
Northern Bay Area Earthquake Report

May 23 - 29, 2002

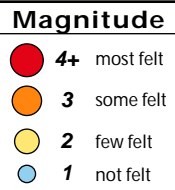
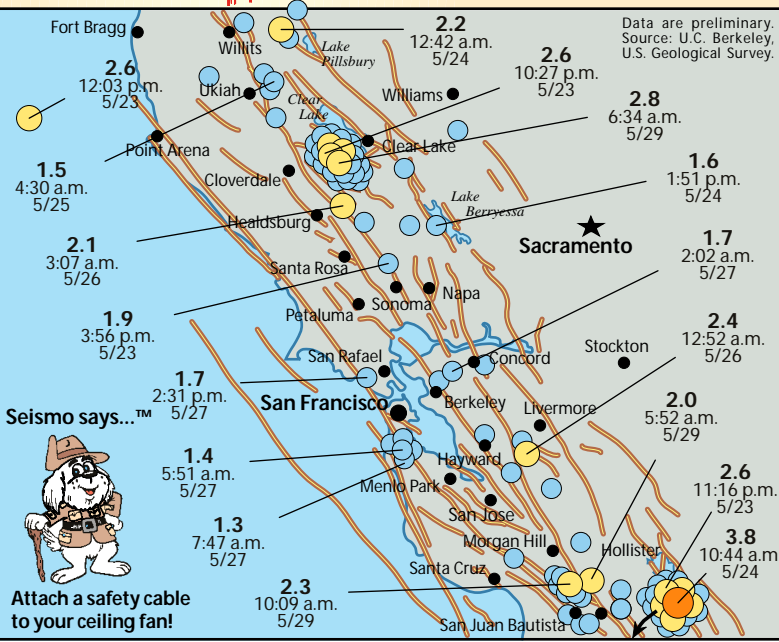
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Magnitude M ≥ 1.0	1	2	3+	Total
Regional	40	6	0	46
Last week	53	5	2	50
The Geysers	59	5	0	64
Last week	63	4	3	70

- Earthquake activity in the North Bay Area declined slightly, falling back to the 40 quake per week level for the third time in four weeks. The intensity of seismicity dropped as well as no action within the map area registered M 3.0 or stronger. However, just to the south was a M 3.8 on May 24 in the Central California Coast Range near San Benito. It was the 11th M 3.0+ quake to occur between Morgan Hill and San Benito in the past five weeks.
- Minor seismicity returned to the San Francisco

Peninsula near Pacifica and a tremor registering M 1.7 was detected along the San Andreas Fault at Stinson Beach. A few quakes were recorded in the East Bay, a M 1.9 triggered in the Valley of the Moon near Kenwood, and a M 2.6 happened off the coast of Point Arena.

- Scattered seismicity in the northern Coast Range included a M 2.2 in Potter Valley and a trio of quakes near Ukiah (largest: M 1.5). A M 2.6 happened off the coast of Point Arena.
- Seismicity in The Geysers relaxed to 64 events, the fewest in three weeks. Ten M 3.0s have occurred here in the past ten weeks, but this week it shook with only five M 2.0s. The largest events, a M 2.6 on the 23rd and a M 2.8 on the 29th, were locally felt. One unconfirmed report said they felt the M 2.1 at 3:07 a.m., May 26. It was actually centered south of The Geysers geothermal area along the Macama fault.

