



**TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY**  
**Geologic Safety Committee Meeting**  
**July 8, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**

**Nan Shostak**, Chair,  
**Bob Wrucke**, Vice Chair  
**Patricia McCrory**, Secretary  
**Troy Douthit**, Member  
**Gary Ernst**, Member  
**Steve Ingebritsen**, Member  
**Chet Wrucke**, Member

**REGULAR MEETING –**  
**HISTORIC SCHOOLHOUSE - 765 PORTOLA ROAD ~ PORTOLA VALLEY**

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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 13, 2024 meeting
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Discussion: "Tips from the Geologic Safety Committee"
  - b. Evacuation Plan Subcommittee update
  - c. Seismic Resilience Subcommittee update
  - d. Black Mountain and Berrocal Faults Subcommittee update
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Discussion: Is it time to update the Town's geologic and ground movement potential maps?

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting body meets regularly on the second Monday of the month.

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**Land Acknowledgement:**

The Town of Portola Valley acknowledges the colonial history of this land we dwell upon—the unceded territory of the Ramaytush (rah-my-toosh) Ohlone, Tamien Nation, and Muwekma (mah-WEK-mah) Ohlone, who endured a human and cultural genocide that included removal from their lands and their sacred relationship to the land. Portola Valley recognizes that we profit from the commodification of land seized from indigenous peoples and now bear the ecological consequences. We seek to understand the impact of these legacies on all beings and to find ways to make repair.

Minutes of  
GEOLOGIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TOWN OF PORTOLA VALLEY  
Monday, May 13, 2024 at 10am

Meeting location: Town Council Chamber in the Old Schoolhouse.

**Committee Members present:**

Nan Shostak [chair]  
Troy Douthit  
Gary Ernst  
Steven Ingebritsen  
Bob Wrucke [vice-chair]  
Chester Wrucke

**Committee Members not present:**

Pat McCrory

**Town Council member present:**

Mary Hufty  
Judith Hasko, who was not present, is the new official town council liaison for the Geologic Safety Committee.

**Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM.

**Public Comments**

Rita Comes spoke about the road repair work that was being done on Cervantes Road.

Gary Ernst commented that heavy trucks to most of the damage to to all roads. The damage done to trucks going uphill is typically worse then trucks going downhill.

**Approval of minutes of the previous meeting on April :**

The committee voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on March 11, 2024.

**Old Business**

**Resilience subcommittee:**

Insurance companies are cancelling coverage of insurance to home owners fire insurance in parts of the San Francisco Bay Area. This is happening in San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley.

Half of the people in Orinda are having their fire insurance policies cancelled.

**Subcommittee on the Geologic Hazards for the Town's Evacuation Plan:**

Nan: The short version of the geologic hazards report for the Town's evacuation plan has been accepted by the Emergency Preparedness Committee. The word 'Draft' has to be removed from the Geologic Hazards maps for Evacuating the Town of Portola Valley.

The report will be going to the Town Council, and it will be submitted to the Fire District.

Bob Wrucke recommended the Geologic Safety Committee write longer reports on the geologic hazards that exist in the town. The reports would include more information than is included in the Town's evacuation plan. The reports would be separate from the evacuation plan.

### **Subcommittee on the Berrocal fault and the Black Mountain fault**

Nan and Bob presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Black Mountain fault and the Berrocal fault. The faults are not shown on the town's geologic maps. Evidence was presented on the existence of the faults. Following the presentation there was discussion on the two faults.

Chet: The Black Mountain fault exists. It is a major fault. A report should be published on the Black Mountain fault. It will take time to complete a report on the Black Mountain fault.

### **New Business**

There was discussion on having a meeting with the John Wallace of Cotton Shires and Associates, the Town's consulting geologist.

Nan led a discussion on having the committee write short articles with tips on geologic hazards. The tips could be published on the town's website.

Steven made a motion to have a subcommittee write tips about geologic hazards. The motion was seconded by Bob.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.