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### **California Seismic Safety Commission to meet in Arcata**

On Thursday October 8, the Alfred E. Alquist California Seismic Safety Commission will meet at the D Street Neighborhood Center at 1304 D Street in Arcata. This is the first time the Commission is meeting on the North Coast since its establishment in 1975 as part of the Seismic Safety Act.

The California Seismic Safety Commission investigates earthquakes, researches earthquake-related issues, and recommends policies and programs needed to reduce earthquake risk to the Governor and Legislature. Its mission is to provide decision makers and the general public with cost-effective recommendations to reduce earthquake losses and to speed post-event recovery.

The Commission will hold a workshop on Wednesday, October 7, at 4 p.m. at the Adorni Center in Eureka. The Commission will hear a review of recommendations to modify the Alquist Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act.

At 9 a.m. on Thursday October 8, presentations before the Commission will include an overview of Redwood Tsunami Work Group efforts led by Dr. Lori Dengler, local project efforts in Arcata and at Humboldt State University and the Last Chance Grade project on Highway 101 by Caltrans.

The Commission will travel to Crescent City to meet with the Crescent City Harbor District and government officials on local tsunami risks and lessons learned.

At 9 a.m. on Friday, October 9, the Commission will host an invitational workshop for the Northern California Tribal Chairman's Association at Yurok Tribe Headquarters in Klamath to learn about the specific needs of tribes throughout the region and opportunities to strengthen relationships with State government to reduce earthquake losses and to speed recovery.

"We all need to learn to be seismically aware and tsunami safe," said Arcata Councilman Mark Wheatley, who was appointed to the Seismic Safety Commission in 2014 by Governor Jerry Brown. "Earthquakes are a significant threat throughout California but especially here along the North Coast."

Wheatley requested the Commission hold a North Coast meeting and invites the public to actively participate. "It provides an opportunity for my colleagues on the Commission to hear firsthand about our local efforts to raise earthquake and tsunami awareness, identify vulnerabilities and improve existing response strategies," said Wheatley.

"The Commission is honored to learn from citizens, local government officials and tribal leaders on how to make communities in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties and the surrounding North Coast region more resilient to the imminent danger of earthquakes," stated Commission Chair Tim Strack.

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