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ALFRED E. ALQUIST
SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
In-person and Teleconference Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rabbitt called the meeting to order at approximately 10:01 a.m. A roll call was conducted to establish a quorum.

Commissioners In-Person Attendance

David Rabbitt, Chair, Local Government
Debra Garnes, Vice Chair, Local Government
Representative Lori Nezhura for Christina Curry, CA Governor's Office of
Emergency Services (Cal OES)

Commissioners Virtual Attendance

Representative Irina Brauzman for Stoyan Bumbalov, Building Standards
Commission
Representative Tomasa Duenas for Gail Pellerin, CA State Assemblymember
Dr. H. Kit Miyamoto, Structural Engineer
Cindy Silva, Local Government
Vincent Wells, Fire Protection

Commissioners Absent

Ida Clair, State Architect
Joone Kim-Lopez, Public Utility
Kevin McGowan, Emergency Services

2. Chair Remarks

Chair Rabbitt began the meeting by thanking Dr. Sara K. McBride and the staff for their contributions.



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3. Approval of Seismic Safety Commission (SSC) October 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

Vice Chair Garnes made a motion to approve the SSC October 9, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Representative Nezhura. A roll-call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. AB 100 Report- California Geological Survey (CGS)

-Wendy Bohon, Ph.D., California Geological Survey

Dr. Wendy Bohon, CGS, presented to the commission the Seismic Risk Reduction Annual Update. The CGS reviews geological and geotechnical reports for new public schools, hospitals, and essential services buildings, and in 2025, 405 school projects and 45 hospital projects were reviewed.

Representative Nezhura made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Vice Chair Garnes. A roll call was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Seismic Safety Commission 2025 Reports

-Dr. Sara K. McBride, Executive Director, SSC

-Tanya Black, Administrative Processes Manager, SSC

Dr. Sara K. McBride provided an overview of the 2025 Seismic Safety Commission Annual Report.

Vice Chair Garnes made a motion to approve the Annual Report with any non-substantive changes made by the Commission, seconded by Representative Nezhura. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

Tanya Black provided an overview of the Attorney General Letter and the CRAF funds.

Commissioner Silva made a motion to approve the Attorney General Letter with non-substantive changes made by the Commission, including addressing the Quake Heroes contract and the Ferndale Sequence,



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seconded by Representative Nezhura. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. Break

At 10:54 AM, Chair Rabbitt suggested working through the break and ending the meeting early. There were no objections.

7. Seismic Safety Commission Five Year Work Plan

-Dr. Sara K. McBride, Executive Director, SSC

Executive Director Dr. Sara K. McBride provided an outline of potential annual themes to focus projects on over the next five years. The plan focuses on translating data into policy recommendations, proposing cross-cutting themes during the project proposal process, creating a template for future AB 100 reports, and developing an expert elicitation process.

The breakdown of the next five years' themes is to develop the work plan and complete current projects in 2026; focus on Critical Infrastructure in 2027; on Transportation in 2028; on Power Generation in 2029; and on Health Care Facilities and Networks in 2030.

8. Project Updates

- Dr. Sara K. McBride, Executive Director, SSC

Executive Director Dr. Sara K. McBride updated Commissioners on the status of the following projects:

- **Ferndale and Türkiye**—A three-part project encompassing: (1) a report on the impediments to recovery for Rio Dell; (2) data on tectonics/triggered events, like Türkiye, with Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER), modeling locations in Northern and Southern California; and (3) recovery simulations provided by the Interdependent Networked-Community Resilience Modeling Environment (IN-CORE).
 - (1) The report has been approved and published on the SSC website.



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- (2) PEER's contract has been amended to extend the project through April 2026. Work on the deliverables continues.
- (3) This report has been provided for review by staff and the Ad-Hoc committee.
- **Mobile Home Building Code Project**—The BRIC Building Code Plus Up grant was approved. SSC staff worked with Cal OES grant and contract staff to scope a statement of work. The Cal OES contract team is working on the proposal. Contract has been submitted for budget proposal updates.
- **Reducing Post-Earthquake Ignitions and Improving Firefighting Water Supply Capacity Reliability**—Approved at the October and April 2024 meetings, Dr. Charles Scawthorn, President of SPA Risk LLC., and SSC staff have merged these proposals into one contract. SSC staff are working with Dr. Charles Scawthorn and a new Project Investigator (PI), Professor Gollner.
- **Building Health Monitoring Using California's MyShake Smartphone App**—After receiving approval at the January 2025 meeting, SSC staff collaborated with Professor Richard Allen, Ph.D., Seismologist and Director of the Berkeley Seismological Laboratory at UC Berkeley. The contract has since been approved, and the official kick-off meeting took place on September 18, 2025.
- **SSC Website & Design Contract**—SSC staff collaborated with the Cal OES Procurement team to award the contract to Capital Tech Solutions, effective through June 30, 2026. The website will be refreshed and the 120-year timeline updated.
- **Quake Heroes Expos**—The University of Southern California (USC) received approval to fund a series of events featuring their Quake Heroes documentary film. The contract has expired, and the SSC will not proceed with an extension on the project.

9. Miscellaneous Announcements

Executive Director Dr. Sara K. McBride reminded commissioners of the Form 700 Filing Deadline of April 1, 2026. Tanya Black noted that, at the April 9, 2026, Meeting, the SSC will elect the Chair and Vice Chair, as mandated by statute, on an annual basis.



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10. Public Comments: Items Not on the Agenda

There was a letter from Nicolas Pascal requesting Senate Bill 895 to fund research on a system-wide approach to hazard and risk reduction, so that the funds from this bill can be used for the Commission's work going forward.

11. Adjourn

Chair Rabbitt adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Tanya Black, Administrative Processes Manager