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MEMORANDUM

TO:

USSC members

FROM:

Staff

SUBJECT:

Task assignments from the April 9, 1999 meeting

At the April 9, 1999 meeting of the USSC, the following task assignments were made:

Walt Arabasz

Write a letter to Utah's Congressional Delegation supporting HR 1184, creating an Advanced National Seismic System that would include a full-scale, real-time earthquake information system in the Wasatch Front urban corridor.

Jim Bailey

After consensus-building regarding potential legislative actions to promote seismic upgrades of existing structures, provide proposals at the July 9 meeting for Commission endorsement.

Ron Dunn/Jim Bailey

Continue to promote consideration by the State Office of Education of recommendations of the Engineering and Architecture Standing Committee regarding seismic peer review of new school construction in Utah.

Mary Halling

Advance activities of the task force approved by the Commission to promote implementation of a comprehensive program of I-15 strong-motion instrumentation.

Commissioners

Provide a brief biography and picture to Chris Kramer (pscem.ckramer@state.ut.us) for inclusion on the new USSC Web page (www.ussc.state.ut.us).

Standing Committee chairpersons

Provide input for content of the proposed USSC Web page. The page, a mechanism for information gathering and coherent communication of Commission activities, should focus on assessing earthquake-related problems and offering solutions to the public.



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Commissioners

Provide nominations to Walt Arabasz or USSC staff for the Western States Seismic Policy Council Awards in Excellence. State and local governments are eligible for these awards, which recognize achievement in the areas of earthquake mitigation, preparedness, and response.

Commissioners

Suggest appropriate uses for the projected budget carry-forward at the end of the fiscal year (June 30) to ensure effective implementation of Commission policy.

Commissioners

Be prepared at the July 9 Commission meeting (an extended, half-day meeting) to take stock of key issues related to earthquake safety in Utah and provide recommendations for advocating significant actions in the year 2000.

The next USSC meeting is scheduled for **Friday**, **July 9**, **1999**, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 1112 of the State Office Building. Please note that the meeting starts one hour later than usual, and will end at 3 p.m. (including a working lunch from noon to 1 p.m.). This will be the first of an annual half-day event to discuss significant policies and issues requiring action during the coming year.