



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**  
**Geological Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 29, 2022**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Chet Wrucke**, Chair  
**Nan Shostak**, Vice Chair  
**Patricia McCrory**, Secretary  
**Garv Ernst**, Member

**SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**
- 2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**  
*Speakers' time is limited to three minutes.*
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - a. May 11, 2022
- 4. NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. Discuss Draft Safety Element and compile the list of Committee questions to be submitted to the Town by December 2, 2022
  - b. Next steps for the Safety Element: Procedure to develop Committee comments for submission to the Town by January 13, 2023
- 5. ADJOURNMENT**

This committee does not have a regular schedule and meets on an as-needed basis.

SPECIAL GEOLOGIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY  
11 May 2022

[via Zoom; this meeting was recorded]

Chairman Chester Wrucke called the meeting to order at 1900 [in Italy; 1000 PDT].  
Laura Russell [town manager] determining quorum at 1902 [in Italy; 1002 PDT]

**Committee Members present** [via Zoom]:

Chester Wrucke  
Gary Ernst  
Pat McCrory  
Nan Shostak

**Town Staff present:**

Jeff Aiffs [council member]  
John Wallace [town geologist]  
Laura Russell [town manager]

**Invited speakers:**

Carla Violet, Urban Planning Partners [UPP]  
Curtis Banks, Urban Planning Partners [UPP]  
Aaron Pfannenstiel Atlas Planning Solutions [APS]

**Also present** [at various times during the Zoom; list not complete]:

Bob Turcott  
Dale Pfau  
Karen  
Kristi Corley  
Leslie Kriese  
Rita Comes  
Mary Hufty

**Purpose of Meeting:**

The committee met to hear presentations by the UPP & APS consultants hired by the town to update the Town Safety Element, in particular to discuss draft subsections regarding geologic, seismic, and flooding hazards.

**Old Business:**

- Chet opened meeting to anyone wanting to address the committee about items not on the agenda.
- Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on 11 March 2022 were approved by the committee with one revision [Danna Breen not a council member].

**New Business:**

- Chet explained the focus of the meeting is the draft safety element.
- Carla Violet [UPP] summarized which policies and actions in the geologic safety subsection of the pending Safety Element have been updated.

Questions from the panel regarding whether renovated structures will fall within new regulations; new UPP landslide susceptibility map.

- Meeting opened to public questions at 1923 [in Italy; 1023 PDT]
- Committee members and residents asked questions about: enforcement provisions; lack of resilience of town infrastructure such as phone landlines, electricity; older trees falling on power lines.

Questions concerning why Hermit fault was removed from town geologic map in 2017; whether new landslides are included on maps.

Request that changes to any safety element be highlighted and dated.

Request from Nan that town's geologic data and reports be available to committee members. Reminder from Gary Ernst that earthquake faulting not quantitatively predictable. Nan emphasized the need to link geologic hazard policies and actions with those within the emergency management subsection.

**Concluding Comments:**

Chairman Chester Wrucke adjourned the meeting at 2027 [in Italy; 1137 PDT].