

Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Meeting
July 15, 2005

Minutes

On July 15, 2005 a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was held in the State Office Building Auditorium, Salt Lake City, Utah. Chairman Barry Welliver called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.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)
-Brian Carver	Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
-Matt Cassel	American Public Works Association
-Carl Eriksson	Utah League of Cities & Towns
-Todd Jensen	Utah Department of Transportation
-Peter W. McDonough	American Society of Civil Engineers
-Representative Morley	Utah House of Representatives
-Matthias Mueller	Utah Division of Facilities Const. & Management
-Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region, American Inst. of Architect
-Barry H. Welliver	Chair, Structural Engineers Association of Utah
-Verdi White	Utah Division of Emergency Services/DPS

Members Not Present:

Cathy Howick	Utah Insurance Department
Peter C. Knudson	Utah State Senate
Mark Petersen	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)

DES Staff Present:

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

UGS Staff Present:

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

-Darlene Batatian	SLCo Planning and Development Service Division
-Darin Bird	Department of Natural Resources
-Jason Curry	Department of Natural Resources
-Jim Higbee	UDOT Legacy Pkwy
-Robyn Pearson	Department of Natural Resources
-Mike Stever	Salt Lake City Emergency Management
-Anne vonWeller	Murray City

➤ **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: *Rick Allis made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on April 22, 2005. Carl Eriksson seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

➤ **ACKNOWLEDGE ANNE VONWELLER**

The Commission acknowledged Anne vonWeller for her years of work towards earthquake safety in Utah and for her service on the USSC.

➤ **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Representative Morley took over the election portion of the meeting. He asked for a motion to nominate Barry Welliver for Chair and Peter McDonough and Rick Allis as Vice Chairs for the coming year. All were elected unanimously.

Motion: *Barry Smith made a motion to approve the election of Barry Welliver as Chair and Peter McDonough and Rick Allis as Vice Chairs for the coming year. Kerry Baum seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

➤ **INFORMATION AND UPDATE ITEMS**

Rick Allis reported on the Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) awards nominations and 2005 meeting. Three out of four nominations from Utah will be receiving WSSPC Awards in Excellence. Those receiving recognition are the UGS Quaternary Fault Parameters Working Group, the USSC Ground Shaking Brochure, and USSC/DES -Student Research Grant Program. The registration information for the 2005 Annual WSSPC meeting to be held in Boise, Idaho has been e-mailed to the Commission. Expanding WSSPC to include the five or six state seismic safety commissions will be discussed at the Boise meeting. Rick asked the Commission to discuss allotting up to \$1000 for the Chair to attend the annual WSSPC meeting.

Motion: *Rick Allis made a motion to allocate up to \$1000 for the Chair to attend the Annual WSSPC Conference. Peter McDonough seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

Motion: *Barry Smith made a motion to amend the amount to not accede \$1500 for the Chair to attend the Annual WSSPC Conference. Mathias Mueller seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

Gary Christenson spoke on the WSSPC Utah earthquake program poster for the 2005 WSSPC meeting. The poster will highlight all groups that work with the USSC and the function of each group. The poster may also highlight WSSPC award winners from Utah. A press release for the Utah WSSPC award winners will be released after the 2005 WSSPC meeting and will be posted on the USSC web-site.

Gary gave a brief report on the IBC ground-shaking maps. A one-page general-public explanation has been posted on the UGS web-site. The USSC web-site will also have a link to the UGS web-site. Barry Welliver suggested to create a letter to endorse this tool for building officials, realtors, developers, etc.

Bob Carey reported on the USSC budget report. Last year the USSC spent over \$3700. Printing and developing of the 2000-2004 progress report is estimated to cost \$2500.

Verdi White reported that state department heads meet with the Governor every two weeks to brief him on current activities and critical issues. Verdi would like the Commission to address earthquake activities and issues in these all-hazard meetings.

➤ **BUILDING CODES-A REPORT FROM THE FIELD**

Anne vonWeller gave a presentation on the history of building codes in Utah.

➤ **2000-2004 USSC PROGRESS REPORT**

Barry Welliver and the Commission discussed the USSC Progress Report. Barry and Bob Carey have met with the intern to compile information and prepare the document. Ten out of a possible fifteen Commissioners have responded with their input for the report. Bob and the intern are preparing this information for the document. There are 23 “retrospective” topics for potential inclusion in the report. Barry gave a handout that tasked Commissioners to expand on certain topics and respond by the first of September. An October deadline has been made to have the report in a rough draft form.

➤ **URM AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT**

Barry Welliver began his discussion with a handout that includes a resolution recognizing the URM building hazard in Utah. The resolution is a tool to address the concerns and lists steps to resolve those concerns. This resolution will be used as a template or a guide to communicate to the legislature, in hopes to gain endorsement from the state. A sub-group is to compile an inventory of the URM²s within the state.

Motion: *Carl Eriksson made a motion for the Commission to adopt the resolution. Walter Arabasz seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

Motion: *Carl Eriksson made a motion for the Commission to adopt the resolution with minor amendments. Walter Arabasz seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

The URM ad hoc committee will continue to work on the wording of the resolution.

➤ **NEXT MEETING**

DATE: Friday, October 28, 2005
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: State Office Building Auditorium
Salt Lake City, Utah

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. to attend the tour of the State Capitol reconstruction at 3:00 p.m.