

State of California
Seismic Safety Commission

Memo

To: Commissioners

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Subject: California Earthquake Loss Reduction Plan Update

Background

The Commission's "California Earthquake Loss Reduction Plan, 2007–2011" is a comprehensive strategic plan that sets forth statewide policy and direction in the pursuit of the vision for a safer California. This version of the strategic plan satisfies three needs:

- It serves as the Commission's current policy statement regarding actions necessary to reduce earthquake risk of the long term.
- It advises the executive branch on its overall priorities and implementation strategies for seismic safety
- It supports the State's Multihazard Mitigation Plan, which is required by the Federal Emergency management Agency to obtain federal mitigation funding after disasters.

An update of the plan is needed. Devastating earthquakes in Japan, Chile, Turkey, and elsewhere have demonstrated the need to maintain a strategic earthquake plan for California.

Dr Guna Salvaduray from San Jose State University will present the Commission with background information and seek direction on the scope of the plan's update from Commissioners.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Commissioner's listen to Dr. Salvaduray's presentation and provide guidance on how much of the plan should be updated. Dr. Salvaduray will return with a proposal at the May Commission meeting based on commissioner input.