

# ShakeAlert® Post-Alert Summary

## Earthquake:

M 4.5 - 23.6 km (14.6 mi) NE of Gonzales  
 ANSS origin (Local): 2021-01-02 06:42:23.8  
 ANSS origin (UTC): 2021-01-02 14:42:23.8  
 ShakeAlert alert (UTC): 2021-01-02 14:42:28.8  
 ANSS location: 36.608, -121.213  
 ANSS depth: 6.4 km (3.9 mi)  
 ShakeAlert Event ID: ew1609598544

## Time To Alert After Earthquake Start:

Initial alert after origin time: 5.0 sec  
 Final alert after origin time: 6.9 sec

## Magnitude Accuracy:

Initial ShakeAlert: M 4.6  
 Peak ShakeAlert: M 4.6  
 Final ShakeAlert: M 4.5  
 ANSS report: M 4.5

## Location Accuracy:

Initial alert: 5.6 km (3.5 mi) SW  
 Final alert: 5.8 km (3.6 mi) SW

## Number of Stations Reporting:

1 within 10 km of epicenter  
 36 within 100 km of epicenter  
 8 used in final ShakeAlert update

## Nearby Cities:

City	Distance	Warning*	MMI**
Gonzales	24 km (15 mi)	~2 sec	3
Hollister	32 km (20 mi)	~4 sec	2
Salinas	40 km (25 mi)	~6 sec	2
San Francisco	168 km (104 mi)	~42 sec	<2

**Zone Shaken by S-wave Before Alert: 18 km (11 mi)**

## Footnotes:

- \* Warning -- Time between alert production and arrival of the S-wave at a chosen site.
- \*\* MMI -- Modified Mercalli Intensity: a scale to measure ground shaking.
- \*\*\* For earthquakes deeper than 15 km, the alert may be sent before peak shaking reaches the surface.

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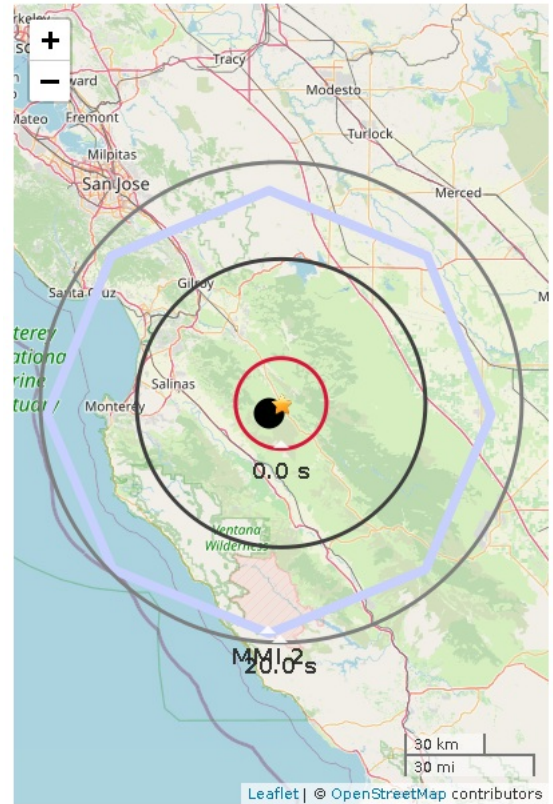


Figure 1. ShakeAlert initial earthquake location (black dot). Star is regional network epicenter. Polygon is the approximate outer range for felt ground motion. If shown\*\*\*, red circle is front of peak shaking when the alert was released. Shaking takes 10 s to expand from circle to circle.

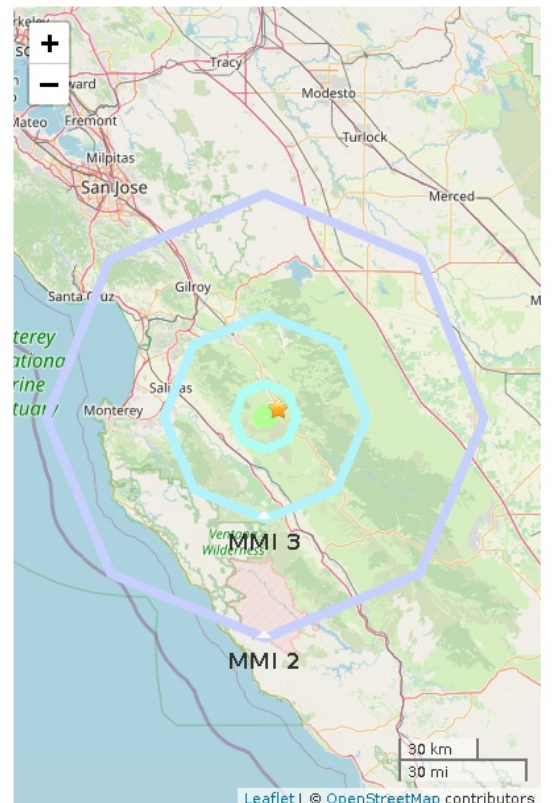


Figure 2. Polygons show shaking intensity contours for the peak magnitude ShakeAlert. Shaking of intensity 3 or less is often not felt. Star shows the regional network epicenter.