



**WSSPC Hosts State Geological Survey Workshop**

A two day pilot workshop was held on July 20-21 in Sacramento, CA led by the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC). The workshop's goals were to learn about and then establish national and state specific Mission Ready Packages (MRPs) to utilize state geological survey resources after an earthquake.

WSSPC states that participated were Arizona, California, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. Three draft MRPS were developed during the workshop: request for a geologist in the State EOC, geologist for field reconnaissance, and support for post-earthquake clearinghouse.

MRPs are specific response and recovery resource capabilities that are organized, developed, trained and exercised prior to an emergency/disaster. They are a key component of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), a state to state mutual aid system which allows states to see, use and incorporate these ideas into their response actions. Submitted MRPs are placed in the Mutual Aid Support System (MASS), a recently created resource inventory system. Follow-up meetings with individual states will transform the MRPs into state specific working documents.

**Policy Recommendations Available for Review**

The policy recommendations that were approved by the members at the May annual meeting are available on the website at <http://www.wsspc.org/public-policy/adopted-recommendations/>.

Full versions of the draft policies for 2017 review are also posted on the website: <http://www.wsspc.org/public-policy/2017-wsspc-draft-policy-recommendations/>.



### **Welcome New Program Manager to WSSPC**

Erin Mommsen joins the team with an emergency management perspective. She has a degree in Emergency Disaster Management as well as Psychology from Northwest Missouri State University. Right out of college she decided to 'give-back' and travel the nation with AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps.

While in the Corps she helped with the 2016 IMAT (Incident Management Assistant Teams) Hiring Assessment and responded to the 2016 California Wildfires at the Emergency Operations Center. She has a variety of experience with simulations such as Atlantic Hope (4-day long field exercise based in a war-torn and earthquake stricken country), FEMA's IS-300 course, and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team); and she is looking forward to applying her knowledge/experiences. Welcome Erin!