

# Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Meeting  
January 16, 2004

## Minutes

On January 16, 2004 a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was held at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Conference Room, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chairman Barry Welliver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### **Members Present:**

-Rick Allis	Utah Geological Survey
-Walter J. Arabasz	U of U Seismograph Stations
-Kerry Baum	Association of Contingency Planners
-Doug Bausch	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
-Don E. Bush	Utah House of Representatives
-Carl Eriksson	Utah League of Cities & Towns
-Cathy Howick	Utah Insurance Department
-Michael Keene	Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
-Peter W. McDonough	American Society of Civil Engineers
-Matthias Mueller	Utah Division of Facilities Construction & Management
-Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region, American Inst. of Architect
-Barry H. Welliver	Chair, Structural Engineers Association of Utah

### **Members Not Present:**

Jake Arslanian	American Public Works Association
Scott Behunin	Utah Division of Emergency Services/DPS
Peter C. Knudson	Utah State Senate
Dave Nazare	Utah Department of Transportation
Mark Petersen	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)

### **CEM Staff Present:**

-Bob Carey	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DES
-Amisha Lester	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DES
-Ryan Pietramali	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DES

### **UGS Staff Present:**

-Gary Christenson	Geologic Hazards Program, Utah Geological Survey
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**Guests Present/Committee Members:**

-Chris Austin	International Catastrophe Insurance Managers
-Steven Bartlett	U of U CE Department
-Jim Higbee	UDOT-Legacy Parkway Team
-Dennis Kellen	Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control
-Ned Leonard	Fred A. Moreton Company
-Mike Linford	U of U Graduate Student
-Nancy Lyon	U of U Marriott Library
-Sarah Michalob	U of U Marriot Library
-Hank Perry	International Catastrophe Insurance Managers
-Getty Pollard	Safe-T-Proof
-John Pollard	Safe-T-Proof
-Jolynn Reid	U of U Marriot Library
-Lee Siegel	U of U Public Relations

➤ **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Barry Welliver asked for any corrections and comments to the minutes.

**Motion:** *Barry Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on October 24, 2003. Michael Keene seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

➤ **INFORMATION AND UPDATE ITEMS**

Bob Carey, spoke on the Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) award nominations. One of the Commission's possible nominations will be Metro Water District for all of their seismic policy efforts. Either UGS or DES will nominate the Student Grant Research Program. The Parapet brochure that was done several years ago, along with SEAU, is under consideration for nomination. Also, the Ground Shaking brochure that was done by the Geoscience Committee is under consideration.

Carl Eriksson reported on the USSC membership vacancy. Carl spoke with a representative of the American Public Works Association and they are currently working on finding USSC a new representative and are hoping to fill the position before the next meeting.

The Commission held a discussion of the USSC 10-year anniversary. A press release of the anniversary will be issued, acknowledging the anniversary and all of USSC's accomplishments. The USSC will use the April meeting to prepare for the 10-year anniversary.

Barry Welliver spoke on the existing buildings initiative. A brochure may be created as a way to identify success stories of buildings that have been rehabilitated. Carl Eriksson promoted the idea to write a letter of recommendation to the Uniform Building Code Commission to request a change to adopt the International Existing Buildings Code.

Gary Christenson reminded the group of the February 2004 Utah Earthquake Conference. The Conference will be held on February 26-27, 2004. General earthquake session will be held the entire day of the 26<sup>th</sup> and working groups will meet on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Gary gave a brief report on the building-official ground shaking maps. The maps will be county-by-county, blown-up ground shaking contour maps. The preparation and printing of the maps will be a cooperative effort with UGS, USSC and DES.

Bob Carey gave an update on the student research grant program. Provo High School, South Summit Middle School and Judge High School have submitted for the grant program. The USSC July meeting will be the target date to have the schools present their research findings.

Barry Welliver reported on the USSC budget. The student research grant program will total \$5400 and the teacher's workshops will total \$1300. There was discussion to allocate some funding to the 2004 Utah Earthquake Conference, of which the USSC will be a co-sponsor.

**Motion:** *Walter Arabasz made a motion to allocate up to \$500 to help assist the 2004 Utah Earthquake Conference. Barry Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.*

Barry Welliver reported that Draper City has adopted a Geologic Hazards Ordinance.

**Motion:** *Walter Arabasz made a motion to send a letter of support and encouragement to Draper City for their adoption of the Geologic Hazards Ordinance from the entire Commission. Carl Eriksson seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

#### ➤ **UNIVERSITY OF UTAH MARRIOTT LIBRARY RENOVATION**

Nancy Lyon, Lee Siegel, and Sarah Michalob, University of Utah, gave a presentation on the University of Utah Marriott Library renovation. The USSC had an open discussion on the seismic safety aspects of the project.

**Motion:** *Barry Welliver made a motion to endorse the University of Utah Marriott Library renovation to the 2004 legislature, with the implied endorsement of other building renovations of similar nature. Barry Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed with one recusing vote.*

➤ **EARTHQUAKE INSURANCE IN UTAH**

Ned Leonard, Fred A. Moreton Company, and Hank Perry and Chris Austin, International Catastrophe Insurance Managers, gave a presentation on earthquake insurance in Utah.

➤ **STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING RESULTS**

Walter Arabasz gave a report on the strategic planning meeting that was held on December 16, 2003. More focused discussion, with input from all Commissioners, will be on the agenda for the next USSC meeting.

➤ **NEXT MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, April 2nd, 2004  
**TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** State Office Building  
Salt Lake City, Utah

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

➤ **TOUR OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL WAREHOUSE**