.

**Zone SMC – E092** will be **RED**, which indicates the zone is under an **EVACUATION ORDER**.

**Zones SMC – E067** and **SMC – E087** will be **YELLOW**, which indicates the zones are under an **EVACUATION WARNING**. Only those under an Evacuation Order are included in this drill and encouraged to come to the predetermined meeting point.



At the predetermined meeting point at El Granada Elementary School, you will be greeted by local firefighters, law enforcement, fire safety experts, and CERT members who will be available to answer your questions. Fire safety handouts will also be distributed.

**Remember:** Participation is voluntary but encouraged. We would like you to be well-prepared for the next emergency.