**STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD**

**DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION**

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***Geohazards Committee***

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING / HEARING

**THE GEOHAZARDS COMMITTEE**
**OF THE**
**STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD**

**Will Conduct a Meeting on:**

**Thursday, March 10, 2016**

**1:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:**

**Assembly Hearing Room #444**
**State Capitol**
**Sacramento, California 95814**

## AGENDA

For questions regarding this Agenda, please contact the SMGB office by telephone at (916) 322-1082, or by facsimile at (916) 445-0738. This Notice and associated staff reports can be accessed electronically at the SMGB's Internet web site at: http://www.consrv.ca.gov/smgb/

[**NOTE**: Times are approximate. The chair may alter the hearing start time or agenda item order during the meeting]

**I. Call to Order (Gavric)**

**II. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum**

**III. Regular Business [Action]**

1. Approval of Minutes, September 30, 2015, Committee Meeting.

**IV. New Business [Action]**

2. Consideration of Comments Received During Public Hearing Held on February 23, 2016, in Placerville, California, for Preliminary Review Maps of Proposed Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones in El Dorado County as Released by the California Geological Survey.

3. Consideration of Comments Received During Public Hearing Held on March 4, 2016, in Hesperia, California, for Preliminary Review Maps of Proposed Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones in San Bernardino County as Released by the California Geological Survey.

4. Discussion and Possible Action re: Concluding the Alquist-Priolo Technical Advisory Committee.

**V. Public Comment Period [Information]**
[This time is scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to address non-agenda items. Those wishing to speak should do so at this time. All persons wishing to address the Committee should fill out a speaker card and present it to the Secretary so that the Chair can determine the number of persons who wish to speak. Speakers are limited to three minutes except by special consent of the Chair.]

**VI. New Business [Information]**
[This item is provided as an opportunity for any SMGB Committee member to bring any item of new business to the Committee's attention for further discussion and further action.]

**VI. Announcements of Future Meetings**

**VII. Adjournment**

## NOTES

### A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

The State Mining and Geology Board's (SMGB's) general authority is granted under Public Resources Code (PRC) Sections 660-678. The SMGB serves as a regulatory, policy and hearing body representing the State's interests in geology, geologic and seismologic hazards, conservation of mineral resources and reclamation of mining lands. SMGB membership consists of nine individuals appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate. The SMGB has specific responsibilities under the following laws:

**Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 -** The overall management of mineral resources in a thoughtful and responsible manner is essential to the continued economic well-being of the State and to the needs of society, and the thoughtful reclamation of mined lands is necessary to prevent or minimize adverse effects on the environment and public health and safety. Similarly, known mineral resources including those of statewide or regional significance that are not currently being mined require protection from irreversible land uses that will preclude their future use.

The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) Public Resources Code Sections 2710, et seq. and its regulations at 14 Cal. Code of Regulations Section 3500, et seq., provides a comprehensive surface mining and reclamation policy to assure that adverse environmental impacts are minimized and mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition. SMARA also encourages the production, conservation, and protection of the State's mineral resources. Under these statutes, the SMGB represents the State's interests in the development, use and conservation of the State's mineral resources, and the reclamation of mined lands, as provided by law.

**Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act -** Under this Act, the SMGB is authorized to represent the State's interests in establishing guidelines and standards for geological and geophysical investigations and reports produced by the California Geological Survey, public sector agencies, and private practitioners. The SMGB also is authorized to develop specific criteria through regulations to be used by Lead Agencies in complying with the provisions of the Act so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

This Act, Public Resources Code Section 2621 et seq., and its regulations at 14 California Code Regulations Section 3600 et seq. provide policies and criteria to assist cities, counties and State agencies in the exercise of responsibilities to prohibit the location of structures for human occupancy across the trace of active faults. Further, it is the intent of the Act to minimize the loss of life during and immediately following earthquakes by facilitating seismic retrofitting to strengthen buildings, and all public works facilities, including historical buildings, against ground shaking.

**Seismic Hazards Mapping Act -** Under this Act, the SMGB is authorized to provide policy and guidance through regulations for a statewide seismic hazard mapping and technical advisory program to assist cities, counties, and State agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities for protecting the public health and safety from the effects of strong ground shaking, liquefaction or other ground failure, landslides and other seismic hazards caused by earthquakes, including tsunami and seiche threats.

The Seismic Hazards Mapping Act, Public Resources Code Section 2690 et seq. and its regulations at 10 California Code of Regulations Section 3720 et seq. provide programs to identify and map

seismic hazard zones in the State in order for cities and counties to adequately prepare the safety element of their general plans and to encourage land use management policies and regulations to reduce and mitigate those hazards to protect public health and safety.

## B. GENERAL PROCEDURAL INFORMATION ABOUT SMGB MEETINGS

The SMGB is governed by the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act that requires the SMGB to (1) publish an Agenda at least ten days in advance of any meeting; (2) describe in the Agenda specific items to be transacted or discussed; and, (3) refuse to add an item no later than 10 days prior to any meeting and republishing of the Agenda.

Persons are invited to visit the SMGB web site at http://www.consrv.ca.gov/smgb. The SMGB Agenda will be available approximately 15 days prior to the scheduled SMGB meeting. The Executive Officer's Report and other Agenda material and reports will be available approximately one week prior to the scheduled SMGB meeting, and also are available at the SMGB office during public business hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday (except holidays).

A Closed Session may be called by the Chair to discuss litigation and other matters for which closed sessions are authorized under the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act.

Agenda items are subject to postponement. Interested and affected persons may contact the SMGB office in advance of the meeting day for information on the status of any Agenda item.

SMGB meetings are open to the public and are held in barrier-free facilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. For additional information or assistance, contact the SMGB office.

## C. SUBMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS ON SMGB AGENDA ITEMS

The SMGB encourages parties to submit documents including comments, technical reports, and other written material on Agenda items prior to the publication of the Executive Officer's Report, so that they can be included in the Agenda material for the Agenda item in question. To ensure that SMGB Members have an opportunity to fully study and consider the items on the Agenda, all such material concerning any matters on the Agenda should be submitted at least three (3) days prior to the meeting date to the SMGB office at 801 K Street, Sacramento, California, 95814, or by electronic mail to the SMGB Executive Officer with a subject line identifying the Agenda item name and number. The SMGB encourages electronic or flash-drive submission of large quantities of documents. Timely submitted written material will be provided to the SMGB along with the full Agenda materials, and will be uploaded to the SMGB web site at http://www.consrv.ca.gov/smgb for the Agenda item in question, along with any Supplemental Executive Officer Reports. Documents submitted to the SMGB less than three (3) days prior to the meeting shall be considered "late submittals." Because it can be difficult for SMGB members to carefully review and consider late submittals, the SMGB retains discretion to determine whether or not it will consider late submittals at the meeting.

Late submittals for general public comment will be provided to the SMGB along with the full Agenda materials, but will not be uploaded to the SMGB web site. Copies of documents submitted for general public comment at least three (3) days prior to the meeting will be available in the meeting room, generally at the entrance to the room. The SMGB regulations pertaining to specific adjudicatory proceedings supersede general statements in these notes regarding SMGB

procedures, including the time requirements for submission of written materials to the SMGB (Refer to Section E). If considered, late submittals will be circulated to the SMGB during the meeting.

Professional reports, documents, calculations, plans, specifications, maps, cross sections, boring or trench logs, and diagrams, or other written materials, which must, under applicable law, regulation, or code, be prepared by or under the supervision of licensed professionals will not be accepted or considered by the SMGB unless at least one copy of the document bears an original signature, stamp impression or seal, and date affixed by the author in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

All SMGB files and documents considered by the SMGB pertaining to the items on this Agenda are made a part of the administrative record for the respective Agenda items.

## D. ORAL COMMENTS DURING SMGB MEETINGS

Speaker Cards: All persons desiring to address the SMGB are required to fill out a speaker card. Cards normally are provided near the entrance to the meeting room. Please fill out a separate card for each item on which you intend to speak, and present it to the SMGB Secretary prior to the item being heard by the SMGB.

Unless otherwise specified in the public notice for a specific item, the SMGB wishes to limit oral presentations from all parties to three (3) minutes or less per individual. The SMGB Chair reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the general three (3) minute limit period depending on time constraints and other factors relating to the particular matter being heard.

Providing and operating projectors and other presentation aids are the responsibilities of the speakers. Some equipment may be available at the SMGB meeting; however, the type of equipment available will vary depending on the meeting location. Owing to software and hardware compatibility issues, provision and operation of laptop computers and projectors for presentations generally will be the responsibility of the individual speakers. To ascertain the availability of presentation equipment, please contact the SMGB office at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting.

## E. SMGB ADJUDICATORY HEARING PROCEDURES

Adjudicatory matters heard by the SMGB include Designation Appeals, Reclamation Plan Appeals, Financial Assurances Appeals, Forfeiture of Financial Assurances Proceedings, Administrative Penalty Petitions, Appeals of Orders to Comply with SMARA and Vested Rights Determinations.

Regulations governing the hearing procedures for these adjudicatory proceedings are in the SMGB's regulations at Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 3500-4000. These regulations are posted on the SMGB internet web site at: http://www.consrv.ca.gov/smgb/. The SMGB regulations pertaining to specific adjudicatory proceedings supersede general statements in these notes regarding SMGB procedures, including the time requirements for submission of written materials to the SMGB. The SMGB generally will prepare and circulate to the parties an agenda and timeline pertaining to specific adjudicatory proceedings.