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Dinner Meeting	Tuesday	June	12th
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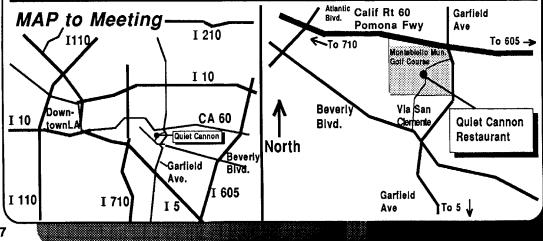
- ☐ 5:30 Social Hour
- 6:45 Dinner
 - 7:30 Announcements
- 8:00 Program

Program

TOPIC Quaternary Surface Deformation in the Vicinity of the 1987 Whittier Narrows Earthquake

SPEAKER Dr. William R. Lettis

- Tectonic Hazards Specialist



Program

Topic & Speaker

Quaternary Surface Deformation in the Vicinity of the 1987 Whittier Narrows Earthquake

Dr. William R. Lettis

Of extreme importance to understanding the seismic risk in the Los Angeles Basin, is a quantitative appraisal of the newly emerging issue of blind thrust faults. Dr. Lettis and Tom Bullard have recently completed a study of Quaternary surface deformations in the Monterey Park and Montebello Hills to better characterize the underlying thrust fault responsible for the Whittier Narrows Earthquake. Numerous wind gaps and drainage reversals indicate substantial Quaternary tectonic uplift, and the two ranges of hills represent the surface expression of two distinct anticlinal folds. Their work indicates that the two hills are undergoing uplift independently, and are spatially separated by a 1-2 km right step at the Potrero Grande drainage. These conclusions will be explored in light of the structural complexity (strike slip) thrust) in the Whittier Narrows area, fault segmentation, and slip partitioning.

Dr. Lettis (Ph.D. - UC Berkeley) began his career with the USGS studying the depositional and tectonic history of the San Joaquin Valley; directed Bechtel's Remote Sensing Lab producing tectonic and mineral resource evaluations for many countries; served as a Principal Investigator for NASA's Thematic Mapper program; and for the last five years has been a Senior Geologist for Geomatrix Consultants deeply involved in neotectonic studies along the central coast of California, the southeastern US, the Meers fault in Oklahoma, and Quaternary deformations of both the Whittier Narrows and Loma Prieta earthquakes. He has just opened his own firm, specializing in tectonic hazards - research and applied.

THE MONTH



Keliy E. Rowe

June 1990

Last month, Mr. Leonard M. Krazynski, geotechnical engineer, discussed failures of earth dams. The total number of people who attended was 140. This was roughly twice the normal attendance at our monthly meetings and is an inspiration to hold meetings in other parts of the southern California.

The 1990 annual field trip will address the engineering geology and hydrogeology of the Soledad Basin. The field trip will be held in late September or early October. We are soliciting article for the guidebook, as well as suggestions for stops. General topics to be covered include: San Gabriel Fault, landslides, expanisve bedrock, treatment of collapsible soils, ground-water development and private sewage disposal. Please volunteer at the June AEG meeting or contact Bob Hollingsworth (818) 889-0844 or Charlie Buckley (818) 991-1542.

Buzz Spellman pointed out that the Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysictists discussed and approved the "Fields of Expertise" list at the January 26th meeting. Last month's newsletter mistakenly stated that approval was postponed. Geophysicists were excluded from the comparison of expertise of geologists to expertise of civil engineers.

The search is started for an AEG member in the Southern California Section to take over editorship of this monthly newsletter in November. Two years of doing the newsletter is plenty for me. There are a total of 400 to 500 copies sent to people interested in the Association's activities. Beside the actual task of printing this job takes about 16 hours per month for one individual. Previous editors have used staff from their company's office or family to do the label and stamp routine which cuts editor time down greatly. Perhaps someone has already thought that it would beneficial for them to do the newsletter. If you are interested feel free to contact me about details.

Note that the Association's AEG NEWS is willing to accept information and photographs for publication in the quarterly newsletter by the general membership. The Section News portion of the AEG NEWS is divided into Membership News and Section News. Examples of acceptable information for the Section News may be found in previous issues. Feel free to submit information to the Editor. It needs to be submitted before the end of each season for subsequent editing, layout, publishing and final distribution by the middle of each season.

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