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**ALFRED E. ALQUIST
SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING**

Zoom Teleconference Meeting
September 10, 2020

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Michael Gardner, Chairperson. Tanya Black, Administrative Processes Manager, conducted the roll call.

Present:

Michael Gardner, Chair

Mia Marvelli, Vice Chair

Representative Jim Hackett for Ida Clair (arrived at 9:33am)

Representative Rachel Sierer Wooden for Mark Ghilarducci

Jorge Meneses

Dr. H. Kit Miyamoto

David Rabbitt (arrived at 9:40am)

Cindy Silva

Timothy Strack

Fuad Sweiss

Andrew Tran

Ivan Wong

Absent:

Ken Cooley

Ida Clair

Mark Ghilarducci

Jerry Hill



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II. Approval of Seismic Safety Commission July 9th, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

The Seismic Safety Commission (SSC) discussed the meeting minutes of July 9th, 2020. Motion to approve by Commissioner Silva, seconded by Commissioner Marvelli. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman briefly mentioned the ongoing fires in California.

At the suggestion of Executive Director Richard McCarthy, Chairman Gardner moved item 4 Election of Chair and Vice and item 5 Appoint Subcommittee to Identify Key Activities and Responsibilities Related to Seismic Safety to be taken out of order and be heard before item 9 Executive Director's Report.

IV. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair Report

Speakers – Mia Marvelli, Vice Chair

Timothy Strack, SSC Commissioner

Discussion:

Commissioner Strack gave the report. Commissioners Strack and Marvelli went through the selection process for the new Chair and Vice Chair, including interviews and review of the statement of qualifications.

The nominating committee is submitting Commissioner Silva's name as our recommended candidate for Vice Chair. Motion to approve by Chairman Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Sweiss. Motion passed and Commissioner Silva was appointed Vice Chairman.

The Nominating Committee recommended Kit Miyamoto for consideration and recommendation as Chairman. Motion to approve by Chairman Gardner, seconded by Commissioner Rabbitt. Motion passed and Commissioner Miyamoto was appointed Chairman.



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V. Appoint Subcommittee to Identify Key Activities and Responsibilities Related to Seismic Safety

Speaker – Richard McCarthy, Executive Director

Discussion:

The SSC is tasked with coordinating and reporting on seismic programs through both state agencies and other organizations.

An Ad Hoc Subcommittee will assist staff in putting together a standardized template the organizations can follow and place the information that is deemed necessary for SSC's review and comment

VI. Update on Spanish translation of "Homeowner's Guide to Earthquake Safety"

Speakers – Mike Orille, Staff Services Analyst

Cindy Silva, SCC Commissioner

Discussion:

Mike Orille gave an update on the Spanish Homeowners Guide stating the project is almost complete and there were small suggested by Commissioners Silva, Wong and Meneses after review of the project. However, there are a few pending minor edits regarding accessibility for the document. The subcommittee was granted the authority to accept and finalize the document once the edits were complete.

Commissioner Marvelli made a motion to reaffirm that the Subcommittee has the authority to finalize the Spanish version of the Homeowner's Guide. Motion seconded. Motion passed after a roll call vote.

VII. Annual Report from the Hospital Building Safety Board

Speaker – Chris Tokas, Deputy Division Chief, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development

Discussion:

Mr. Tokas gave a briefing on the establishment of the California Hospital, Seismic Retrofit Program or otherwise known as the California Hospital Seismic



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Compliance Program. The Hospital Building Safety Board has respectfully submitted the commission report for its 2019 activities. The full report is also posted on the website. The subject report contains the meeting minutes, the motions, and decisions of the Hospital Building Safety Board for an extremely active year.

VIII. Update on “Fire Following Earthquake”

Speakers – Chief Brian Marshall, CalOES

Chief Larry Collins, CalOES

Discussion:

Chief Marshall gave a brief update on fire following the earthquake. As well as addressing fires that are burning throughout the state during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

He stated there is data on mass conflagrations across the state and the speed at which fire is moving. There are massive amounts of fire, even without wind, because the first set of fires were lightning caused that have become record-setting fires across the state. In the context of a large earthquake with fires, multiple fires, fires growing together, any wind on it, and you will have widespread devastation. The fear as with these fires, is widespread fatalities and being able to notify people in time to get out in front of the fire. The Wildland Fires are an excellent learning lesson to equate to Fire Following the Earthquake.

There needs to be a look at the infrastructure with some true momentum behind it to figure out with the right people, what the infrastructure really needs to look like for the scenario in these highly populated areas and beyond. Chief Collins is suggesting a Blue-Ribbon Commission to review this and figure out the near-term and long-term solutions and possibly legislation to support it.

IX. Executive Director Report

Speakers – Richard McCarthy, Executive Director

Salina Valencia, Director of Legislation & Communications

Tanya Black, Administrative Processes Manager



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Discussion:

Executive Director Richard McCarthy gave a brief update on the progress of the transition of the SSC into Cal OES.

Mr. McCarthy updated the Commission on its' annual Joint Legislative Audit Committee letter regarding any updates to San Francisco Public Utilities Project Water System Improvement Program.

Salina Valencia, Director of Legislation & Communications gave an update on the legislative session as well as any pending legislative bills that the Commission was monitoring.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Miscellaneous & Good of the Meeting

The Commission discussed whether it was appropriate to hold the November 2020 meeting as previously scheduled. It was agreed upon that the meeting should be held and the focal point of the meeting would be to understand the partnership between Cal OES and the Commission within the Commission's new reporting structure.

XII. Meeting Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14am by Kit Miyamoto, Chairperson.