Post-ShakeAlert® Message Summary

Earthquake:

Advanced National Seismic System (ANSS):
M 5.1 - 22.2 km (13.8 mi) NE of Gonzales

ANSS location:	36.593, -121.221
ANSS depth:	6.7 km (4.2 mi)
ANSS origin (Local):	2026-11-19 22:49:16.5
ANSS origin (UTC):	2026-11-20 06:49:16.5
ShakeAlert first Message (UTC):	2026-11-20 06:49:21.4
ShakeAlert Event ID:	ew1795157360

ShakeAlert Messages Issued (after origin time):

Initial:	4.9 sec
Peak:	9.9 sec
Final:	9.9 sec

ShakeAlert System Magnitude Estimates:

Initial:	M 5.1
Peak:	M 5.4
Final:	M 5.4

ShakeAlert System Location Accuracy:

Initial:	1.1 km (0.7 mi) NW
At peak:	1.8 km (1.1 mi) SW
Final:	1.8 km (1.1 mi) SW

Wireless Emergency Alert:

This alert was distributed over the WEA system.
WEA alerts are distributed to the MMI 4+ area if ShakeAlert Peak M>=5.0

Number of Stations Reporting:

1 within 10 km of epicenter
36 within 100 km of epicenter
18 used in final ShakeAlert Message

Nearby Cities:

City	Distance km / (mi)	Time* sec	Shaking (MMI**)
Gonzales	22 / (14)	~2	Light (IV)
Hollister	33 / (21)	~5	Light (IV)
Salinas	40 / (25)	~7	Light (IV)
San Francisco	169 / (105)	--	V. Weak (II)

Radius shaken before message release: 16 km (10 mi)

Footnotes:

** Time -- Time from message release to predicted S-wave arrival at the location. "--" for weak or imperceptible shaking.*
*** MMI -- Modified Mercalli Intensity - a numeric shaking severity scale*
**** For earthquakes deeper than ~15 km, the ShakeAlert Message may be available before peak shaking reaches the surface.*

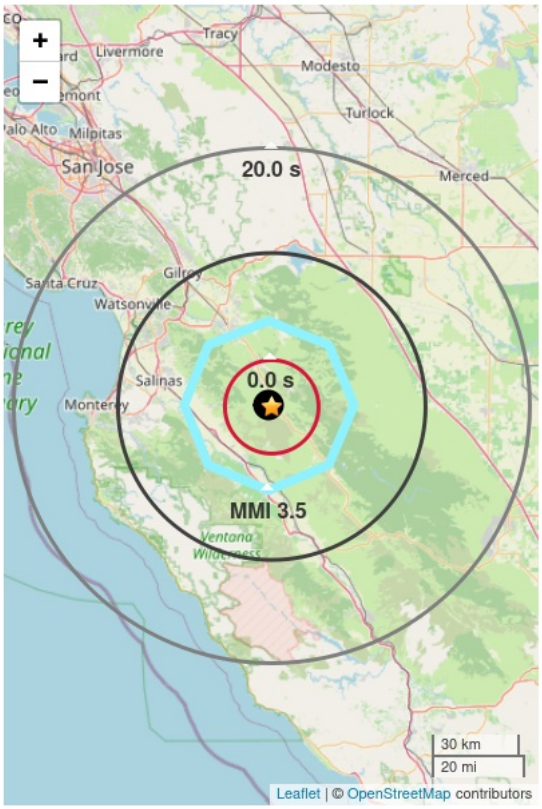

*Figure 1. Initial earthquake locations from ShakeAlert (black dot) and ANSS (orange star). Polygon shows estimated area of MMI 3.5 and greater ground shaking**. Red circle (if shown) marks the position of the peak shaking wavefront at the time the Alert Message was issued***. Note, shaking takes 10 seconds to expand from circle to circle.*

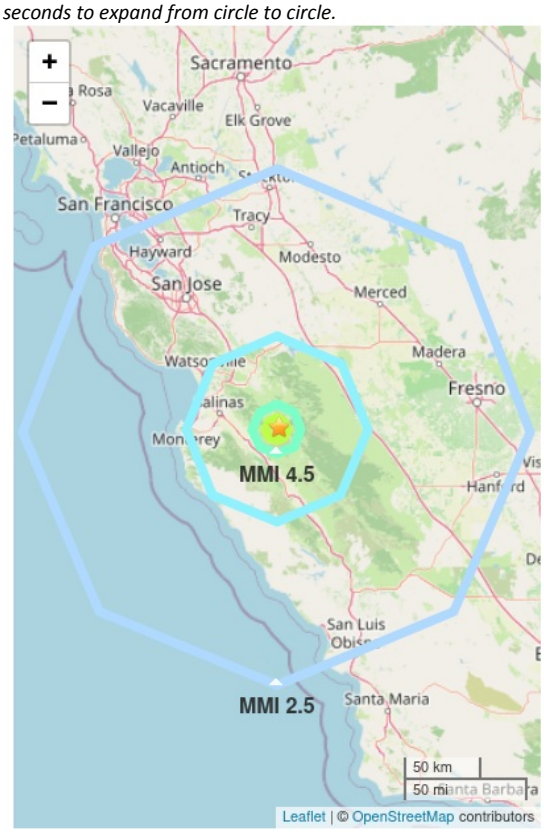

*Figure 2. Polygons show the maximum estimated extent of ground shaking for different MMI** ranges (color-coded and labeled). Shaking of MMI 3 or less is often not felt. Orange star shows the ANSS earthquake location.*

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