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**Western States Seismic Policy Council Recognizes Charles Real with a 2013 WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award in Earthquake Risk Reduction**

**Sacramento** – The Western States Seismic Policy Council’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Charles “Chuck” Real is the recipient of the 2013 WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award in Earthquake Risk Reduction.

“I am thrilled to be recognized in this way,” said Chuck Real, Supervising Engineering Geologist with the California Geological Survey. “Enjoying one’s work in a cause you believe in, with a supporting agency, colleagues and peers – what more can one ask for in a career.....and then to receive an award? I feel fortunate and honored to walk in the footsteps of those recognized before me.”

The WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding leaders in earthquake risk reduction who are actively practicing their profession. The recipient will have demonstrated throughout his or her career an extraordinary commitment, level of service, and contribution to the application of earthquake risk reduction to public policy.

“Chuck Real has worked tirelessly to improve seismic safety in California,” said John Parrish, California State Geologist, California Geological Survey. “Through his management of the State of California’s Seismic Hazard Zonation Program, supervision of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Program, and his recent leadership in tsunami hazard reduction, he has impacted every community in California that has earthquake and tsunami hazards, and has strengthened the resiliency of those communities to seismic hazards. Chuck’s expertise includes his ability to effectively communicate the science to the public, government policy makers, and other officials.”

The Award will be presented at the 2013 Western States Seismic Policy Council’s Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon May 2, 2013 at the Marriott Lake Union Hotel in Seattle, Washington.

The mission of the Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) is to develop seismic policies and disseminate information about programs intended to reduce earthquake-related losses.

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