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Save the Date!

WSSPC Annual Meeting and National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting

The WSSPC Annual Meeting and National Earthquake Program manager's (NEPM) Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah during the week of April 22nd-26th, 2019 at the Salt Lake City Marriott University Park.

The WSSPC Annual Meeting will take place on April 25th and 26th, 2019.

Thursday, March 25th, 2019:

5:00-6:00: WSSPC Policy Workgroup Sessions

Friday, March 26th, 2019:

12:00-1:00: WSSPC Awards Luncheon

1:00-2:00: WSSPC Board Meeting

2:15-4:15: WSSPC Annual Business Meeting

For more details and information on registration please visit:

<http://eqprogram.net/2019-national-earthquake-program-managers-meeting/>



WSSPC Executive Director Patti Sutch has Retired

Patricia Sutch, WSSPC's Executive Director of 20 years, retired on February 28th 2019. She brought a wealth of relevant experience to WSSPC and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize Patti's achievements and her accomplishments here.

Patti has truly supported WSSPC and moved it forward to provide support in Earthquake preparedness. Examples of her achievements include:

- Organized the first quadrennial National Earthquake Conference in 2000 and collaborated with consortia on the 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 conferences
- Put WSSPC on a firm financial footing by building up reserves to cover approximately a year of operation
- Invited state seismic commissions to join WSSPC resulting in 7 new WSSPC members
- Started the Lifetime and Leadership awards to recognize individuals
- Organized and sponsored Earthquake Early Warning Workshops
- Added a fast-track option for policy recommendation adoption by the states
- Established a Policy Liaison with CREW
- Added Monthly Bulletins to WSSPC outreach starting in 2014
- Added Annual Reports starting in 2007
- Re-designed the website and added a Tsunami Center and Earthquake Center to highlight significant events that have occurred in WSSPC states
- Participated in California's Tsunami Policy Working Group and as a NTHMP Reviewer
- Produced Earthquake Emergency Handbook to fulfill a policy recommendation
- Provided State support projects for Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, and Wyoming

We are going to miss Patti here at WSSPC and we wish her a happy retirement. We are very grateful for all she has done for this consortia.



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WSSPC Policy Recommendations

All the policy recommendations need to be turned into WSSPC by the WSSPC committees no later than Friday, March 15, 2019. The links for these policies can be found on the WSSPC website at:

<https://www.wsspc.org/public-policy/2019-wsspc-draft-policy-recommendations/>

Draft PR 19-1: Rapid and Effective Tsunami Identification and Response

Draft PR 19-3: Post-Earthquake Technical Clearinghouses

Draft PR 19-4: Seismic Provisions in the 2018 International Building Codes

Draft PR 19-10: WSSPC/EERI Joint Policy for the Evaluation and Seismic Remediation of School Buildings

Draft PR 19-11: Reliability of Lifeline Services

Draft PR 19-12: Earthquake-Actuated Automatic Gas Shutoff Devices

President Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Alaska

On January 31st, 2019 FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance was approved for Alaska in order to support recovery efforts for the earthquake that hit Anchorage in November. The funding will cover grants for “temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individual and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.” Additionally, the declaration allows for funding to state, tribal, and local governments as well as certain private, nonprofit organizations.

<https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2019/01/31/president-donald-j-trump-approves-major-disaster-declaration-alaska>

Utah Experiences a Surge in Small Earthquake Occurrences

Utah was hit by a M3.3 and M3.7 earthquake on Friday, February 15th. These were felt throughout the Salt Lake City area and have been preceded by 88 classified aftershocks as of February 21st. The largest aftershock recorded from this earthquake is a M2.5 that shook Utah on Wednesday February 20th. Although no damage has been reported from these quakes, such events act as a reminder to be prepared in case of a natural disaster and get ready to drop, cover, and hold on when an earthquake strikes.

<https://www.ksl.com/article/46496115/102-small-earthquakes-shake-bluffdale-area-in-more-than-a-week-u-seismography-reports>

Update on WSSPC State Support Projects

WSSPC has been working with Idaho, Nevada, and Guam on supporting their respective state projects.

In Nevada, we have successfully completed the first billboard campaign that ran in October, 2018 and are currently working to repeat the earthquake billboards campaign beginning April 1st.

In Idaho, we are supporting their Clearinghouse Plan project to include a tabletop exercise. A more functional exercise will be held March 5th-7th.

In Guam, we are facilitating a hazard mitigation workshop. The workshop will cover the threats from earthquakes and tsunamis and support the development of their mitigation strategies



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Workshops and Events:

Idaho Clearinghouse Exercise

March 5th-7th, 2019
Boise, Idaho

EERI Annual Meeting

March 5th-8th, 2019
Vancouver, B.C, Canada
<https://www.eeri.org/2018/07/save-the-date-eeri-2019-annual-meeting/>

Hawaii Earthquake and Tsunami Advisory Committee

March 8th, 2019
Honolulu, Hawaii

Deadline to Return Policy Recommendation Changes to the WSSPC Office

March 15th, 2019
Sacramento, California

Mitigation Strategies and Opportunities Workshop

March 25th-26th, 2019
Tumon, Guam

NEMA Mid-Year Forum

March 29th-April 2nd, 2019
Alexandria, VA
<https://www.nemaweb.org/index.php/forums-meetings/save-the-date>

National Earthquake Program Managers Meeting and WSSPC Annual Meeting

April 22nd-26th, 2019
Salt Lake City, Utah
<https://eqprogram.net/2019-nepm-meeting-set-for-april-22-26-2019/>

Thank You 2019 WSSPC Affiliate Members!

WSSPC welcomes all members of the professional community who share the common goal of reducing losses from earthquakes. Thanks to our new 2019 Affiliate Members:

Corporate

California Earthquake Authority
Saunders Construction, Inc.

Government

City of Las Vegas Building and Safety
Clark County Building and Fire Prevention

Individual

Dominic Sims