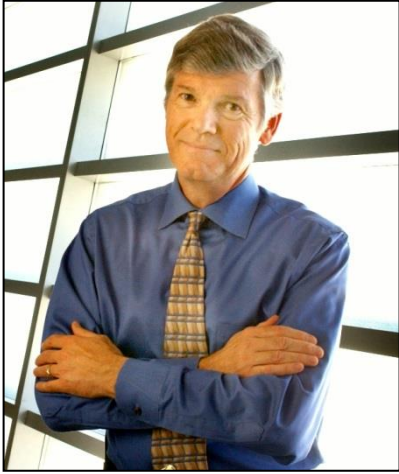


Western States Seismic Policy Council 2011 Leadership Award



The Western States Seismic Policy Council Board of Directors is pleased to announce that James Goltz is the recipient of a WSSPC Leadership Award for his inspirational and sustained leadership in tsunami hazard mitigation, public awareness, and emergency preparedness for the State of California.

“I am surprised and humbled to be the recipient of the *2011 WSSPC Leadership Award*”, said Jim Goltz, the Earthquake and Tsunami Program Manager for the California Emergency Management Agency. “This award means a great deal to me because the nomination came from my staff, the most important constituency for any leader. I have always believed,

and hopefully practiced, the idea that the essential ingredients of leadership are empathy and humility. If you, as a leader, can put yourself in the place of your employees and see the world from their perspective and have enough insight to understand how dependent you are on their abilities, expertise and trust, success in achieving your objectives is within reach. I thank members of the California Emergency Management Agency’s Earthquake and Tsunami Program and WSSPC for this honor.”

This award recognizes individuals within the WSSPC membership who have demonstrated sustained leadership benefiting the WSSPC community.

“To Jim, being the leader of the California Tsunami Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness Program is more than a job, it is a personal commitment to saving lives and protecting the working environment for the people of the State of California,” said John Parrish, California State Geologist and WSSPC Board Chairman.

“Jim’s leadership both within the State of California as the head of California’s State Earthquake and Tsunami Program and at a National level through the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program, has not only been sustained, it has been inspirational,” said Lori Dengler, Professor and Chair of the Geology and Oceanography Department, Humboldt State University. “Jim has been instrumental in understanding the importance of education and human behavior in recognizing both natural and official warning signals and responding appropriately to both.”