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Governor Gavin Newsom
Seismic Safety Commission Meeting
West Sacramento Community Center Community Room
1110 West Capitol Ave., Galleria Room
March 14, 2019
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order after a quorum was reached.

II. Chairman's Remarks

Discussion:

Not on audio.

III. Expected Earthquake Performance of Buildings Designed to the California Building Code

Speaker – Grace Kang, Pacific Engineering Research Center

Discussion:

Grace Kang presented a handout for public dissemination that aims to communicate fundamental information about the building code in order to mitigate risks posed by earthquakes in California. The intended audiences are families, businesses, and communities. This handout is to be used as a conversation piece about seismic safety and the building code.

Ms. Kang gave an update on the graphic redesign of the handout. The first page informs about the expected code performance of buildings and lets readers know that they may choose to have a building designed or retrofitted for less damage. The middle page presents various earthquakes and the code improvements that have surfaced from those earthquakes. There is also a graph to show the public that there are different performance levels of the building code depending on the severity of the earthquake. The last page will offer the public some actions and resources to take proactive measures.

Ms. Kang said the next steps in production would be to ask the Commission for their input and feedback and obtain permissions for the images in the handout.

The Commission discussed with Ms. Kang the technicality of the current version of the handout. A committee consisted of Commissioner Miyamoto, Commissioner Silva and Ms. Kang was agreed upon in order to go over the handout.

IV. Post Disaster Business Recovery: Learning from Japan's Experiences

Speaker – Dr. Guna Selvaduray, Professor, San Jose University

Discussion:

Hoang Nguyen, graduate student at San Jose University, presented on behalf of Dr. Guna Selvaduray. Mr. Nguyen gave a status update on the post-earthquake business recovery project. The project consisted of three tasks. One, to study the post-earthquake economic recovery measure implemented by the Japanese government. Two, to develop and delivery education seminars to Japanese companies in California. Three, to survey Japanese companies in California for their post-earthquake recovery needs.

Mr. Nguyen's presentation discussed the findings of the surveys. The survey consisted of ten sections and 85 questions and was translated in Japanese. It was distributed to the Japanese Business Association and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California. There were 52 completed surveys that were used for analysis. The main components that stood out for most businesses were finances, utilities, communication, restoration from the local government, and transportation restoration.

Mr. Nguyen said the next steps are to write a final report and submit for review and approval.

V. Tsunami Education Outreach Project

Speaker – *Dr. Lori Dengler, Professor Emeritus, Humboldt State University*

Discussion:

Dr. Lori Dengler discussed the Kamome project. The project aimed at reviewing existing educational standards in California schools, creating a website about the project, and developing age appropriate K-12 activities to promote earthquake and tsunami science. Dr. Dengler showcased some of the features of the website. There is a video, book information, activities, and resources for educators, students, and the general public. Dr. Dengler asked the Commission how they would like to be acknowledged on the website.

VI. Executive Director Report

Speakers – *Richard McCarthy, Executive Director, Seismic Safety Commission;*
Salina Valencia, Legislative/Communications Director, Seismic Safety Commission;
Lena Daniel, Chief Administrative Officer, Seismic Safety Commission

Discussion:

Lena Daniel discussed the Commission's new facility that will bring a cost savings of \$1,500 a month. She also discussed the Commission's current budget situation. The operating fund has a cost savings every year, but the assessment collections through the insurance fund will still have a deficit in two years. Ms. Daniel says the budget subcommittee hopes to meet before the May Commission meeting.

Ms. Daniel said staff would like to submit a budget change proposal that Department of Finance would have to approve. This proposal would include switching salaries over to the general fund. Different budget scenarios will be submitted to agency which would then go to the Department of Finance for approval.

Salina Valencia discussed that staff is working with Nazarian's office on AB2681, which is to get an inventory of structures that are potentially vulnerable within a certain seismic zone. The Commission has no position on the bill as they don't sponsor, support, or oppose legislation, but are there for technical support.

There was a discussion on the mission and vision statement of the Commission. A subcommittee drafted a mission and vision statement that would be broad enough so that the Commission may include multi-hazards and allow for

flexibility and growth. Some Commissioners took a counter position on this and expressed that the Commission should remain specific to earthquake related disasters.

Commissioner Sweiss made a motion to vote on revising the mission statement to include the term earthquake related disasters. Commissioner Silva seconded the motion. Commissioner Miyamoto made another motion to amend to the term earthquakes and other disasters and a Commissioner seconded the motion. It was decided that Commissioner Sweiss' motion would be voted on first and then go on to Commissioner Miyamoto's motion if it did not pass.

Six Commissioners voted yes and four voted no on Commissioner Sweiss' motion. This will amend the mission statement to read, "Losses from earthquake related disasters."

The Commission moved to adopt the vision statement as presented and it was seconded with all in favor. There were no oppositions or abstentions.

VII. Public Comment

Discussion:

Ryan Kersting thanked staff for their effort on AB429. He also showed his appreciation for Grace Kang's presentation. Mr. Kersting offered to have a presentation from SEAC on a future agenda.

VIII. Miscellaneous & Good of the Meeting

Discussion:

Not on audio.

IX. Adjournment

Not on audio.