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**SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION**



*Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.*

Seismic Safety Commission Meeting

Ridgecrest City Hall

100 West California Avenue

Ridgecrest, CA 93555

September 12, 2019

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Michael Gardner, Chairman. Salina Valencia, Legislative/Communications Director, conducted the roll call.

**Present:**

Michael Gardner, Chair  
Mia Marvelli, Vice Chair  
Representative Ryan Arba for Mark Ghilarducci  
Timothy Strack  
Cindy Silva  
Andrew Tran  
Representative Hackett for Ida Clair

**Absent:**

Jerry Hill  
Ken Cooley  
Jorge Meneses  
Dr. H. Kit Miyamoto  
David Rabbitt  
Fuad Sweiss  
Ivan Wong

## **II. Chairman's Remarks**

### **Discussion:**

Chairman Gardner thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

## **III. Update Homeowner's Guide**

**Speakers – *Cindy Silva, SSC Commissioner;*  
*Fred Turner, SCC Senior Structural Engineer***

### **Discussion:**

Commissioner Silva discussed the progress that has been made on the Homeowner's Guide to Earthquake Safety. Zoom Media was selected through an RFP process to do design and production for the guide. The first deliverable will be sample pages in two different styles and formats. There will be a subcommittee conference call to provide feedback and select the best option to move forward in the process.

Fred Turner, Commission Senior Structural Engineer, said the Commission can expect a final draft of the design at the November Commission meeting if everything goes well in the subcommittee review process. Due to Commissioner Goodwin not being reappointed; Mr. Turner asked the Commission whether to replace Commissioner Goodwin on the subcommittee or continue without him.

Commissioner Silva mentioned if someone else was added to the subcommittee that same day then they would be out of compliance with noticing and the project would be delayed.

Chairman Michael Gardner suggested leaving the subcommittee as is.

Commissioner Marvelli asked whether the electronic version of the guide would be accessible, with readable text and tagged images. Commissioner Silva said the current electronic version of the guide would be replaced with the new version. Commissioner Silva and Mr. Turner said the idea was brought up on possibly converting the electronic document into a web structure with multiple pages with links, although it is not in the contract with Zoom Media to produce an app.

#### **IV. Recap of Ridgecrest Sequence of Earthquakes Hearing**

**Speaker – *Richard McCarthy, Executive Director***

##### **Discussion:**

Executive Director McCarthy discussed the prior day's hearing. There was discussion on the best way to report data and information gathered from the Ridgecrest earthquakes. Mr. McCarthy suggested a short summary document with observations from the event, a map of the epicenter, and findings and recommendations to issues based on testimony from Ridgecrest citizens.

Mr. McCarthy offered to write the introduction and will work with Fred Turner on specifics. Commissioner Marvelli offered to write recommendations on information gathering forms that are filled out after an event.

Chairman Gardner suggested a three-person subcommittee to work on this summary document. Chairman Gardner appointed himself, Ms. Marvelli, and Mr. Hackett to work with staff. The goal is to draft a document and get it adopted by the Commission within 45 days.

#### **V. Executive Director Report**

**Speakers – *Richard McCarthy, Executive Director;*  
*Salina Valencia, Legislative/Communications Director***

##### **Discussion:**

Executive Director McCarthy mentioned that the Commission will be experience a budget deficit in two fiscal years. The Department of Finance will be evaluating the Commission through its Mission Based Review Process. The review will include interviews with commissioners and staff, review of the Commission website, and reviews of projects and work done and interviews with stakeholders. Legislative Director Salina Valencia described it as building a portfolio of the Commission and presenting it to the Department of Finance.

The Department of Finance will attend the November meeting to observe the Commission. They hope to have review in place for the Commission by the end of the year.

Ms. Valencia discussed the legislative bills the Commission had been tracking, AB-393 and AB-429. AB-393 was held in Appropriations and AB-429 made it to the Senate floor but got placed in an inactive file. Due to this, the Commission currently has no bills to track.

## **VI. Public Comment**

### **Discussion:**

Ridgecrest Police Chief Jed McLaughlin offered his help and thanked the Commission for holding its hearing in the City of Ridgecrest.

## **VII. Miscellaneous & Good of the Meeting**

### **Discussion:**

No items were discussed.

## **VIII. Meeting Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Michael Gardner, Chairman.