

California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council

Planning Meeting

March 19, 2026



Meeting Agenda

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to continue with the regular cadence for Council meetings and deliberate on key topics.

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- I. Opening Remarks and Roll Call
 - II. Public Comment on Agenda Items
 - III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - IV. Review of Emergency Meeting Procedures
 - V. History of the California Earthquake Advisory Plan --
Presentation by Dr. Jim Goltz
 - VI. Operational Aftershock Forecasting - Presentation by Dr.
Morgan Page
 - VII. Establish Communications Subcommittee
 - VIII. Establish Nominating Subcommittee
 - IX. Establish NEPEC Coordination Subcommittee
 - X. Open Comment Period
 - XI. Planning Next Meeting
 - XII. Closing Remarks
 - Adjourn
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I. Opening Remarks

The California Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (CEPEC) is established by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). It serves as an advisory committee to the Governor and the Director of Cal OES on the scientific validity of an earthquake or volcanic eruption prediction.



Appointed Members Roll Call

Jeremy Lancaster, PG
State Geologist and CEPEC Chair

Dr. Greg Beroza, Stanford University

Dr. Morgan Page, United States Geological Survey

Dr. Wendy Bohon, California Geological Survey

Dr. Diego Melgar, University of Oregon

Dr. Gareth Funning, University of California, Riverside

Dr. Taka'aki Taira, University of California, Berkeley

Dr. Zachary Ross, California Institute of Technology

Dr. Justin Rubinstein, United States Geological Survey

Dr. Sara McBride (Ex-Officio), California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Seismic Safety Commission

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

IV. Review of Emergency Meeting Procedures

The CEPEC Rapid Review Conference Call shall be convened and Chaired by the State Geologist as CEPEC Chair, or by his/her designee if the Vice Chair is unavailable. The Agenda for the call shall be as follows:

- Convene the call as an Official Emergency Meeting of CEPEC; determination made as to others, if any, who should be asked to join
- The State Geologist provides description of event
- The State Geologist provides a seismic history and possible implications of event, supplemented as necessary by CEPEC members or outside experts
- CEPEC formulates description of situation and suggests nature of recommendation to CalOES for its consideration and action for appropriate public information notification
- State Geologist confirms recommendation to CalOES via e-mail to meeting participants



V. Invited Speaker

History of the California Earthquake Advisory Plan

**James D. Goltz, PhD
Seismological Lab, UC Berkeley**

VI. Invited Speaker

Operational Aftershock Forecasting

**Morgan Page, PhD
United States Geological Survey**

VII. Establish Communications Subcommittee

- **Purpose:** Identify scenarios that may require an advisory and determine what may be communicated as a result of CEPEC deliberations;
 - Work with Cal OES to update the advisory plan and advisory statements
 - Develop cross-walk between CEPEC deliberations and the Advisory Plan

VIII. Establish Nominating Subcommittee

- **Purpose:** Subcommittee to form and identify volcanic hazards experts for consideration by the main CEPEC as the final member of the council.

IX. Establish NEPEC Coordination Subcommittee

- **Purpose:** Subcommittee to work collaboratively with NEPEC to determine a procedure for handling earthquake forecasts or predictions including new methods.

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