

UTAH SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

January 10, 1995 - 9:00 a.m.

State Capitol - Rm 225

MINUTES

Members Present:

· Chair, Les Youd	Professor, BYU Civil Engineering Department
Sam Alexander	Western Mountain Region American Institutes of Architects (Alternate)
Lee Allison	Director, Utah Geological Survey
· Walter Arabasz	Director, University of Utah Seismograph Stations
· James Bailey	Structural Engineers Association of Utah
Lorayne Frank	Director, Comprehensive Emergency Management
· James Golden	Assistant Chief Structural Engineer, Department of Transportation
David Prothero	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex Officio)
Randall Updike	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex Officio)
Suzanne Winters	Science Advisor, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget

Members Excused:

D. Douglas Bodrero	Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
Ken Bullock	Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns
William E. Juscak	Division of Facilities Construction and Management
Craig A. Peterson	Utah Senate
Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region American Institutes of Architects
Clark Reber	Utah House of Representatives

CEM Staff Present:

Bob Carey	Natural Hazards Earthquake Program Manager
Gloria Taylor	Office Technician, Natural Hazards Section
· Judy Watanabe	Planner, Natural Hazards Section

UGS Staff Present:

Gary Christenson	Applied Geology Manager, Utah Geological Survey
Janine Jarva	Senior Geological Technical, Utah Geological Survey

Others Present

Thair Blackburn	Architect, Ogden
Lee Siegel	Salt Lake Tribune

Call to Order

Chairman, Les Youd, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said, because Lorayne Frank had an early commitment, she would present her report on the status of Rep. Stephen's bill, H.B.53 and the minutes of the previous meeting would be approved after her presentation.

Status of Rep. Stephen's Bill to Create Emergency Management Trust Fund - Lorayne Frank

There was a brief discussion, noting the Bill appropriates \$250,000 to the Trust Fund from the General Fund. It was questioned whether or not funds would be made available to agencies other than CEM. Lorayne said the Bill did provide for 45% of the funds to be used for education, training, and funding other state emergency management programs. She said the Bill was an emergency management Bill, not specific to earthquake disasters.

After further discussion, a call for motion was made by Les Youd, Chairman.

Motion:	Whereas our understanding of H.B.53 is that it has the potential to advance some of the high priorities of <u>A Strategic Plan for Earthquake Safety in Utah</u>, I move that the Utah Seismic Safety Commission endorse and support H.B. 53.
Moved by:	Walter Arabasz
Seconded:	Lee Allison
Motion Carried:	Unanimously

Review of Minutes

Minutes were reviewed. One correction was noted on page 5 of the previous minutes discussing the UGS's Strong-Motion Program. The correction should read "Les proposed returning the program back to the original scale".

Motion:	Approve minutes, as corrected, from previous meeting.
Moved by:	Lee Allison
Seconded:	Suzanne Winters
Motion Carried:	Unanimously

Report on Science Council Meeting - Suzanne Winters

Suzanne Winters reported that Lee Allison presented the Strategic Plan and the Prioritized List to the Science Council. She said the comments from the Science Council were very supportive of the Commission's work and they recognize the need for education and research. Lee Allison noted that, when the Commission has action items, the Council provides good supportive technical advice, and their endorsement is invaluable. Suzanne suggested that a USSC liaison be established to inform the Science Council of projects that may need their input.

Representative Reber's Replacement - CEM

Judy Watanabe stated no replacement for Rep. Reber had been named. It was questioned if anything could be done to further the process, such as sending a letter. It was noted progress might be better accomplished at the end of the Legislative Session.

U.S.G.S - Randy Updike

Randy Updike reported on the U.S.G.S. and the National Earthquake Hazard Maps being prepared by that agency. He said the effort had been ongoing since the 70's, with updates attempted every 3 to 4 years. He stated Arthur Frankel, strong-motion seismologist, was now heading that effort, and there was a substantial change in the approach to the project. He explained that data was being solicited at the front end before production of the new maps. U.S.G.S. is organizing regional workshops and asking local experts for current data. He explained, through this, they expected to get as much current information as possible, and would use regional experts to critique the information. Through this information, the maps would define hazards and provide a basis for looking at revising building codes. After much discussion, it was decided a motion would be made to endorse the efforts of the U.S.G.S. in their workshops.

Motion: Utah Seismic Safety Commission endorse the U.S.G.S.
National Earthquake Hazard mapping program in Utah.
Motion by: Lee Allison
Second: Walter Arabasz
Motion Carried: Unanimously

Future of U.S.G.S. - Randy Updike

Randy Updike stated the U.S.G.S. is facing greater difficulties than at any other time. He reported the "Contract with America" mandates eliminating the U.S.G.S. He noted that the critical functions would probably not be eliminated, but redirected to other agencies. Randy stated the situation is very serious and the services offered to the nation are very important. It was discussed and decided a letter should be sent in support of U.S.G.S. to Utah's Congressional delegation.

Motion: Utah Seismic Safety Commission go on record and send a letter
to the Utah Congressional Delegation, expressing grave
concern over the possible decrease or elimination of the
earthquake and seismic functions of U.S.G.S.
Motion by: Lee Allison
Seconded: Walter Arabasz
Motion Carried: Unanimously

State Strategic Plan - Gary Christenson

Gary Christenson reported the Plan was completed and available for distribution. 830 copies were printed. He noted that out of \$4500 allotted, a total of approximately \$2,500 had been spent preparing them. He expected to have them mailed out by the end of the week (Jan. 13). Gary gave special recognition to Walter Arabasz for proofing/review, Judy Watanabe for the first draft, Noah Snyder for the second draft, and Janine Jarva for the printing. He said a second printing was anticipated and all but about 300 copies of this printing were committed. After discussion, it was decided a Press Release would be issued reporting objectives, and stating a limited number would be available to the public through the U.G.S.

List of Possible USSC Actions - Suzanne Winters

Suzanne Winters suggested the Commission should decide what their mission was to be for the future, and if the Commission should continue. She questioned if there was enough activity to justify their continuance since they had apparently completed their goal of completing the Strategic Plan. It was noted that the Strategic Plan was only one of six goals of the Commission. Suzanne recommended meeting with the Governor, after the Legislative Session, to apprise and get support and direction from him. After a discussion, it was decided to keep this item on the next meeting agenda for discussion. Suzanne excused herself from the meeting. Lee Allison noted his views on the Commission's future, and felt that the Commission had too many directions to choose from, rather than not having enough.

Preparation of U.S.S.C. Brochure

Information input for the brochure was requested.

Re-Establish UEAB Standing Committees - Lee Allison

Lee Allison affirmed the importance to get information to a wider variety of people. He said the UEAB standing committees should be re-established for the four objectives in the Strategic Plan.. After discussion, a motion was made.

Motion:	U.S.S.C. establish four standing committees.
Motion by:	Lee Allison
Second:	Jim Bailey
Motion Carried:	Unanimously

***Action:	Lee Allison would think through and report back at the next meeting issues regarding the Chair for each standing committee, and if the Chair would be someone not on the Commission.
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Other

Thair Blackburn, an architect from Ogden, was introduced. Mr. Blackburn expressed his concern that the Commission was not receiving input from other areas of the state regarding the issues being discussed in the Strategic Plan, etc. After much discussion, it was decided that greater effort would be made to include representatives from all areas of the state in the decision making process. Chairman Youd suggested Mr. Blackburn submit a letter stating his desire of involvement in the process, and a list of 10 names of others requesting involvement, so they could be contacted.

WSSPC - Lee Allison

Lee Allison reported on some of the problems and concerns of WSSPC. He noted there was a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on February 13, where they would decide on future direction. The main change to be discussed was restructuring the council with its membership being composed from each state's seismic safety commissions.

Next Meeting

Discussion for the next meeting will be a report on the WSSPC Meeting and Northridge: One Year Later. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 1995, in Room 1112 in the State Office Building.

Meeting Adjourned - 11:15 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Gloria Taylor