



Legislative Committee 2005 Charges



(1) Work with an intern to prepare a database of Bay Area public policies on seismic safety. Hopefully we can find someone this Spring or Summer who is interested in working on this. Arrietta sent the job description to Berkeley planning and engineering professors. I'll see if I can get it posted at Stanford and San Jose State as well.

(2) Seek Chapter endorsement of Soft Story Legislation that the City of Berkeley will introduce to the state.

Berkeley's City Council has made it a high priority to introduce legislation to the state that would advise communities to identify and strengthen soft-story structures. We will present the draft legislation to the chapter board and seek endorsement and assistance in introducing this legislation.

(3) Coordinate a state Advocacy Day

We propose to get three to four EERI members to go to Sacramento for a day this Spring to meet with as many lawmakers as possible to advocate seismic safety issues. The issues to advocate would include (if endorsed) the Soft Story legislation, saving the Seismic Safety Commission, and other issues that are relevant at the time.

(4) Focus on Bay Area school public policies

Arrietta is currently working on a compilation of policies related to school seismic safety at the state level. We propose to supplement this with a compilation of Bay Area policies and programs related to schools. This can be viewed as the starting point for the larger database that we hope to get an intern to help with. We know there is a School Committee forming in the chapter -- Steve Hom and Daniel Shapiro? Before we do any work on this activity, we should coordinate with them, make sure we're not duplicating efforts.