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2550 Beverly Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90057 DinnerMeeting *Monday February 6th* in Tustin AnnualJointM eetingwiththe SOUTH COAST GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

- ☐ Monday, February 6, 1989
- ☐ Revere House 901 First Street Tustin, California
- ☐ Cost-\$17.00
- Reservations Not Required
- Georgia 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 Dinner

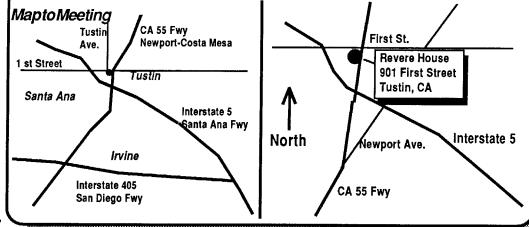
7:45 Announcements

☐ 8:00to9:00-9:30 Speaker

Program

TOPIC Planning Scenarios for a Major Earthquake on the Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone

SPEAKER Dr. Tousson Toppozada, Senior Seismologist California Division of Mines and Geology



Program

Topic&Speaker

Planning Scenario for a Major Earthquake on the Newport-Inglewood Fault Zone (NIFZ).

Dr. Tousson Toppozada, CDMG

Subsurface faulting is postulated on a 45 mile extent of the NIFZ from near Beverly Hills to offshore Laguna Beach. The resulting earthquake has magnitude about 7, and average fault displacement of 3 feet. The possible impact on lifelines is discussed for use in planning emergency response procedures.

Dr. Toppozada is a Senior Seismologist with the California Division of Mines and Geology. He has a B.S. in Geology & Physics from Cairc University and a Ph.D. in Geoscience from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Geology. His interest include interpretation of earthquake history for assessment of hazards.

Major earthquake activity along the Newport-Inglewood Fault is probably the most serious threat to the economy of the Southern California. An event within this highly concentrated population center will likely disrupt necessary utilities and cause social and ecological problems that may take years to recover.

This is the second time within the last year that Dr. Toppozada has been scheduled to appear before a joint meeting with the South Coast Geological Society and the Southern California Section of AEG. The previous appearance was canceled because insufficient time was allowed for the presentation to be approved by the Governor's Office.

program interesting relative to the implications of a Planning Scenario in the San Diego Metropolitan Area as a result of a major earth quake along the Rose Canyon Fault.





AEG SCS meetings in the next few months offer some excellent updates to engineering geological activities and advancements in the Southern California area.

This month Dr. Toppozada will discuss Earthquake Planning on the NIFZ. The meeting will be held in Tustin, at Revere House. It is possibly the only meeting of the AEG SCS this year which will save the San Diego area members 2 hours of driving.

Next month (March 15th) will be the annual joint AEG meeting with ASCE Geotechnical Group tentatively scheduled at Stevens Steak House in the City of Commerce. The program will demonstrate the Engineering Tunnelling and Shoring Aspects of the Metro-Rail Project, presented by Jerry Diaz.

On April 11, Dr. Lorne G. Everett, from Santa Barbara, will be the featured program speaker at our regular 2nd Tuesday of the month meeting at the Quiet Cannon Restaurant in Montebello. Dr. Everett is well known for his unsaturated zone groundwater work and will discuss what he knows of the Recent Advances in Vadose (Unsaturated) Zone Monitoring.

Last month Dr. Stout had a dual screen/slide show of the Blackhawk Canyon geology. The many recorded observations demonstrated that the slope movement, e.g., the Blackhawk Landslide, is greatly influenced by the geology and geomorphology of the canyon. By not recognizing earlier landslides and other geological evidence in the area, previous investigators' conclusions regarding the evolution of the Blackhawk Landslide through the "air-rafting" model is disputed.

Several announcements were made during the January meeting by Howard G. (Buzz) Spellman the President of the California State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists. 1) Results from the September 1988 Exams will be confirmed February 21. 2) The Board will consider developing a brochure which describes the roles of what the State Board, Geologists and Geophysicists do for distribution to the public in May 1989. 3) The Board wants to reinstitute the routine of 2 exams per year beginning in 1990. 4) The Board will publish a directory of geologists and geophysicists who are registered with the Board after September 1988. 5) Application fees may be increased soon, renewal fees may be increased by San Diego County AEG members may find the 1992. 6) There is a concensus of opinions gathered by the Boardover the last few years which indicates that the Board will not develop a registration for the field of "Hydrogeology". It is presently concluded that the field of hydrogeology has been and will continue to be a discipline of Engineering Geology. There is therefore no need to isolate it as a separately registered profession.

Seminars/Meetings/Field

JANUARY 1989

31 -2/2 Theory and Practice of Ground Water Monitoring and Sampling. San Diego, CA. CONTACT: NWWA, 6375 Riverside Dr., Dublin, OH 43017 (614)761-1711. 30 -2/4 21st Annual - Fundamentals of Shallow Foundation

Design. Orlando, FL CONTACT: Engineering Continuing Education U. of Missouri-Rolla (314)341-4200.

FEBRUARY 1989

You can still start some classes in UC Irvine's Winter 1989 Toxic and Hazardous Substances Program including: One-Day Seminars and a Certificate Program for Hazardous Materials Management(HMM). University Extension (HMM Program classes are 5 Meetings total-afternoon and evening)Pacific Mut. Training Ctr. 17330 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley. CONTACT: UCI Univ. Extension program. Some good classes for engineering geologists and hydrogeologists (714)856-5414

6-10 13th Annual - Fundamentals of Deep Foundation Design. Orlando, FL CONTACT: Engineering Continuing Education U. of Missouri-Rolla (314)341-4200.

14 Tuesdays - 3/14 Introduction to Environmental Auditing. UCI University Extension (5 Meetings total-afternoon and evening)Pacific Mut. Training Ctr. Room 17330 Brookhurst, Fountain Valley. CONTACT: UCI Univ. Extension program Certificate Prog. in Environmental Auditing (other courses available). (714)856-5414

20 -22 In-Situ Stress and In-Situ Stress Measurements. U. of Colo., Boulder, Center for Adv. Training in Eng. and Comp. Sci. Dept. of Civil, Envir. and Arch. Engineering.CONTACT: (303)443-3322 CATECS 24-26 Red Rock Canyon Field Trip, Eastern Kern County. Meet at Park Headquarters, camping to south. See flyer from San Diego State Geology Department Alumni Association on other side of page.

MARCH 1989

15 Wednesday AEG SCS - ASCE Geotechnical Group Joint Meeting "Engineering Tunnelling and Shoring Aspects of the Metro-Rail Project". Jerry Diaz, Stevens Steak House, 5332 Stevens Place, City of Commerce, Dinner 6:30, Program 7:30 Call (213)877-2757 for reservations 20-24 "Applied Groundwater Modeling", Dr. Leonard Konikow (USGS), Dr. James Mercer, and Mr. Peter Andersen (GeoTrans, Inc.) International Ground Water Modeling Center Short Course, International Ground Water Modeling Center Short Course. CONTACT (317)283-9458

APRIL 1989

11 Tuesday AEG SCS Meeting "Recent Advances in Vadose (Unsaturated) Zone Groundwater Monitoring", Dr. Lorne G. Everett, Quiet Cannon Restaurant, 901 North Via San Clemente, Montebello, Dinner 6:45 Program 8:00 Call (213)620-3560 (CDMG LA office) for

17-21"Applied Groundwater Modeling", Dr. Leonard Konikow (USGS), Dr. James Mercer, and Mr. Peter Andersen (GeoTrans, Inc.) International Ground Water Modeling Center Short Course International Ground Water Modeling Center Short Course. CONTACT (317)283-9458.

JUNE 1989

19-23 "Parameter Estimation in Groundwater Simulation", Dr. Richard Cooley (USGS) and Mr. Steve Larson (S.S. Papadopulos) International Ground Water Modeling Center Short Course, International Ground Water Modeling Center Short Course. CONTACT (317)283-9458.

16-7/7 "Geology of Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Italy.", Dr.

Dorthy Stout. Highlights include the karst topography of Yugoslavia; Alpine techtonics, glaciation and landslides; Vaiont Dam; cograil to the Jungfrau; subsidence in Venice; Matterhorn; Carrara marble quarry; soil instability in Pisa; sculpture in Florence; pozzilin in Pouzzilin; Vesuvius and Pompeii; and Duborvnik. CONTACT (714)826-2220Cypress College, Cypress, CA 90630. Approximate cost \$3,500.

Special International Events in the U.S. beginning in the last part of June. The 28th Session of the International Geological Congress (IGC) will be held in the United States of America July 9-19, 1989, in collaboration with, and under the sponsorship of, the International Union of Geological Sciences. The 28th IGC is co-hosted by the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in cooperation with major U.S. earth sciences societies and industry organizations on behalf of the entire U.S. earth sciences community.

IGC (International Geological Congress) P.O.Box 727

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Preregistration Deadline (at normal rate) February 1, 1989 Deadline for late preregistration May 1, 1989

All other inquires and general correspondence concerning the

Congress should be addressed to:

Dr. Bruce B. Hanshaw

Secretary General, 28th International Geological Congress P.O. Box 1001

Herndon, Virginia 22070-1001

The following field trips are listed for the convenience of AEG SCS members. They focus on trips that are located primarily in the southwestern United States. Contact the above address for field trips available in the other parts of the country you are interested in. Plan your vacation now to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

JUNE 1989

28-7/7 Field Trip T181-Engineering geology of western U.S. urban centers. I.G.C. Program Leaders: Jeffrey Keaton (Earthstore) and Richard N. Morris (San Diego Soils Eng.) Cost: \$1,800 Starts in Los Angeles Stops in Denver. 29-7/7 Field Trip T110- Sedimentation and Tectonics in coastal southern California. I.G.C. Program Leaders: Patrick Abbott (SDSU), Martin H. Link (Mobil R & D Corp.)and Tor H. Nilsen (App. Earth Tech.) Cost: \$900 Starts in San Diego Stops in Los Angeles.

1-7 Field Trip T105- Geology of San Francisco and vicinity. I.G.C. Program Leader: Clyde Wahrhaftig (USGS) Cost: \$1,100 Start-Stop in San Francisco. 1-7 Field Trip T111- Petroleum geology and structural transect across western Transverse Ranges and southern Coast Ranges, California. I.G.C. Program Leaders: Thomas Davis (Consultant) and Jay Namson (ARCO) Cost: \$925.Start -Stop in Los Angeles.

2-7 Field Trip T108- Tectonic evolution of northern California. I.G.C. Program Leaders: M.C.Blake, Jr., and D.S.Harwood (USGS) Cost: \$1,150 Start-Stop in San

Francisco.

3-7 Field Trip T109- Mesozoic and Cenozoic siliceous sediments of California. I.G.C.Program Leader: Joyce R. Blueford and Caroline Isaacs (USGS) Cost: \$700 Starts in San Francisco Stops in Los Angeles

3-7 Field Trip T113- Petroleum potential of the Basin and Range province. I.G.C. Program Leader: Norman H. Foster (Indep. geol) Cost: \$675 Start and

Stop in Las Vegas.

5-7 Field Trip T186- Geology of Nevada Test Site and surrounding area. I.G.C. Program Leader: H. Lawrence McKague (LLN Lab), Paul Orkild (USGS) and Vel Clanton (DOE) Cost: \$500 Start and Stop in Las Vegas.

20-24 Field Trip T311- Oil in the California Monterey Formation. I.G.C.Program Leaders: R.J.B. Young and T.C.MacKinnon (Chevron) Cost: \$800

Start and Stop in Los Angeles. 20-26 Field Trip T312- Arc volcanism in the southern Cascade Range I.G.C.

Program Leader: L.J.Patrick Muffler (USGS) Cost: \$775 Start and Stop in San Francisco

20-28 Field Trip T313-Quaternary volcanism of Long Valley caldera and Mono-Inyo Craters, eastern California I.G.C. Program Leaders: Roy A. Bailey, C. Dan Miller (USGS) and Kerry Sieh (Cal Tech) Cost: \$650 Start and Stop in Reno. 20-29 Field Trip T308- Geologic evolution of the northern most Coast Ranges and western Klamath Mountains, California. I.G.C. Program Leaders: K.R. Aalto (Humboldt SU) and G.D. Harper (SU of NY-Albany) Cost: \$750 Start and Stop at San Francisco Intern. Airport.

20-29 Field Trip T309- The San Andreas transform belt. I.G.C. Program Leaders: Arthur G. Sylvester and John C. Crowell (UCSB) Cost: \$1,400 Start in Long Beach Stops in San Francisco.

20-29 Field Trip T381- Landslides in central California. I.G.C. Program Leader: William M. Brown (USGS) Cost: \$1350 Start and Stop in San Francisco

24-28 Introduction to Groundwater Modeling IGWMC Staff International Ground Water Modeling Center Short Course, CONTACT (317)283-9458.

RED ROCK CANYON FIELD TRIP February 24, 25, and 26, 1989

Mojave Block, can be expected to have warm days and cool to cold tectonically active, and the climate is arid, so you can plan on Red Rock Canyon State Recreation Area is located in eastern Kern nights. Come prepared to experience possible weather extremes, County, about half way between Mojave and Inyokern, along State some spectacular geology, and beautiful scenery! This area is Highway 14. This high desert area, at the western edge of the seeing some excellent exposures (no poison oak to fight here). The following has been excerpted from Whistler, D. P., 1987, Field Guide to the Geology of Red Rock Canyon and the Southern El Paso Mountains, Mojave Desert, California, NACT-FWS, p. 1-5.

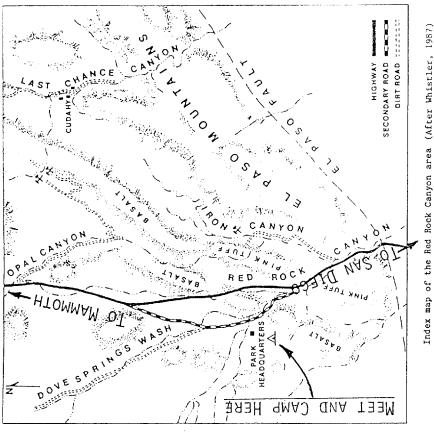
of the area, which is under major structural control by the Garlock and El Paso faults. spans an interval of time from Late Precambrian to Holocene. Major Red Rock Canyon document the later Miocene through Holocene history Miocene, and Quaternary time. Plutonic intrusion occurred during the latest Permian and Mesozoic. The bulk of exposures in geology of Red Rock Canyon and the southern El. Paso Mountains depositional episodes occurred in the later Paleozoic, Paleocene,

Schist which forms the basement upon which the slightly metamorphosed, metamorphosed Precambrian chlorite-quartz-albite-sericite Mesquite The oldest rocks exposed in the El Paso Mountains are the highly Late Paleozoic, marine Carlock Formation has been deposited.

The Garlock Formation and the Mesquite Schist have been intruded by a complex of plutonic rocks ranging in composition from hornblendequartz diorite to granite. One of these intrusive units, a highly fractured and jointed granophyre plug, surrounds the gorge at the entrance to Red Rock Canyon. The Paleozoic and Mesozoic rocks are deeply eroded, and are unconformably overlain by the Paleocene continental Galer Formation, Occasional finer-grained rocks in the Goler Formation a thick succession composed primarily of conglomerates and have produced sparce, but diagnostic, vertebrate fossils. sandstones.

Ricardo Formation is overlain by several episodes of Quaternary alluvial The dominant exposures in Red Rock Canyon are Middle and Late Miocene deposits demonstrate a complex history of down-cutting, terrace, and volcanics and clastics lumped together as the Ricardo Formation. deposition derived primarily from the emerging Sierra Nevada. pediment development.

Garlock fault zone. Alluvial fans that are offset from their source The dominant structural feature of the area is the Garlock fault and its major splay, the El Paso fault. The Carlock fault is a major transform fault which separates the relatively stable Mojave Block canyons along the front of the El Paso Mountains indicate at least to the south from the major crustal extensional area of the Basin kilometers, or roughly 1/3 of the cumulative displacement, has and Range Province to the north. A cululative left-lateral displacement of 48 to 64 kilometers has been demonstrated for the occurred during the past 1.5 million years.



ROCK CANYON - EASTERN KERN COUNTY GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT ALUMNI 3RD ANNUAL FIELD TRIP n S S D

QUESTIONS ??? - CALL BILL ELLIOTT a 586-0870 Y'ALL COME !!!

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THIS MONTH (continued from page 2)

Some intersting events relative to the Malibu area have been in the news lately. 1) The Big Rock Mesa case has been settled between the County of Los Angeles and the affected homeowners, and 2) The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has approved a \$37 million plan to construct a centralized wastewater treatment and disposal system. The Big Rock Mesa case, had it continued, would have been one of the largest suits of its kind at least in terms of the army of reports from homeowners, experts and attorneys required for its completion. Local newscasts reported that the settlement to each homeowner amounted to approximately \$100,000.

The implications of a new centralized wastewater system for the Malibu area suggest that many additional developments will be constructed. There will therefore be many slope movement problems that need to be resolved for the construction of the new utility, the new housing developments and support facilities. Several engineering geologic hazard maps of the Malibu area show that it has many non-trivial challenges for construction. Although the Big Rock Mesa case has been settled, let it serve as a good example for caution and reason to perform sufficient investigative tests and to perform suitable remedial constructiontasks before developments are completed.

As a reminder, the **Red Rock Canyon** - El Paso Mountains field trip is scheduled for February 24-26th (the weekend following "Washington's Birthday" weekend). It is the 3rd annual field trip organized by the San Diego State University - Geology Department Alumni Association. Anyone interested is encouraged to come. Call Bill Elliott (619) 586-0870 if you have any questions.

This is the last issue that will be distributed free this year to the National AEG Membership in Southern California who do not intend to pay the \$20.00/year local fee. The fees are part of the overall non-profit operation of the Association of Engineering Geologists Southern California Section. Your fees go toward 1) the publication and mailing of the monthly newsletter, 2) paying for dinners for needy students at the monthly meetings, 3) paying for dinners for the monthly speakers, 4) expenses for field trips, 5) printing of special publications & reports, 6) awards, 7) keeping you up-to-date on engineering geology, and notifications for professional activities. Your fees will now also provide funds for support of a lobbyist in Sacramento to represent our interests.

Please contact Jerry Treiman - Treasurer (213)620-3560 (CDMG LA office) or Eldon Gath - Secretary (714)598-2856 in regard to changes of address and payment of fees. Send your \$20.00 check for 1989 fees payable to AEG, and mail to:

Jerry Treiman, AEG SCS Treasurer c/o California Division of Mines and Geology 107 S. Broadway, Room 1065 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Don Lamar says he will be "called home" if he does not get all individual photographs from AEG SCS Members and Associate Members along with short to very short biographical sketchs for a special directory he will publish of Engineering Geologists in So.Cal..

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