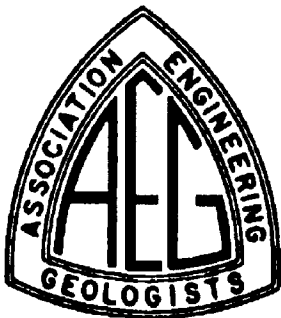


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Dinner Meeting *Tuesday May 8th*

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- For reservations call by May 4th!!!**

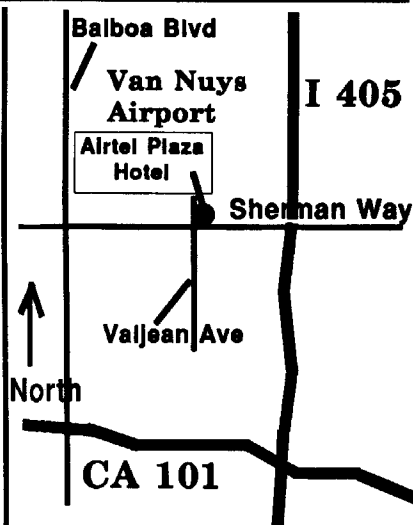
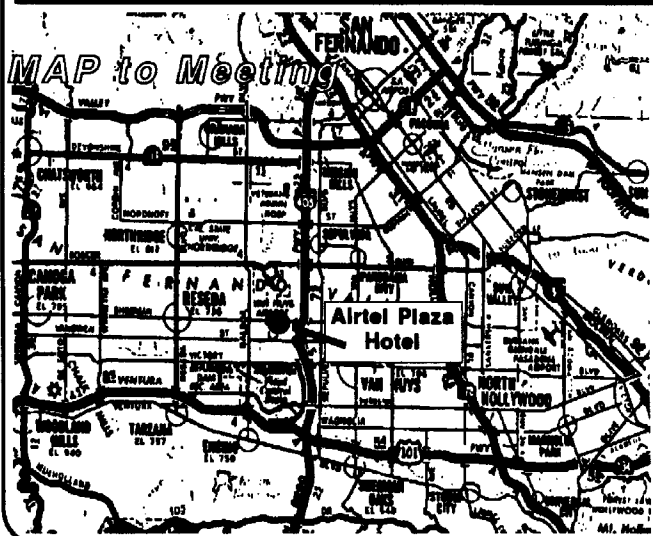
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Make reservations by Noon on the Friday before the Meeting

- 5:30 Social Hour
- 6:45 Dinner
7:30 Announcements
- 8:00 Program

Program Some Lessons to be Learned from
TOPIC Failures of Earth Dams - With an
Emphasis on the 1976 Teton Dam Failure

SPEAKER Leonard M. Krazynski - Civil/Geotechnical
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Program

Topic & Speaker

Some Lessons to be Learned from Failures of Earth Dams - With an Emphasis on the 1976 Teton Dam Failure

Leonard M. Krazynski

The Teton Dam failure in southern Idaho resulted in the deaths of 14 people on June 5, 1976. An earth-fill, clay-core dam constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation, Teton Dam was 305 feet high to the crest, spanning 2,000 feet across the Teton River. The dam failed catastrophically during the initial filling when the water level reached 3.3 feet below the spillway.

Teton Dam was constructed as specified and failed as the result of inadequate protection of the impervious core material from internal erosion. The most probable physical mode of failure was cracking of the core that allowed the initiation of erosion; however, the erosion could have been initiated by piping at the contact of the core and the rock surface.

A 30 minute video tape of the actual failure will be shown following the meeting.

Leonard M. Krazynski is a registered civil engineer with over 40 years of experience in geotechnical engineering projects in the United States and abroad. He received his B.S. in civil engineering at U.C. Berkeley and M.S. in civil engineering at Washington State U.

THIS MONTH

May 1990



Kelly E. Row
Hydrogeologist

ATTENTION... for the May meeting!!!

Because AEG has no track record or standing agreements with the Airtel Plaza Hotel, they have strict rules on reservations and pre-payment for our May dinner meeting. The hotel requires a check on the Friday before our Tuesday meeting as full payment for all expected attendees. This means the Section will automatically have paid for, and lost money on, anyone who reserves but does not attend or otherwise arrange delivery of a check for \$20. At the same time, the hotel is limited in its ability to accommodate extra people who show up without prior arrangements. **Absolutely no reservations for the May 8 meeting will be accepted after 12:00 noon on Friday May 4!!!**

This month Mr. Leonard M. Krazynski, geotechnical engineer, will discuss failures of earth dams. Mr. Krazynski has extensive experience in California and Texas. According to his resume, he has a strong interest in expansive soils.

Last month Dr. Robert Schuster, Research geologist/civil engineer with the USGS, spoke about landslide dams throughout the world. He and a colleague have studied landslide dams for a number of years and have reached some interesting conclusions. They plan to soon publish the results of their studies. Some of their conclusions are that landslide dams are formed, by order of frequency, by slumps & slides, avalanches, flows and undifferentiated types. Frequent causes of landslide dams are due to rain and snowmelt. Earthquakes produce the biggest landslide dams. Stabilizing landslide dams or repair of damage to facilities such as roads, train tracks and housing caused by associated landslide movement may be very expensive.

At the April meeting Dennis Hannah described the outcome of a recent meeting that took place with the long-range planning committee of AEG. There were many key issues that the committee determined were necessary to focus upon for continued development of the Association. One of the issues related to attracting more hydrogeologists and environmental geologists to the Association. Because of the explosive growth of work in these fields and the Association's delay in meeting the needs of these professionals, considered to be closely aligned to the needs of engineering geologists, no growth of the

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Association is evident during the last few years. These and other issues will be addressed and discussed further in the Association's correspondence with the membership, to develop a stronger Association.

Hugh Robertson also spoke at the April meeting to describe the current activities of concern to engineering geologists in the state legislature. This time of year is very busy for the legislature. To date there is no alarming legislation pending. There are, however, continuing discussions that the **Board of Registration of Geologists and Geophysicists (BRGG)** be combined with another professional board in the state's **Department of Consumer Affairs**. Presently, the most likely board to absorb the BRGG is the **Board of Registration for Engineers**.

Hugh says that the AEG Legislative Analyst in Sacramento, **Mr. William J. Keese**, is performing outstanding work on our behalf. He has weeded out the bills that pertain to geologists. These have been periodically submitted to the Legislation Committee for review and comment. A number of bills have been submitted concerning toxic waste and AEG is generally in support of these bills. Many bills were submitted concerning seismic safety and involve seismic safety evaluations and reports, mitigation technologies and repair of residences. We have been in support of these bills as they should improve the safety of developments, help disseminate information and improve people's understanding of seismic risk.

Assembly Bill (AB) 469 (Harvey), was a bill submitted to raise the cap on the fees that the Registration Board can charge. We have been in support of this bill as it should provide funds for allowing the exams to be given more than once a year and provide better funds to assist the board in their enforcement actions. Most of the discussion about the bill involved the need for the Registration Board. **Mr. Keese** has indicated that the geology board appears to be safe from sunseting for 3 to 6 years.

AB 527 (Hannagan) establishes standards for certified appraisers for federally related transactions. The bill has recently been ammended to include Geologist, along with Engineers, to be exempt from having to be registered as an appraiser.

AB 2978 (Speier) will require homes to be bolted to the foundations by the sellers at the time of transaction. **AB 2983 (Tanner)** establishes certain conditions for solid waste landfills with requirement to make sure that surface waters are separated from the subsurface waters. A number of bills were submitted concerning computer mapping and the desire to make the computer mapping a practice of civil engineering. We have informed **Mr. Keese** that geologists may modify maps and perform mapping functions by computer. We would not like to see our ability to perform computer mapping restricted by laws which would only allow civil engineers and evaluating structural integrity. **Mr. Keese** is assessing the need to add geologists to the wording in the law when it comes to assessing the earthquake risk of the property.

Hugh says that if you are interested in legislation or would like to review copies of these bills, write or give him a call so he can either get you copies or give you a quick run-down on what's happening on the legislation front.

The following are some notes of interest from the January 26, 1990 meeting of the **State Board of Registration for Geologists and Geophysicists**, held at the Hyatt Hotel in Los Angeles. The Board is considering the adoption of a multiple-choice type of examination for registration of geologists. The current test of multiple-choice, essay questions and problems takes a considerable time to be graded by a limited number of volunteer graders. The board had 1,100 applicants of which 874 candidates took the examinations in 1989. It is possible that the number of applicants for the examinations in the future will increase, thus prolonging the time for completion of grading and limiting the frequency of the exams. The board is apparently divided toward a change in the current program. The board is developing a set of goals and criteria that would be given to a consulting firm which reviews the examination and have the firm make recommendations in its report to the board. This motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed the "Fields of Expertise" list at the January 26th meeting also. There was general agreement that geophysicists were excluded from the comparison of expertise of geologists to expertise of civil engineers. Because there were some additional tasks to be accomplished by the board's committee the approval of the list was postponed. This topic will be discussed further in a future meeting.

Dr. Martin L Stout will be semi-retiring after 30 years of teaching at California State University, Los Angeles. At the April meeting **Dr. Stout** said he will continue to teach, about half-time, upper-level and graduate level classes. In honor of the years of teaching and the impact he has had on the teaching profession and on engineering geology, the **Department of Geology at California State University, Los Angeles, is holding their Annual Alumni Awards banquet in his honor on June 1st**. The department is also establishing a scholarship in his name, the **Martin L. Stout Scholarship**. If you wish to find out more information concerning this event or to contribute toward the **Martin L. Stout Scholarship fund**, please contact **Dr. Gary Novak, Chairman of the Department of Geology at (213)343-2400**.

SDAG annual field trip first call for papers. **Field trip is scheduled for October 20th** and will cover geotechnical issues, e.g., slope stabilization, deep fill monitoring, fill saturation and ground improvement techniques. If you would like to contribute a paper, contact **John Hoobs, at Geocon Inc., (619)558-6900**.

The Dibblee Geological Foundation has set Saturday, May 5th, as the date for "A Day in the Field with Tom Dibblee in the Santa Monica Mountains". The foundation is asking for a **minimum donation of \$35.00 per person**, including field trip and BBQ. The left-over proceeds from this event will be used to publish additional geologic maps of the current Dibblee - Santa Monica Mountains series. The previous "Day in the Field with Tom Dibblee" was a great success for all participants. For reservations please contact, by **April 20th, John R. Powell (805) 653-5556** or write to **John, c/o Staal, Gardner & Dunne, Inc., 121 North Fir St., Suite F, Ventura, CA 93001**. **Helmut Ehrenspeck (805) 968-0481** is also a contact for this event.

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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.

Seminars/Meetings/Field Trips

MAY 1990

5-Saturday "A Day in the Field with Tom Dibblee in the Santa Monica Mountains" Malibu State Park, CA. \$35/person CONTACT: (805) 653-5556 John Powell, c/o Staal, Gardner & Dunne, Inc. 121 North Fir Street, Suite F, Ventura, CA 93001, or (805) 968-0481 Helmut Ehrenspeck. Dibblee Geological Foundation, P.O. Box 60560, Santa Barbara, CA 93160

7-9 "UNIX EXPO West" Los Angeles, CA. Los Angeles Convention Center. CONTACT: National Expositions Company, Inc., 15 W. 39th Street., N.Y., NY 10018.

7-11 "Petroleum Hydrocarbons and Organic Chemicals in Ground Water: Use of Models for Site Assessment and Remediation" Cost: \$1,250. Los Angeles Airport Marina Hotel, 8601 Lincoln Blvd. Marina del Rey, CA CONTACT: (619)943-7694 Lois Elms, Coordinator, Hydrocarbons in Ground Water, 6992 El Camino Real, Suite 104-263, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

14-17 "Fourth National Outdoor Action Conference on Aquifer Restoration, Ground Water Monitoring and Geophysical Methods" Las Vegas, NV. NWWA CONTACT: (614)761-1711 National Water Well Assoc. P.O. Box 182039, Dept. 017, Columbus, OH 43218

14-18 "Hands-on 5-day Laboratory for Quality Geotechnical Lab Testing May 19-24" Rolla, MO. Univ. of Missouri at Rolla Continuing Education (UMRCE). CONTACT: UMRCE (800)752-5057 Continuing Education, 119 Mechanical Engineering Annex, UMR, Rolla 65401-0249

18-21 "Presentation of Papers & Field Trip for: Mojave Desert Quaternary Research Symposium" The Mojave Desert Quaternary Research Center San Bernardino County Museum. CONTACT: (714)798-8570. Jennifer Reynolds, Editor LMDQRC San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, CA 92374

JUNE 1990

12-13 "Short Course - Magnetometer Surveying" Sunnyvale, CA. EG&G Geometrics CONTACT: (408)734-4614 Myra Crettol, EG&G Geometrics, 395 Jave Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

12-14 "Microbial Processes" San Francisco, CA. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

21-22 "International Symposium on Mapping & Geographic Information Systems" San Francisco, CA CONTACT: A. Ivan Johnson, A. Ivan Johnson, Inc., 7474 Upham Ct. Arvada, CO 80003 (303)425-5610.

JULY 1990

23-27 "Optimization and Uncertainty Analysis in Solving Groundwater Problems" Dr. S. Gorelick, et.al., International Ground Water Modeling Center CONTACT: Holcomb Research Ins. Butler U., 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis Indiana 46208 (317)283-9519.

AUGUST 1990

12-15 "CONSERV 90: The National Conference and Exposition Focusing on Water Supply Solutions for the 1990s." Phoenix, AZ CONTACT: Conserve 90, 6375 Riverside Dr., Dublin, OH 43017 (614)761-1711

12-17 "IBM PC Applications in Ground Water Pollution and Hydrology: A Hands-On Short Course" Dublin, OH. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

SEPTEMBER 1990

19-22 "Short Course - Shallow CDP Seismic Reflection Surveying" Sunnyvale, CA. EG&G Geometrics CONTACT: (408)745-6131 Myra Crettol, EG&G Geometrics, 395 Jave Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

24-28 "Incremental Flow Modeling for Analysis of Flow and Transport Problems" Dr. O. Strack, et.al., International Ground Water Modeling Center CONTACT: Holcomb Research Ins. Butler U., 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis Indiana 46208 (317)283-9519.

OCTOBER 1990

1-5 "33rd Annual Meeting of the Association of Engineering

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1-3 "Principles of Subsurface Contaminant Fate" Long Beach, CA. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

1-3 "Theory and Practice of Ground Water Monitoring and Sampling" Long Beach, CA. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

4 "Environmental Site Assessment Course" Long Beach, CA. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

15-19 "Multiphase Organic Transport Modeling with Emphasis on Pollution by Hydrocarbons" Dr. J. Parker, et.al., International Ground Water Modeling Center CONTACT: Holcomb Research Ins. Butler U., 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis Indiana 46208 (317)283-9519.

23-25 "A Comprehensive Approach to Development and Protection of Ground Water" San Francisco, CA. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

NOVEMBER 1990

4-9 "Symposium on Urban Hydrology" Denver, CO. Amer. Water Resources Assoc. (AWRA). CONTACT: AWRA (301)493-8600 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Suite 220, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-2192.

6-8 "Theory and Application of Vadose Zone Monitoring, Sampling, Remediation" Las Vegas, NV. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

9 "Environmental Site Assessments One-Day Legal Course" Las Vegas, NV. Assoc. of Ground Water Scientists and Engineers (NWWA). CONTACT: NWWA (614)761-1711/P.O. Box 182039/Dept. #017/ Columbus, Ohio 43218.

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