

Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Meeting
April 27, 2001

Minutes

On April 27, 2001 a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was held at the Ogden City and County Building, Ogden, Utah. The Chairman Walter Arabasz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

-Walter J. Arabasz	Chair/Seismic Safety Comm.-U of U Seismograph Stations
-Kerry Baum	Association of Contingency Planners
-Scott Behunin	Utah Division of Emergency Management/DPS
-Don Bush	Utah House of Representatives
-Gary Christenson (For Rick Allis)	Director of Utah Geological Survey
-Peter W. McDonough	American Society of Civil Engineers
-Dave Nazare	Utah Department of Transportation
-Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region, American Inst. of Architect
-Anne vonWeller	Utah League of Cities & Towns/Murray City
-Barry H. Welliver	Structural Engineers Association of Utah
-Suzanne Winters	State Science Advisor, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget

Members Not Present:

Jake Arslanian	American Public Works Association
Vanna Hunter	Utah Insurance Department
Peter C. Knudson	Utah State Senate
Vacant	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
Matthias Mueller	Utah Division of Facilities Construction & Management
Randall G. Updike	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)

CEM Staff Present:

-Bob Carey	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, CEM
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UGS Staff Present:

-Frank Ashland Applied Geology Section, Utah Geological Survey

Guests Present/Committee Members:

-DeLon Atkinson	Utah Power and Light
-Cathy Diehl	Ogden City Emergency Management
-Wayne Glover	Ogden City Building Official
-Kent Kofford	Bureau of Reclamations
-Brian Law	Davis Co. Emergency Management
-Scott Mikkelsen	Salt Lake City
-Dave Pierson	ARW Engineers
-Tricia Porter	Provo City Emergency Management
-Marilyn K. Roper	Uintah City Mayor
-Ted Steinhorst	Private Citizen
-Rial Storey	Weber Co. Building Official
-Brent White	ARW Engineers

➤ **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**.....

Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) Chairman Walter Arabasz welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**.....

Motion: *Suzanne Winters, State Science Advisor, made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on January 12, 2001. Ann vonWeller seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

➤ **INFORMATION UPDATES**.....

Barry Welliver, Chair of the Engineering and Architecture Standing Committee, reported to the group about the Commission's presentation to the Legislature's Government Operations Interim Committee. The presentation was on the new progress report that the Commission had recently completed for the Legislature. Representative Don Bush, a member of the Interim Committee, stated that Barry presented the report well and the Committee was very appreciative of the Commission's efforts.

Bob Carey, Chair of the Awareness and Education Standing Committee, reported on the proclamation signing with the Governor Michael O. Leavitt and the activities surrounding April 2001 as Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness Month. The highlighted activities of the month included a state-wide earthquake drill for schools and preparedness fairs in Salt Lake and Weber Counties. The Commission also provided printed materials for city and county emergency managers.

➤ **PRESENTATIONS**_____

Lance Peterson, Weber County Emergency Management Program Manager moderated a series of presentations of emergency and mitigation activities in Weber County. Gary Christenson, Utah Geological Survey, gave a slide presentation about the earthquake threat in Northern Utah. Lance Peterson talked about rapid damage assessment procedures and planning. Cathy Diehl, Coordinator, Ogden City Emergency Management, spoke about the Ogden City Emergency Plan and its implementation. The Weber County Building Department Building Inspector Rial Storey talked about the County's "Post-earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings" program. Kent Kofford, an engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation, took the group through the earthquake-retrofitting at Pineview Dam. Brent White with ARW Engineers gave a presentation on the history of Ogden's Parapet Ordinance. And Wayne Glover, Ogden City Building Services, closed the meeting with a slide presentation of the numerous earthquake-retrofitted buildings in Ogden.

➤ **NEXT MEETING**_____

DATE: Friday, July 13, 2001
TIME: 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: State Office Building, Auditorium
Salt Lake City, Utah

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**_____

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 a.m.