

Magnitude 5.1 earthquake gives SF Bay Area a big shake

A magnitude 5.1 earthquake was felt widely across California's greater San Francisco Bay Area on Tuesday, rattling homes and shaking windows.

The quake hit at 11:42 a.m. with a depth of 4 miles, just south of Mount Hamilton in the hills about 12 miles east of downtown San Jose, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. A magnitude 3.1 aftershock struck shortly after at 11:47 a.m. in the same area.

"This is the biggest earthquake since Napa in the Bay Area," said Richard Allen, director of UC Berkeley's Seismology Lab, of today's big shaker. In 2014, a magnitude 6.0 earthquake struck the North Bay, damaging buildings in downtown Napa and Vallejo and injuring more than 100 people.

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