

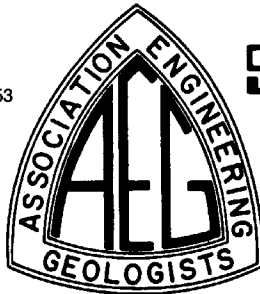
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JANUARY MEETING

DATE: January 10, 1983⁴

PLACE: Steven's Steak House
5332 Stevens Place
Commerce

COST: \$ 13.00, including tip

RESERVATIONS: LeRoy Crandall & Associates
413-3550, Ext. 50; ask for Jan

TIME: 5:30 - Social Hour
6:30 - Dinner
7:30 - AEG Business
8:00 - Speaker
9:00 - Section Affairs (if scheduled)

SPEAKER: Hugh Robertson, Principal, Kovacs-Byer-Robertson, Inc.,
Malibu.

TOPIC: Assessment of 1982-1983 Winter Storms Damage to the Malibu
Coastline.

Utilizing much data and excellent slides by Frank Denison, Hugh will describe the affect of storms in November, 1982 and in January through March, 1983 that caused severe damage to beaches and improvements along the Malibu coastline. Losses approximating 10.7 million were realized to beachfront residences, piers, bulkheads, seawalls, and septic systems, with concomitant health hazards resulting from discharge of untreated sewage onto the beaches.

Hugh will compare the performance of well designed and constructed facilities with the problems that befell structures without appropriate engineering standards.

RESERVATIONS: If you have none, try to sign up by the preceeding Friday at noon.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Questions regarding the why's and wherefore's of professional engineering geologic practice seem to refer back to the courts with greater frequency. Some of the decisions that affect our well being are identified as follows:

Snapp vs. State Farm (1962) 206, cal app 2d 827
Hughes vs. Potomac Ins Co. (1962) 199 cal app 2d 239
Pfleffer vs. General Ins. 185 F. Supp 605
Sabella vs. Wisler (1963) 59 Cal app, 2d 21
Sauer vs. General Ins. (1964) 225 cal app 2d 275
Gillis vs. Sun Ins. (1965) 238 cal app 2d 408
State Farm vs. Partridge (1973) 10 ca app 3d 94 (note: 3d party)
Moorehead vs. Travelers (1973) 2d Civ 4150 (page 9) unpublished
Strubble vs. USAA (1973) 35 cal app 3d 498
Sprecher vs. Adamson Co (1981) 178 cal rpt 783 636 P 2d 1121
Safeco vs. Guyton (1982) 9th Cir, 692 F. 2d 551 Federal
Premier Ins. vs. Welch (1983) 189 cal rpt 657
Cal Union Ins. Vs. Landmark (1983) 145 cal app 3d 462
Garvey vs. State Farm (1983) San Francisco Trial Court
Shurpin vs. Elmhirst (1983) C.A. 2nd, 2nd Civ No. 66754

For those who have been wondering what it all means! On February 10, 1981 a notice was directed to all Geotechnical Consulting firms regarding the compliance with provisions of the Building Code, Sections 309 and 308. Numerous calls have been received since that time indicating concern for delays caused by attempts to comply with the wording of the Building Code.

The February 10, 1981 directive was not intended to require precise or exact wording. The finding should be acceptable as meeting the requirements of Section 309 when the report contains a general finding to the effect that proposed site is safe for the proposed structure and that the proposed building or grading construction will not adversely affect property out side of the building site. When such general statement is included in the finding and is signed by a Registered Engineering Geologist the finding should be approved as meeting the requirements of the Building Code.

Hiam Barmack, Deputy County Engineer; June 1, 1981

WEATHER OR NOT

G.G. Kuhn & F.P. Shepard, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, in the October, 1981 issue of Shore and Beach, state that "it may very well be that a long-term cooling trend on the earth triggers the volcanic activity which assists in cooling, producing a change in the cyclonic storm pattern that could also produce warming trends in other areas.

ALICE CAMPBELL announces that the ASCE Geotechnical Group will hear DR. RONALD SCOTT speak at their January 18, 1984 meeting. DR. SCOTT will discuss the history of Mechanics, as it is used in soil mechanics.

DANNA TRUSLOW & DENISE PIERATTI, who are ones, inform us that the ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN GEOSCIENTISTS will hear from JAMES ANDERSON, Executive Director of the SANTA ANA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD at their January 12, 1984 meeting. MR. ANDERSON will provide an update of the Stringfellow Acid Waste Site, accompanied by a slide presentation. The meeting, at 7:30 pm, will take place at L.A. Department of Water & Power, 111 N. Hope St., Rm 1071.

A pre-meeting, informal dinner is planned at 6:00 at the Itchy Foot Cafe, 803 W. Temple.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

PPG, consulting geologists are seeking California registered geologist with experience in mining, petroleum or engineering geology. Full or part time. Contact CLIFFORD C. PLUMB - 213-700-0299

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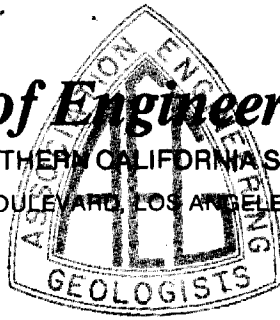
The EARTH TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION was lauded in Long Beach Press-Telegram (7 Nov 83) for their publication entitled "Geology of the City of Long Beach", which not incidentally received the Outstanding Paper of the Year award from the National Association of Engineering Geologists. CONGRATULATIONS!! It's nice to see some good work.

"DANGEROUS" JOE COBARRUBIAS suggests that a Tri-Section Conference - something on the order of a mini-annual meeting - be held here next year for those who can't attend the National.

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