### Television Datacasting for Public Safety Alerting and Warning

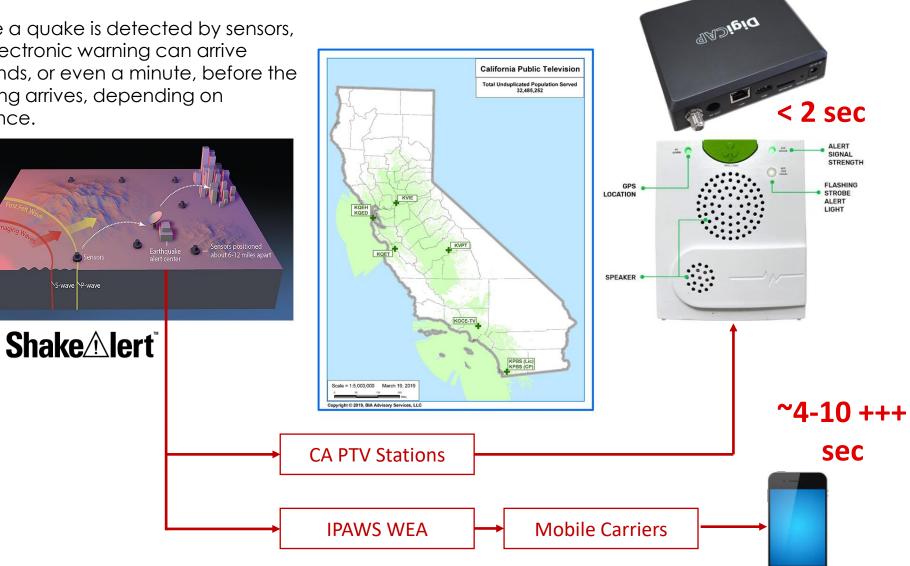




## Use-case for Datacasting: California Earthquake Early Warning

Once a quake is detected by sensors, an electronic warning can arrive seconds, or even a minute, before the shaking arrives, depending on distance.

S-wave P-wave



# Why Television Datacasting

#### Television datacasting for public alerting:

- High-power, high tower = massive reach from a single station (e.g., in CA just six stations reaches ~32M residents)
- Very low latency with simultaneous delivery
- High bandwidth (supports speed and rich-media alerts/updates)
- Leverages existing fortified, survivable broadcast infrastructure
- Adds another parallel path to reach households and residents

#### Same technology and infrastructure can be used for other public alerting

#### ATSC3 potential:

- More robust signal and reach
- Device wake-up, even for battery-only devices

## **Uses for Earthquake Early Warnings**

Government - Activate emergency plans and coordinate response efforts.

**Fire Stations** – Open roll-up doors automatically so they're not shaken out of their frames. Response vehicles won't be stuck behind doors that won't open.

**Electrical Utilities** – Shut down transmission lines, preventing blackouts and equipment damage.

**Water Treatment Plants** – Shut down pumps, motors, and other equipment to prevent damage to prevent water contamination and ensure the plant can operate after the earthquake.

Railways/Public Transit – Slow down and stop trains and buses.

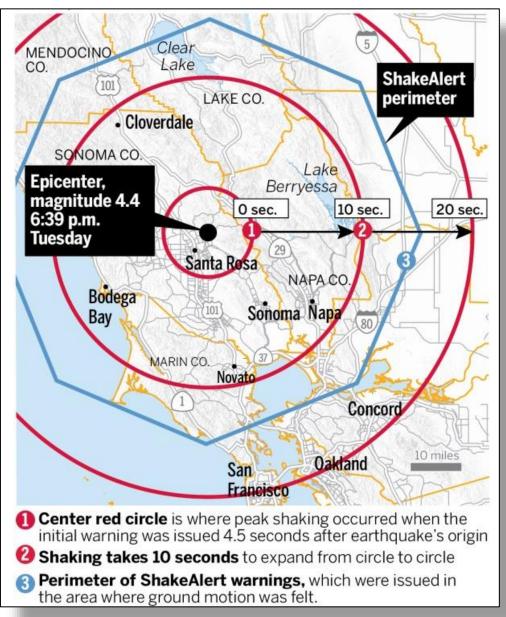
Oil/Gas Refineries - Reduce pressure in pipes and lines.

**Manufacturing** - Shut down production lines and protect equipment, preventing costly damage and downtime.

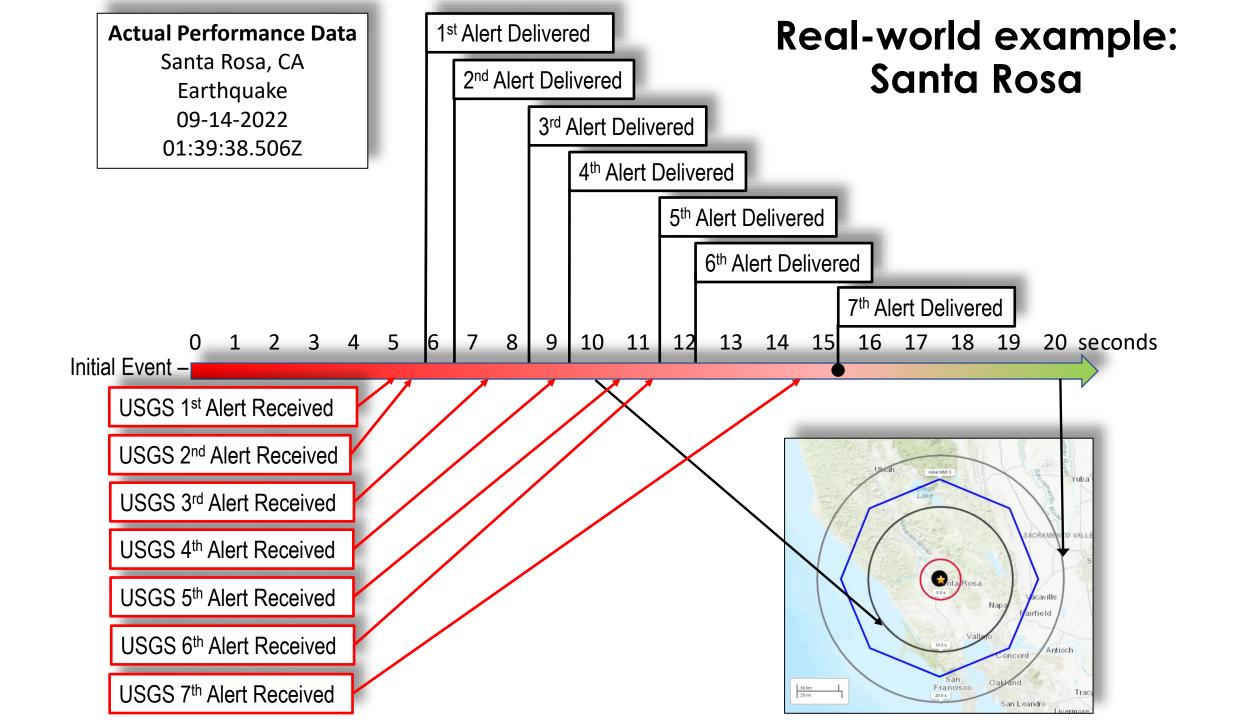
**Healthcare** - Activate emergency plans and protect patients and staff. Evacuate patients from high-risk areas, shutting down equipment, stopping patient procedures.

Education - Ensure the safety of students and staff by evacuating buildings or taking cover.

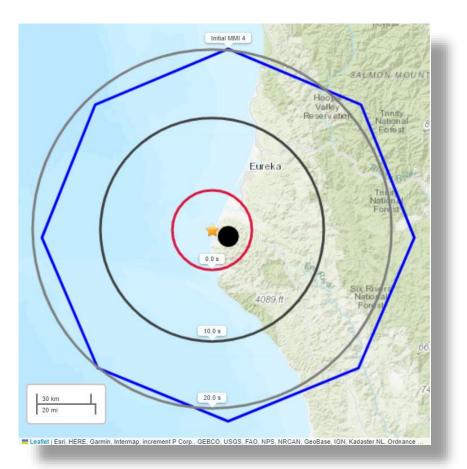
# Real-world example: Santa Rosa



- Santa Rosa, California
- September 13, 2022
- 6:39pm
- Magnitude 4.4
- Time matters:
  - USGS Alert issued 4.5 seconds after origin
  - Entire alert perimeter was shaking within 15 seconds of the alert

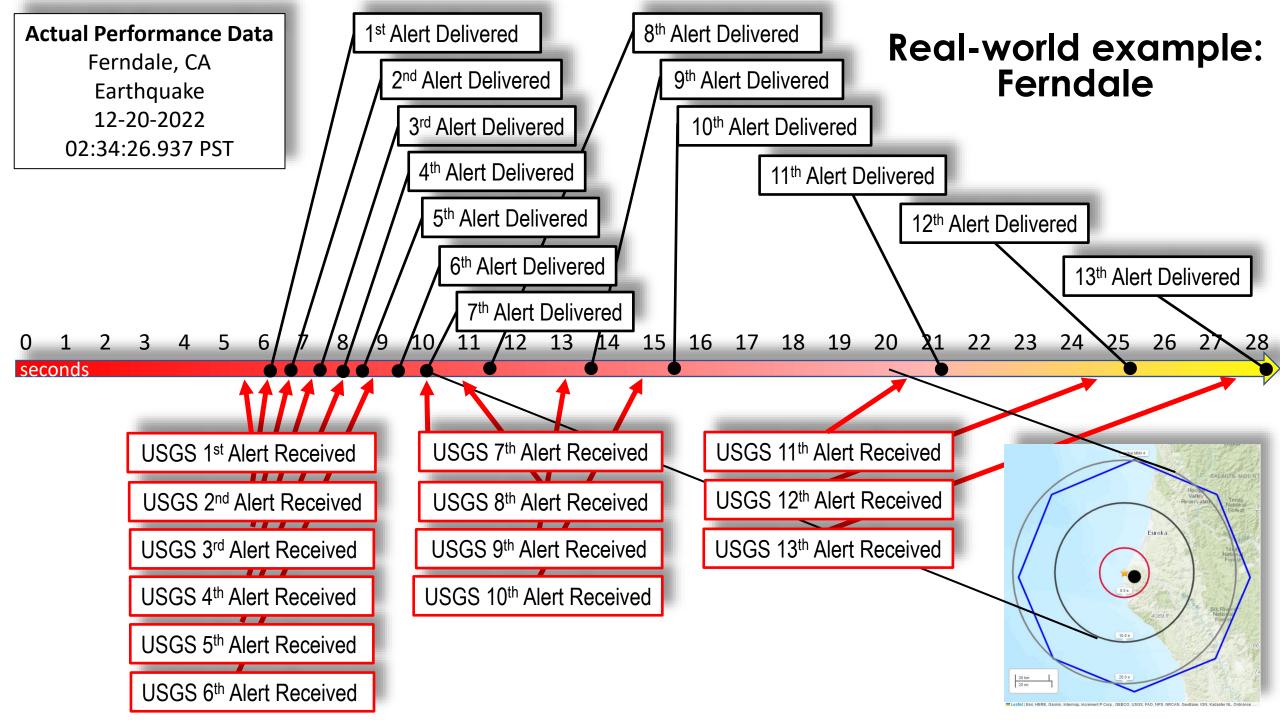


### **Real-world example: Ferndale**



ShakeAlert initial earthquake location (black dot). Polygon shows estimated MMI 4 shaking intensity area. Red circle is front of peak shaking when the message was released. Shaking takes 10s to expand from circle to circle.

- Off the coast near Ferndale, CA
- December 20, 2022
- 02:34am
- Magnitude 4.6
- Time matters:
  - USGS Alert issued 4.5 seconds after origin
  - Alert perimeter edge was shaking within 20 seconds of the alert



### Approximate Geographic Coverage of California Public Television

Phase 1 – Datacasting Pilot Deployment



Phase 2 – Datacasting Full State Deployment

