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**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 13th

**Location:** Steven’s Steak House, 5332 Stevens Place, Commerce, California

**Time:**
6:00 p.m.-Social Hour; 7:00 p.m.-Dinner; 7:45 p.m.-Presentation

**Cost:** $35 per person with reservations, $40 at the door, $15 for students with a valid Student ID

**Reservations:** Please call (323) 889-5366 or email rmunro@mactec.com

**Speaker:** Bill Cotton

**Topic:** Earthquake-Induced Ground Failures: A Historical Perspective Using the Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 as a Starting Point

**Abstract:**

The Great San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 (M 7.8) was the first earthquake in the United States to be carefully documented and studied by field geologists. Detailed post-earthquake field data were compiled and published in the California State Earthquake Investigation Commission’s “Lawson Report” in 1908. While most of the scientific interest was focused on the effects of surface fault rupture and ground shaking, landslides and other forms of ground failure were also well documented. With the exception of lateral spreading in the low-lying regions of the Bay area, earthquake-induced ground failures such as landslides were considered “minor effects”, mainly because they were confined to the unpopulated mountain regions. Today, the urban population in the greater San Francisco Bay area stands at nearly 10 million, and the mountainous landslide terrain has now become highly populated. Anticipating the potential adverse impact of a rapidly expanding population into uncharted hillsides, Youd and Hoose of the USGS (PP 993) reviewed the 200-year-old records of major northern California earthquakes and published
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Chair Column
Charles Nestle

CCGO Fundraiser

The June meeting is our annual CCGO fundraiser to support the efforts of California Council of Geoscience Organizations. Among other things, CCGO organizes a March legislative drive-in, which I have participated in the last couple of years. They also monitor legislation and organize letter-writing campaigns for issues of interest to their members. CCGO is currently undergoing a search for an Executive Officer to replace Jane Gill who resigned last November following a move to South Carolina. I'll provide a brief presentation on CCGO activities just prior to the featured presentation by Bill Cotton.

Board News

Last March I sent a letter to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (BGG) regarding Section 7847 of the Business and Professions Code. Section 7847 allows geologists who are licensed outside of California to become California PGs without taking a written exam if the applicants also meet all other requirements of the Section. I interpreted “all other requirements” to include the California Specific Exam (see this letter on the SoCal Section website (www.aegsc.org under “Announcements”).

During the May 19 BGG meeting in Sacramento discussion of this letter appeared as an agenda item along with the discussion of the current Section 7847 applicants. Gary Duke, the Board’s legal counsel, correctly pointed out that the Section also states that these applicants may be granted licenses "without written examination" and that those are the key words in this situation. That prompted about a half hour discussion by Gary about problems with the wording of Section 7847, in that it was written to address reciprocal licensure at a time when the Board’s Examination Committee prepared the exam and wrote all the exam questions. Now that the Board uses the ASBOG and CSE, Section 7847 may not adequately address reciprocal licensure. Gary recommended eliminating the words “without written examination” because some applicants were grandfathering out of state and then becoming licensed in CA without having taken any exam at all. Removing those
words will allow the Board more latitude in their evaluation of applicants, and to require the CSE if the Board determines that it is warranted.

Craig Copelan, Board President, had to request a motion to accept the Section 7847 applicants three times before one was made, and then there was quite a long period of silence before the motion was reluctantly seconded. This seems to indicate just how seriously the Board is considering this issue. The Board agreed to more thoroughly consider each applicant from now on, and to revisit the language of Section 7847 so that they will have the ability to require written examination (CSE) if warranted.

Other Board News

Rick Blake, CCGO past President and current Secretary, was appointed to the Petroleum Geologist position on the Board. During the meeting he asked some tough questions about Board procedures, and it is evident that he will be a good Board member. Here is the press release from the Governor’s web site, dated 5/25/06:

“Richard Blake, 53, of Pleasanton, has been appointed to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists. He has served 26 years as a professional geologist and is a California Registered Professional Geologist. Blake is currently group leader in the Environmental Protection Department at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. He has served at Lawrence Livermore since 1992 in various capacities, including associate program leader for fossil energy. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is $100 per Diem. Blake is a Republican.”

Martin L. Stout Scholarship Fundraiser

The southern California Section is planning a golf tournament to benefit the AEG Foundation – Martin L. Stout Scholarship. As stated on the AEG website: “The Martin L. Stout Scholarship is in memory of Dr. Martin L. Stout, Professor of Geology at California State University, Los Angeles from 1960 to 1990. He is remembered by all of his students for his passionate and insightful instruction in engineering geology. Dr. Stout guided his students through and beyond the fundamentals of engineering geology, often using Kodachrome™ slides for illustration. He emphasized hands-on experience and critical thought. Dr. Stout was well known for his expertise on mega landslides, his worldly travels, his good humor, and his gracious manner. This scholarship supports his legacy.”

The Stout Scholarship is currently under-funded and cannot support itself. A generous donor is providing pass-through funds until such time as the principal generates enough interest to support the scholarship. AEG’s goal is to reach a minimum principal of $50,000 by the October 2007 National Meeting to be held at the Sheraton Universal in Universal City. This is a very worthwhile goal for the Section to undertake, and I hope all who are able will participate. The tournament is scheduled for the beginning of August, and more information is available on the flyer below.

AEG Mid-Year Board Meeting

The mid-year board meeting this year will be held in New Orleans June 2-4, and will be attended by Brian Villalobos and myself. I’ll report on that meeting in the next newsletter and during the June 13 Section meeting.

A lot of activities are scheduled for the June 13 meeting, so come on out and support your Section, help your Section support CCGO, and hear a fascinating talk by Bill Cotton.
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Topics include discussion of the threat of Tsunamis in southern California and Tsunami preparedness and response activities.

Space is limited so RSVP early to Edwin.Clark@noaa.gov

The workshop is free but there is a $5.00 per vehicle fee for validated parking.
Acting Secretary Scarlett Praises President’s Intention to Nominate Mark Myers as USGS Director

WASHINGTON DC— Acting Interior Secretary Lynn Scarlett today praised President Bush’s intention to nominate Mark D. Myers as director of the U.S. Geological Survey. The announcement is subject to confirmation by the U.S. Senate, once the official nomination is made by the President. Current acting director Dr. P. Patrick Leahy will continue to serve in the acting capacity until Senate confirmation.

Myers is an internationally recognized geologist and former State Geologist and head of Alaska’s Geological Survey.

“Mark is known not only for his accomplishments as a geologist and state survey manager but also for the consensus building approach he has emphasized throughout his career,” Acting Secretary Lynn Scarlett said. “He brings more than 22 years of wide ranging experience in geological science and strong leadership skills to the U.S. Geological Survey.”

As State Geologist and Director of the State of Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Survey, Myers managed a research organization that included 38 scientists and support staff. The state survey generates analyses and interprets data on geologic resources and natural conditions and maps and inventories mineral and energy resources on state land. That information is used by the government, private industry, scientists, educators and the public.

As Director of the State of Alaska Division of Oil and Gas, Myers oversaw a professional staff of nearly 100 employees, including geoscientists, engineers, land managers, accountants, commercial analysts, and auditors. Myers, an expert on North Slope sedimentary and petroleum geology, served as survey chief for field programs in the Mackenzie Delta (ARCO, 1985), Cook Inlet (State of Alaska/U.S. Geological Survey, 1997), and North Slope (ARCO, 1999). He also served as sedimentologist for 13 other North Slope field programs.

Myers is a past president and board member of the Alaska Geological Society; a certified professional geologist with the American Institute of Professional Geologists; a certified petroleum geologist with the American Association of Petroleum Geologists; and a licensed geologist with the State of Alaska.

He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1977 to 2003, retiring as a Lt. Colonel.

He received his doctorate in geology from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in 1994, specializing in sedimentology, clastic depositional environments, surface and subsurface sequence analysis and sandstone petrography. Myers earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees in geology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The USGS serves the Nation by providing reliable scientific information to describe and understand the Earth; minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and enhance and protect America’s quality of life. The USGS is organized with a Headquarters and Eastern Region facility in Reston, Va. Central Region and Western Region offices are located in Denver, Colo., and Menlo Park, Calif., respectively.

The 10,000 scientists, technicians and support staff of the USGS are located in nearly 400 offices in every state and in several foreign countries. With a budget of more than $1 billion a year, the USGS leverages its resources and expertise in partnership with more than 2,000 agencies of state, local and tribal government, the academic community, other federal allies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. Field investigations, direct observations of natural science processes and phenomena, and monitoring and data collection at the local scale are the scientific hallmarks of the USGS.
## Chapter Meetings

**Inland Empire:**
June Meeting: Wednesday, June 21st  
Time: Social Hour – 6, Dinner – 7, Meeting – 7:45  
Location: Hungry Hunter, 27600 Jefferson Avenue, Temecula, CA (951) 694-1475  
Speaker: Miles D. Kenney, Ph.D., Petra Geotechnical, San Diego, CA  
Presentation Topic: “Late Quaternary deformation and sedimentation history, Coachella fan area located between the Mecca Hills and Indio Hills, and northeast of the San Andreas Fault, eastern Coachella Valley, California”  

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Monthly meetings will take place on the last Wednesday of every month at Rusty's Pizza in Goleta. Social hour begins at 6 pm, the meeting begins at 7pm.

For more information or to be added to the CA Central Coast Chapter email list, please contact Robert Urban via email at robert_urban@urscorp.com.

**San Diego:**
June Meeting: Tuesday, June 20th  
Time: Social Hour – 5:30PM; Talk – 6:30PM  
Location: Office of Ninyo & Moore, 5710 Ruffin Road, San Diego  
Speaker: Dr. Thomas Rockwell of San Diego State University  
Presentation Topic: Neotectonics of the San Diego Region  

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