

State of California  
Seismic Safety Commission

Memo

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Subject: Role of the California State Assessment Center

**Background**

The State Threat Assessment Center (STAC) is California's state primary fusion center, as designated by the Governor of California, and is operated by the California Highway Patrol, the California Office of Emergency Services, and the California Department of Justice.

The STAC acts as a California statewide information clearinghouse to aid in the prevention, preparation, and response to strategic Threats while preserving individual privacy and constitutional rights.

Mr. Tom Knowles, STAC's Outreach and Liaison Officer, will describe the major responsibilities of the STAC and its outreach program to businesses.

**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Commission listen to Mr. Knowles' presentation and considered how this resource can be incorporated into the Commission's efforts to speed post disaster economic recovery following a major earthquake