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UTAH SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION

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Capitol Building Room 225

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lee Allison

Walter Arabasz

James Bailey

Lorayne Frank

James Golden

Bill Juszack

Larry Naccarato

Representative Clark Reber

Barry Smith

Suzanne Winters

T. Leslie Youd

Director, Utah Geological Survey

Director, University of Utah Seismograph Stations

Structural Engineers Association of Utah

Director, Comprehensive Emergency Management

Utah Department of Transportation

Facilities Construction and Management

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Utah House of Representatives

Western Mountain Region American

Institute of Architects

Science Advisor, Governor's Office of Planning
and Budget

Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, BYU

CEM STAFF PRESENT:

Jeanne Andersen

Nancy Barr

Bob Carey

Leo Kelland

John Rokich

Judy Watanabe

Natural Hazards Office Technician

Natural Hazards Floodplain Program Manager

Natural Hazards Earthquake Program Manager

Bureau Chief, Operations & Field Coordination

Natural Hazards Section Manager

Natural Hazards Planner

UGS STAFF PRESENT:

Gary Christenson

Janine Jarva

Geological Manager, Utah Geological Survey

Geological Tech, Utah Geological Survey

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sue Nava

University of Utah Seismograph Stations

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Commissioner D. Douglas Bodrero

Ken Bullock

James Golden

Senator Craig A. Peterson

Department of Public Safety

Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns

Director of Department of Transportation

Utah Senate



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WELCOME

Lorayne Frank - welcomed the Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) and called the inaugural meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions of the Commission members and staff were made. This meeting is an historical meeting because it is the first meeting of the USSC, which was established by the Legislature. For many years we have tried to get seismic safety legislation in place. Lorayne thanked Lee Allison and Walter Arabasz for their efforts in getting the Utah Seismic Safety Commission established. This Commission will report to a legislative committee.

UTAH EARTHQUAKE ADVISORY BOARD (UEAB) APPRECIATION

The UEAB worked very hard on creating a long-term strategic planning document called *Utah at Risk*, now called *A Strategic Plan For Earthquake Safety In Utah*. Lorayne presented certificates of appreciation, signed by Governor Leavitt and herself, to the UEAB members for their dedicated service on the Board and for playing a vital role in the future of seismic safety in Utah.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Lorayne opened nominations for the election of the chairperson for the USSC. Walter Arabasz nominated Professor Les Youd.

Walter Arabasz MOTIONED
Lee Allison SECONDED
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Les Youd - accepted the position of Chairperson for the USSC but explained that due to many other obligations, he will need support from the CEM and UGS staffs.

THE STRATEGIC PLANNING DOCUMENT

As the new Chairperson for the USSC, Les Youd referred the Commission to the agenda items. He reviewed the mission, goals, and objectives outlined in House Bill 358. He then turned the time over to Walter Arabasz for discussion of the planning document.

Walter Arabasz - presented the Commission with the results of a working group meeting held by the Chairpersons of the UEAB Standing Committees. Walter encouraged the Commission to read the document, *A Strategic Plan for Earthquake Safety in Utah*, familiarize themselves with its contents, and to make comments.

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Lee Allison - made a motion to adopt *A Strategic Plan for Earthquake Safety in Utah* as a working draft document for the USSC which would be presented to the Legislature in the 1995 session. It will remain a draft document until changes, additions and comments are returned from members and others.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Janine Jarva - will issue a notice in the *Fault Line Forum* that readers of the newsletter can submit their name to get on the mailing list to receive a copy of the draft document. Janine also reminded the Commission that the *Fault Line Forum* will publish any articles the USSC wants to submit.

Lee Allison - made a motion that the USSC accept the continuation of the *Fault Line Forum* as the official newsletter for the USSC.

The motion was discussed and a concern that was expressed that since USSC members had not participated in any of the article writing in the newsletter, it couldn't be considered an official voice of the USSC. Most members agreed.

Lee Allison withdrew the motion. He assured the Commission that the *Fault Line Forum* would be available to print articles for the USSC and that the *Forum* would continue to operate on its own. The *Fault Line Forum* provides information on new technology, new codes, new policies, and emergency response information. The *Fault Line Forum* has a broad-based mail out. By comparison the *Faultline Newsletter*, published by CEM, provides information submitted by the Commission members and its staff.

Lee Allison informed the Commission that the 1995 Earthquake Conference has been postponed. The conference will be sponsored by UGS and CEM will assist.

Lorayne Frank - reported on Response '94. All state agencies participated in the large-scale exercise. On November 16, there will be a Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) exercise. She also informed the Commission there will be a full-scale exercise in 1995.

Walter Arabasz - will report on the status of the Strong Motion Instrumentation Program (SMIP) in our upcoming meeting in October. SMIP will enhance the delivery of seismic information to the emergency response community and the greater public.

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Lee Allison - said that strong motion instrumentation will provide knowledge about soil stability for new buildings. He announced that there would be a U.S.- Japan Conference Workshop on liquefaction, at Snowbird on September 29 - October 2, 1994.

Representative Reber - asked Lee Allison to verify the intent of the monies allocated to the USSC. The bill states that the money is to be used for travel and per diem. The question is whether that money can be used for printing and other needs of the USSC.

TASKS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE OCTOBER 6, 1994 MEETING:

Members will present two or three items that they feel are important concerning this document.

Prioritizing issues in the document.

Provide a list of disciplines for circulation of the draft document for comments and included will be a deadline date for return of these comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next USSC meeting will be October 6, 1994, 10:00 a.m. in CEM's Conference Room B110, in the basement of the State Office Building.