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## Newsflash!

- **NEPM and WSSPC Annual Meeting.** Plan to meet in Seattle, Washington in May 2018. Details to follow.
- **Nominations for 2018 WSSPC Awards are Open!** The deadline is January 5, 2018. Nomination forms and eligibility guidelines can be found on the website at: <http://www.wsspc.org/awards/call-nominations/>
- **The WSSPC committees have been working on revising the five policy recommendations that are ready for Board input.** They are posted on the WSSPC website: <http://www.wsspc.org/public-policy/2018-wsspc-draft-policy-recommendations/>.

### Glen Woodbury Presented with Distinguished Service Award

Former WSSPC Board Member, Glen Woodbury was presented the Suiter Distinguished Service Award during NEMA's Annual Emergency Management Policy and Leadership Forum. Woodbury has been a leader in the field of emergency management for over 25 years. He is currently the Director of the Naval Post Graduate School's Center for Homeland Defense & Security and has held numerous prior leadership positions including the Director of the Emergency Management Division for the State of Washington and past president of NEMA. The NEMA Executive Director, Trina Sheets stated, "There are few people who have impacted, promoted and advanced the field of emergency management and homeland security more than Glen Woodbury. Lacy Suiter would be very proud."

### Steve D. Bowman and William R. Lund Presented with Claire P. Holdredge Award

The Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) presented Utah WSSPC Members Steve D. Bowman and William R. Lund (editors) with the award for the publication of the Utah Geological Survey Circular 122, *Guidelines for Investigating Geologic Hazards and Preparing Engineering-Geology Reports, With a Suggested Approach to Geologic-Hazard Ordinances in Utah*. The award is presented for a publication by an AEG Member(s) within the 5 previous years that is judged to be an outstanding contribution to the Engineering Geology profession. To read the publication visit: <http://ugspub.nr.utah.gov/publications/circular/c-122.pdf>.

### Great Wyoming Shakeout and Free Hot Water Heater Straps

In conjunction with the Great Wyoming Shakeout, Unita County Emergency Management, Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and the Homeland Security Grants Program sponsored a free giveaway of a limited supply of hot water heater straps—one strap per household. WSSPC supplied the straps through FEMA NEHRP state support. Kim West, coordinator of Unita County Emergency Management said, "Participating is a great way for your family or organization to be prepared to survive and recover quickly from big earthquakes—wherever you live, work or travel."



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**Next Steps for OSSPAC: Senate Bill 850**

During the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) meeting in September Mike Harryman, Oregon Resilience Officer, discussed Oregon’s next steps pertaining to the Senate Bill 850. The bill requires that OSSPAC establishes a committee(s) to:

1. Conduct a review of policy options
2. Prepare a summary of existing state agency reports & studies
3. Prepare recommendations for policy measures regarding life & property protection including but not limited to investigation of issues pertaining to insurance following a major earthquake or tsunami event

OSSPAC members were separated into two workgroups: mass care and insurance. Each group will be required to compile a report which will be due to Harryman by September 30, 2018. Both reports will include a two-page executive summary, then up to 20 pages for appendices. In order to accomplish this deadline the individual groups will need to meet outside of the regular OSSPAC meetings as well as attend the pre-scheduled workshop on July 10, 2018.

Bill 850: <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB850/Enrolled>

**California Science Teachers Association/California Science Education Conference**

The Science Teacher Association Conference was held at the Sacramento Convention Center on October 13-15, 2017. More than 1,800 science teachers and administrators from all grade levels and science disciplines who share a passion for science were in attendance. The majority of the attendees were leaders who make/have influence over purchasing decisions at their schools and in their districts. WSSPC joined CGS, DOC, and SCEC at the conference. We provided teachers with educational materials along with earthquake and tsunami preparedness items.



**New Map of Utah Earthquakes and Fault Now Available**

*Utah Earthquakes (1850-2016) and Quaternary Fault Map* was jointly published by the Utah Geological Survey, University of Utah Seismograph Stations and Utah Division of Emergency Management. The map can be downloaded as a PDF and printed on a wide-format printer: <https://ugspub.nr.utah.gov/publications/maps/m-277.pdf> (44x62 inches in size).

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**BESR/COSG Webinar—Cascadia Megaquake Part Two**

The Board on Earth Sciences and Resources' (BESR) Committee on Seismology and Geodynamics (COSG) has developed a three part webinar series which looks at the science and engineering associated with the 800-mile Cascadia Subduction Zone. Part Two took place on August 16, 2017 (12:00PM Pacific); it covered current strategies to mitigate loss of life. The presenters were Timothy Walsh, Assistant State Geologist from the Washington Geological Survey and Yumei Wang, Geotechnical Engineer from Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. To view the recording visit: <http://dels.nas.edu/resources/static-assets/besr/images/Cascadia%20Megaquake%20-%20Part%20Two.mp4>.

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**Workshops and Events**

**Joint Utah and Nevada Seismic Commission Meeting**

November 8, 2017  
Harry Reid Engineering Lab, Rooms 109/110  
University of Nevada, Reno Campus

**AGU Fall Meeting**

December 11-15, 2017  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
<https://fallmeeting.agu.org/2017/>

**2018 Working Group on Nevada Seismic Hazards**

February 5-7, 2018  
Reno, Nevada  
<http://www.nbmgu.unr.edu/Geohazards/Earthquakes/2018SeismicHazardsWorkshop.html>

**SSA 2018 Annual Meeting**

May 14-17, 2018 (New Dates)  
Miami, Florida  
<https://www.seismosoc.org/meetings/>

**11th United States National Conference on Earthquake Engineering**

June 25-29, 2018  
Los Angeles, California  
<https://www.11ncee.org/>  
[WSSPC is a Cooperating Organization.]

**AEG 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting/13<sup>th</sup> IAEG Congress**

September 17-21, 2018  
San Francisco, California  
<http://www.aegweb.org/mpage/iaeg18m>

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