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Seismic Safety Commission

Memo

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Subject: Post Earthquake/Tsunami Recovery Efforts in Japan

Background

The March 2010 Japanese Earthquake/Tsunami was one of the largest natural disasters in recorded history. Extensive damage and loss of life have presented the Japanese government with major recovery challenges from which valuable lessons can be learned, not only for California, but the rest of the world as well.

Representatives from the Japanese Consulate in San Francisco and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce will brief the Commission on major recovery efforts taking place now in Japan. Staff has requested the presenters to focus on the economic recovery lessons learned. These lessons will be incorporated into the Commission's project "Restoring California's Commerce after Disasters."

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Commission listen to the presentations and assist in identifying any actions being taken by the Japanese government and businesses that may be applicable for California.