

## MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, 25 October 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

### **I. Opening Business**

**10:00 a.m.**

- Call to Order (Mike West, Chairperson); Roll Call: Commission members John Aho, Edward Athey, Charity Carmody, Laura Kelly, Robert Scher, De Anne Stevens, Sterling Strait, Kim Stuart, and Mike West were present. David Gibbs was late and Michael Holman was excused.
- Introductions/Guests: Barrett Salisbury of the Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys (DGGS), James Hart, and Helen Fenner of the Alaska Earthquake Center were present.
- Ethics Act: Nothing to report.
- Commission discussion of Policy Recommendation (PR) expirations. Scher moved, Aho seconded, to reword the PR guidelines regarding the mandatory expiration language. All in favor.
- Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Strait moved to accept the draft agenda; Scher seconded. Agenda was accepted with changes to the schedule. All in favor.
- 14 April 2017 Meeting Minutes: Kelly moved, Stevens seconded, to approve the April 14, 2017 minutes. All in favor: approved with corrections.
- 11 September 2017 Meeting Minutes: Strait moved, Stevens seconded. All in favor: September 11, 2017 meeting minutes approved with corrections.
- Public Comments: None
- Chair Comments: See below

### **II. Commission Coordination**

- Discussion of Commission rules and procedures: West will follow up with the Alaska Division of Boards and Commissions.
- The Commission's email list has not been updated timely with new members' email addresses. April Woolery of DGGS will follow up on getting the email list updated. The Commissioners explored other possibilities regarding the email list, but no specific decisions were made at this time.
- Feedback requested by Chair on document sharing among Commissioners.
- Review/Approve Strategic Plan Updates (Aho): Aho has compiled Commission achievements as part of the strategic plan document. Discussion of benefits, adherence to statute. How best to disseminate the Commission Annual Report and to whom. Consideration of fiscal situation in strategic plan.

**Lunch**

**12:05 p.m.**

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### **III. Projects**

- Draft Earthquake Response and Investigation Guide to best fit state and DGGS needs. See commission PR 2014-01 (Stevens and Salisbury): Review and discussion of current draft. Commission members will provide further review and feedback. Exploration of education/training strategies, tracking of volunteers. Aho and Scher will work with other commissioners to draft a policy recommendation.
- Updating the commission's 2014 earthquake response plan (West): West motioned, Aho seconded, to mark the Commission's earthquake response plan as reviewed. All in favor: West will update the document accordingly.
- Southeast RVS project (Kelly): \$30,000 in federal funding was secured through the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) for the next grant period. Kelly will contact school districts in Southeast Alaska to determine which areas can be covered with these funds. DHS&EM secured the funding from the FEMA NEHRP program. The funds will be executed through EERI.
- 'One-pager' on the RVS program (West, Scher, Kelly, Stevens, Carmody): Commission members identified the need to highlight the work being done in screening schools for seismic safety. Consideration of funding for upgrades and maintenance for at-risk schools.
- Next steps to continue RVS momentum (Chair): Covered above.

### **Break**

- Policy recommendations: update or sunset? (All) –
  - PR 2013-1, Value of seismic instrumentation for critical facilities (Scher): Information was disseminated by Scher. He will send document to commission members for comment.
  - PR 2011-2, Earthquake engineering basic knowledge requirements for professional engineering licensure (Scher): Knowledge of arctic engineering is required, but earthquake engineering is not. The Commission is encouraging the adoption of earthquake engineering as a requirement.
  - Review full list of policy recommendations (All): Commission strategies for utilizing teachable moments following damaging seismic events.
- Recess of meeting: Stevens motioned, Aho seconded, to recess for the day. All in favor.

**Recess Meeting**

**5:00 p.m.**

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**Thursday, 26 October 2017, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

**9:00 a.m.**

- Call to Order (Mike West, Chairperson); Roll call: Commission members John Aho, Edward Athey, Charity Carmody, David Gibbs, Laura Kelly, Robert Scher, De Anne Stevens, Sterling Strait, Kim Stuart, and Mike West were present. Michael Holman was excused. Barrett Salisbury and April Woolery were also present. Sally Cox, State of Alaska Risk MAP Coordinator, gave a briefing at 10:30 am.

**II. Briefings**

- DHS&EM, DGGS, AEC, MOA-GAC, other (All): Kim Stuart reported that the October 19 Shake Out exercise in Alaska saw good participation from schools as well as public and private businesses. No funding for a spring earthquake workshop this year. DHS&EM will look at the school RVS data to prioritize and plan. De Anne Stevens – the May workshop meeting proceedings are being printed. DGGS continues to publish tsunami reports for communities in Alaska. DGGS is also working on updating the State Hazard Mitigation Plan. AVO will be putting together a volcanic ashfall recurrence database for the Cook Inlet region. The seismic sources of Alaska paper is planned for completion later this year. Mike West: The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP) provides federal funding for monitoring and mitigation around the country. There is a reauthorization effort for this program this year. Discussion of recent advancements in earthquake monitoring in Alaska and future plans for the same. John Aho would like to plan a joint meeting between the MOA-GAC and the ASHSC.
- Conferences & Meetings of Interest (All): Attached.

**III. Presentation**

- Sally Cox, State of Alaska Risk MAP Coordinator: Overview of Risk MAP Program.

**LUNCH**

**12:00 p.m.**

**IV. Projects (continued)**

- Discussion of state's comments to FEMA concerning the RiskMap program (All): Consideration of the exercises used in assessing risk, including the difference between scenarios and probabilistic exercises. Discussion of recommendations for improvement in FEMA's use of these tools in Alaska.
- Potential Commission Resolutions & Policy Recommendations:
  - Pursue Anchorage Municipality earthquake planning scenario: Discussed with the next bullet point.
  - Toward a policy recommendation on earthquake and tsunami scenarios (Chair): Commission members pointed out the potential issues with partnerships, building



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support, and educating stakeholders. West sees this as an eventual goal that will need to be developed.

### **V. Closing Business**

- Staff report (Staff) Budget update.
- Schedule for the upcoming months (Chair): Not discussed.
- Next Meeting: TBD

### **Adjournment**

**2:30 p.m.**

- Aho moved, Stevens seconded, to adjourn. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.