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Geohazards Committee

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CONFORMED MINUTES

THE GEOHAZARDS COMMITTEE (John Lane, Chair; Jelisaveta Gavric; Negar Noushkam) OF THE STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

Conducted a Meeting on:

Thursday, November 13, 2014

9:00 A.M.

LOCATION:

**City Council Chambers
Palm Springs City Hall
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Palm Springs, CA 92262**

AGENDA

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

I. Call to Order (Lane)

II. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Committee Chairman Lane, with Member Gavric present and Noushkam absent, and a quorum was declared.

III. Consent Items [Action]

[All the items appearing under this section will be acted upon by the committee by one motion and without discussion; however, any committee member wishing to discuss a particular item may request the Chairman to remove the item from the Consent Calendar and consider it separately under Continued Business or New Business]

1. Approval of Minutes, March 12, 2014, Committee Meeting.

Committee Member Gavric moved to approve the minutes with correction. Committee Chairman Lane seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

2. Approval of Minutes, March 13, 2014, Committee Meeting.

Committee Member Gavric moved to approve the minutes. Committee Chairman Lane seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Continued Business [Action]

[These business items have been continued from a previous meeting/hearing]

3. Discussion of Observations and Recommendations Pertaining to the State Mining and Geology Board's 2013-2014 Annual Report.

Executive Officer Testa stated that existing law requires various written reports to be prepared and submitted by State and local agencies to the Legislature and the Governor. The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) is legislatively mandated to prepare annual reports to the Legislature pursuant to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA). The Executive Officer has prepared the SMGB's annual report for 2013-2014. This report is being considered for approval by the SMGB, prior to being finalized and distributed, as appropriate. The Committee is considering proposed conclusions and recommendations to be incorporated in the report, and for recommendation to the whole SMGB

- Adam Harper, representing California Construction and Industrial Materials Association (CalCIMA), in reference to need for adjustment of the mineral reserve dollar amount, that it be removed since such authority already lies with the SMGB and no legislative consideration is deemed necessary should the SMGB wishes to pursue this consideration.

Committee Member Gavric moved to recommend approval of the proposed language with revisions to the whole SMGB. Committee Chairman Lane seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.



V. New Business [Action]

- Member Gavric inquired as to the status of the Geohazards Committee Technical Advisory Committee assigned with reviewing certain aspects of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act and updating of the 1974 Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act Model Ordinance.
- Executive Officer Testa noted that an update on the TAC was provided in March 2014, and no further progress has been made to date; whereas, updating the 1974 Model Ordinance is anticipated to be addressed by this Committee in early 2015.

VI. Good of the Meeting [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 Chairman]

- George Abrahams provided correspondence and commented on the need for Federal assistance for geologic mapping of geologic hazards, notably landslides, and need for more interaction between the United States Geological Survey and California Geological Survey in the area of the Pacific Palisades. Comments pertaining to actions of the Coastal Commission contrary to sound geologic were also provided. The City of Los Angeles is currently seeking funding for its coastal work program, and stated that it was reasonable for CGS to assist in such mapping efforts in the coastal zone. It was requested that the SMGB assist in seek federal assistance in landslide mapping in the Pacific Palisades area, and geologic mapping under the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act in the Santa Monica Mountains area, and other areas not yet completed.
- Member Gavric commented on funding issues and how such issues are handled.
- Chairman Lane inquired as to the relationship between the USGS and CGS in regards to geologic hazards mapping programs.

VII. Continuing Business [Information]

[This item is provided as an opportunity for any SMGB Committee member to receive information on any items of continuing interest to the SMGB.]

No continuing business discussed.

VIII. 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.]

- Executive Officer Testa summarized Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act process issues that the Committee may be interested in discussing at a future date. Such issues include how the State Geologist addresses certain issues such as the moving of a strand and whether that merits another public hearing to receive comments. Member Gavric concurred and this topic would be agendized at a future scheduled meeting of the Committee.

IX. Announcements of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Committee was tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2014.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 A.M.



APPROVED

John Lane, Committee Chair

Stephen M. Testa, Executive Officer

