May Newsletter

Annual Short Course
Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists,
Inland Empire Chapter
&
American Society of Civil Engineering,
San Bernardino/Riverside Geotechnical Committee

“LANDSLIDE & SLOPE STABILITY”

Saturday, May 12, 2012
7:30am – Registration    8:00am to 12:00pm – Morning Speakers    12:00pm to 1:00pm – Lunch       1:00pm to  5:00pm – Afternoon Speakers

Location
UC-Riverside Extension, 1200 University Ave., Riverside, CA
(Meeting Cost $130; Students $30);

See Short Course brochure on page 2 for more details

Last Chance To Reserve A Place

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Landslide and Slope Stability
1-Day Short Course
For Geologists and Geotechnical Engineers

Program Agenda

7:30 Registration, Parking & Coffee/Tea
8:00 Welcome & Introduction
  Debbie Kunath, AEG-IE, & William Kitch, ASCE-IE
8:15 Topographic Map Interpretation of Landsliding
  Frank Jordan, John R. Byerly, Inc.
9:00 Computer Based 3D Stereoscopic Photo Analysis of Landslides
  Woody Higdon, Geo-Tech Imagery International
10:00 Hardrock Landslides:
  Part 1: Recognition and Failure Mechanisms
    Michael W. Hart, Engineering Geologist
  Part 2: Misinterpretation of Landslides as Faults
  Noon Lunch
11:00 Simple Concepts Useful for Characterizing Complex Bimrocks
  Underlying Slopes
  Ed Medley, Geopractitioner
3:00 Stability Computational Methods
  Dr. William Kitch, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
5:00 Course Adjournment and Thank You's

Saturday, May 12th, 2012
8 am to 5 pm
U.C. Riverside Extension
Center - Room E
1200 University Ave.
Riverside, California

Fee: $130
Payable at the door to AEG-IE
by Check, Cash, Money Order
(Sorry-No Credit/Debit Cards)
$100 Student Discount with Student ID.

Enrollment Reservation Required by:
Tuesday, May 8, 5 pm
RSVP at: aegicentral@gmail.com
Or 909/877-1324, ext. 1234

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La Jolla Landslide Headscarp
OTHER MEETINGS


AEG-Southern California Section: May 9, 2010 (Tuesday). Topic: TBA. For more information visit http://www.aegsc.org/

ASCE: Joint Short Course with AEG Inland Empire Chapter (see page 2).


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Inland Geological Society on supporting Student Fairs:
The RIMS Science and Engineering Fair was held earlier this month. The IGS judging team lead by Rick Rees and Larry Monroe have singled out 3 projects for mention.

Hannah and Zach Larsen, who were our winners last year with their trilobite project, returned to State level competition this year with their project entitled "Using Fossils from the Mojave Desert to Reconstruct a Miocene Period Ecosystem". Their work will be presented at the May IGS meeting.

At the June IGS meeting, we will have a presentation by Virgiline Ongkinco and Ashwarya Sharma on "Evidence of Oxygenic Photosynthesis 2.75 Billion Years Ago".

Also at the June IGS meeting, middle school student Ethan Kearns, will present his project on erosional evidence of impact craters on Mars.

Cal Poly Pomona 2012 Geology Department Alumni Potluck and Awards Ceremony: Saturday, June 2, 2012, Location: Cal Poly Pomona Building 4 – 3rd floor Patio & 2nd floor Conference Room, 11:30-12:30pm Social Hour 12:30-1:00pm Lunch , 1-2:00pm Geology Department Highlights & Awards Ceremony , 2-2:30pm Tour of Geology Facilities (new labs / equipment). Contact Monica Baez for more information: mlbaez@csupomona.edu

REG REVIEW, Inc.—ASBOG Study Course
Are you taking the CEG or CHG exam in Fall 2012? REG REVIEW, Inc. will be offering a study course for the CEG and CHG exams on Saturday, June 19, 2012. The courses will be offered at the Best Western Orange County Airport North in Santa Ana, CA. For more info., visit www.regreview.com/
Update On The Proposed Elimination of the State Mining and Geology Board

Last week in a surprise move, a funding hearing was held by the Budget Committee of the California Assembly. Executive Branch personnel spoke in support of the SMGB elimination. Members of several professional groups testified against the elimination and included CalCIMA, The Sierra Fund, and AEG. This diverse group of professionals all supported the work of the SMGB and emphasized how its elimination would NOT reduce state government or openness. In fact this move would INCREASE STATE GOVERNMENT by turning over all SMGB responsibilities to a government agency staffers by full-time state employees. At present the duties of the Board are carried out by appointed Board members that serve in a voluntary capacity with only their actual expenses reimbursed.

THE FIGHT IS NOT OVER. While the Assembly Budget Committee members decided to HOLD OPEN this issue on the day of the hearing, they could still vote to eliminate the SMGB. There is another Assembly hearing scheduled for next Wednesday May 9, 2012. YOUR IMMEDIATE ACTION IS NEEDED TO CONTACT THE ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS listed below and voice your opinion for maintaining the SMGB. We may need future mobilization if this goes to the Senate, but hopefully it can be stopped in the Assembly. A letter to the Governor written by SMGB members may be useful when preparing your comments, it can be found as the January 12, 2012 announcement on the website: http://www.aegsc.org/announcements/

Following are the Assembly Budget Committee members, also it would be good to contact Assembly Speaker John Perez: Capitol Office Room 219, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 319-2046:

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