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.

Mark Your Calendars!

It's nomination time again! Nominations for the 2019 WSSPC Awards are now open. Recognize outstanding colleagues and projects that have had an impact on seismic risk reduction with a nomination for the WSSPC Awards in Excellence, Lifetime Achievement Award, or WSSPC Leadership Award. The nomination deadline is January 4, 2019. Nomination forms and eligibility guidelines can be found on the website at: https://www.wsspc.org/awards/call-nominations/

Welcome Caleb Cage to WSSPC’s Board of Directors

WSSPC is happy to welcome Caleb Cage to its Board of Directors. Caleb Cage was appointed as Chief of the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisor on July 6, 2015. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, where, upon graduation in 2002, he was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer and was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Bamberg, Germany. During this period, he served as a company executive officer and later as a motorized rifle platoon leader in the city of Baqubah, Iraq.

After his time in the military, Caleb has developed and managed initiatives to serve veterans, earning him a position as the Director of Military and Veterans Policy, a newly-created position in the Office of Governor Brian Sandoval in August of 2013.

California State Geologist Position Announcement

The State Mining and Geology Board and the Department of Conservation are accepting applications for the position of State Geologist. The California State Geologist serves as the head of the California Geological Survey (CGS), one of the largest state surveys in the nation. CGS provides scientific products and services about the state's geology, seismology, and mineral resources, including their related hazards that affect the health, safety, and business interests of the people of California. It is one of the oldest geological surveys in the nation, and today produces more products and provides more services to more people than any other state survey.

If you are interested in applying for the position, please see the provided URL for further details:
https://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb/Pages/state-geologist-position.aspx
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ShakeAlert has Begun Being Implemented on the West Coast

The West Coast ShakeAlert Earthquake Early Warning System has been declared "sufficiently functional" and is planned to be put into Phase 1 operation in Washington, Oregon, and California. A report on the ShakeAlert System titled "Revised Technical Implementation Plan for the ShakeAlert System—An Earthquake Early Warning System for the West Coast of the United States" was published by USGS and the specifics of the system’s current goals, achievements, and the logistics of the product are laid out in detail. The report points out that 500 seismic stations still need to be upgraded or added to complete the build out of the system.

The Bay Area, Seattle, and Los Angeles have already begun the 2.0 version of the alert production system, which "produces both point source and line source earthquake solutions" and "has added ground motion estimation products." Additionally, version 2.0 satisfies government cybersecurity requirements, has decreased the number of false and missed events, and has improved operations overall.

Once existing mass alerting technologies have the capability to deliver ShakeAlerts at the speed and efficiency necessary for effective early warning, a broader public alerting system will be put into place. Currently ShakeAlert is working with various private and public partners nationally to expand its presence and increase education about ShakeAlerts and how to respond to them.

References:
https://www.shakealert.org/implementation/shakealert-phase-1/
EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

The Global Resilience Summit  
December 4th-6th, 2018  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
https://resconnola.com/  

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting  
December 10th-14th, 2018  
Washington, D.C.  
https://fallmeeting.agu.org/2017/future-meetings/  

NTHMP Annual Meeting  
January 28th-31st, February 1st, 2019  
San Diego, CA  

EERI Annual Meeting  
March 5th-8th, 2019  
Vancouver, B.C, Canada  

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

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