



## Meeting Minutes Nevada Earthquake Safety Council

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>DATE</b>	Thursday, March 18, 2015	
	<b>TIME</b>	9:00 A.M.	
	<b>LOCATION</b>	Teleconference call	
	<b>METHOD</b>	Teleconference	
	<b>RECORDER</b>	Janell Woodward	
<b>Council Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Staff and Others</b>	<b>Present</b>
Alan Bennett		Janell Woodward	X
Michael Blakely		Rick Martin	X
Ian Buckle		Debbie Tanaka	X
Wayne Carlson		Henna Rasul	X
Craig dePolo	X	Stephanie Parker	X
Jeff Hahn	X	Gary Hourt	X
Graham Kent	X	Karen Johnson	X
Ron Lynn	X	Kyle West	X
Connie Morton	X		
Jim O'Donnell	X		
Vance Payne	X		
Jim Reagan	X		
Woody Savage			
Wanda Taylor	X		
Jim Walker	X		
Jim Werle	X		

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ron Lynn called the meeting to order. Janell Woodward called roll and a quorum was established.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair, Ron Lynn opened discussion for public commentary for this teleconference. There were no comments.

### 3. RANKING OF PROPOSED PROJECTS

Chair, Ron Lynn opened this agenda item by asking if anyone wanted to give an overview of the projects submitted to NESC for ranking. Craig dePolo gave an overview of his two submitted projects for Planning Fault/Earthquake/Volcano/and Geothermal maps in the

north and south. It was noted that the 39<sup>th</sup> parallel is the cutoff between the north and south set of maps. A question was asked regarding priority of the maps, north versus south, and Craig indicated he would recommend the northern mappings first as there are more communities in the north than the south.

As well, Graham Kent gave a short overview of the Shakeout outreach project submitted by the Nevada Seismological Laboratory. This will involve visiting the Libraries in order to encourage further participation in the Great Shakeout. Once the overviews were heard, there was opportunity for questions. A poll of all NESC members present was taking recording their individual rankings. A final determination was made once all the rankings were in revealing the following ranking of the three submitted projects in ranking order.

1. Mapping project – North
2. Shakeout project
3. Mapping project – South

These projects and their ranking will be submitted to NDEM for potential funding by any potential deobligated EMPG funds. It was stressed that there is no guarantee that deobligated funds will become available and therefore, no projects are guaranteed. Should funds become available, NDEM will look at all submitted projects to determine what might be able to be funded.

Ron Lynn asked for a motion. Jim Walker moved to accept the ranking and Vance Payne seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF WESTERN STATES SEISMIC POLICY COUNCIL (WSSPC) RESOLUTION**

Chair, Ron Lynn explained that the longstanding policy has been to identify the age of faults. Apparently the President of Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) wanted to change this policy and the board indicated this was too narrow a scope. Bill Lund of Utah was against this which brought up further discussion. Craig dePolo stated the issue is the age of faults that is considered hazardous from an earthquake point of view. California has a criteria of 10,000 years or younger. Nevada must pay attention to longer timeframes than that. This is because Nevada is in the Basin and Range Province and there are more faults than in California and they all move a little slower and have a longer time span between events. This fact was highlighted with a policy recommendation in WSSCP stating that it highlights three different types of faults. The recommendation highlights these three types of faults. NESC used this recommendation in developing Nevada's guidelines. The Basin and Range Committee of the WSSPC is in favor of this recommendation. One of the board members has indicated it is too restrictive. The goal here is to rally WSSPC members who have used these recommendation criteria to provide letters of support to keep this recommendation.

Craig made a motion that NESC write a letter indicating they have used the policy recommendation 15-3 from WSSPC and that NESC endorses that it continue as a recommendation. Wanda Taylor seconded this motion.

Graham Kent asked what argument California had against the recommendation. Craig indicated that it is not entirely clear exactly what the issue is.

Ron Lynn indicated that WSSPC policy 15-3 has already been removed from the WSSPC website. Ron also reiterated that NESC has historically supported the dates and evolution of policy 15-3.

Graham indicated that he would like to know why California does not want policy 15-3 to continue. Craig indicated that John Parrish is the state geologist for California. Craig suggested the possibility that NESC request a letter from Mr. Parrish explaining why this resolution is being removed. Ron stated the policy has been in place since 1997. Graham Kent suggested that NESC take the time to find out from California their reasoning behind wanting policy 15-3 removed. This is important in continuing to build relationships with other states.

Ron indicated that NESC supported policy 15-3 when it originally came up and reaffirmed.

Craig withdrew his motion regarding a letter of support. Wanda also withdrew her second.

Jim Faulds asked about the timing of the need for the information from Mr. Parrish. Ron indicated that the WSSPC annual meeting is April 24 and that he would be attending that meeting. Jim offered to call John Parrish and discuss this subject with him and get back to the committee.

Craig stated he would send the policy to Janell and ask her to send it out to all the members. He would be happy to answer anyone's questions regarding the policy.

Graham Kent made a motion that Ron Lynn speak on behalf of the NESC at the April 24 WSSPC annual meeting regarding the issue of policy 15-3 once he has received feedback from Jim Faulds, the Nevada State Geologist, and John Parrish, the California State Geologist. Craig dePolo seconded. Ron Lynn abstained. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair, Ron Lynn opened the meeting for public comment. Kyle West, City of Reno, Safety and Training Manager expressed appreciation to Janell Woodward for help in facilitating FEMA training in Reno, all earthquake related. FEMA 154 and ATC-20 was offered twice in Reno on February 3 and 4 which was very successful. Coming up is FEMA P-50 and 50-1 on March 24. Craig dePolo stated he heard a lot of good comments about the content of the training and that they were very well attended and thanked all involved for good job on training.

## **6. ADJOURN**

Chair, Ron Lynn declared the meeting adjourned.