



Seismic Hazard Analysis along the State Water Project California Department of Water Resources

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California State Water Project (SWP)

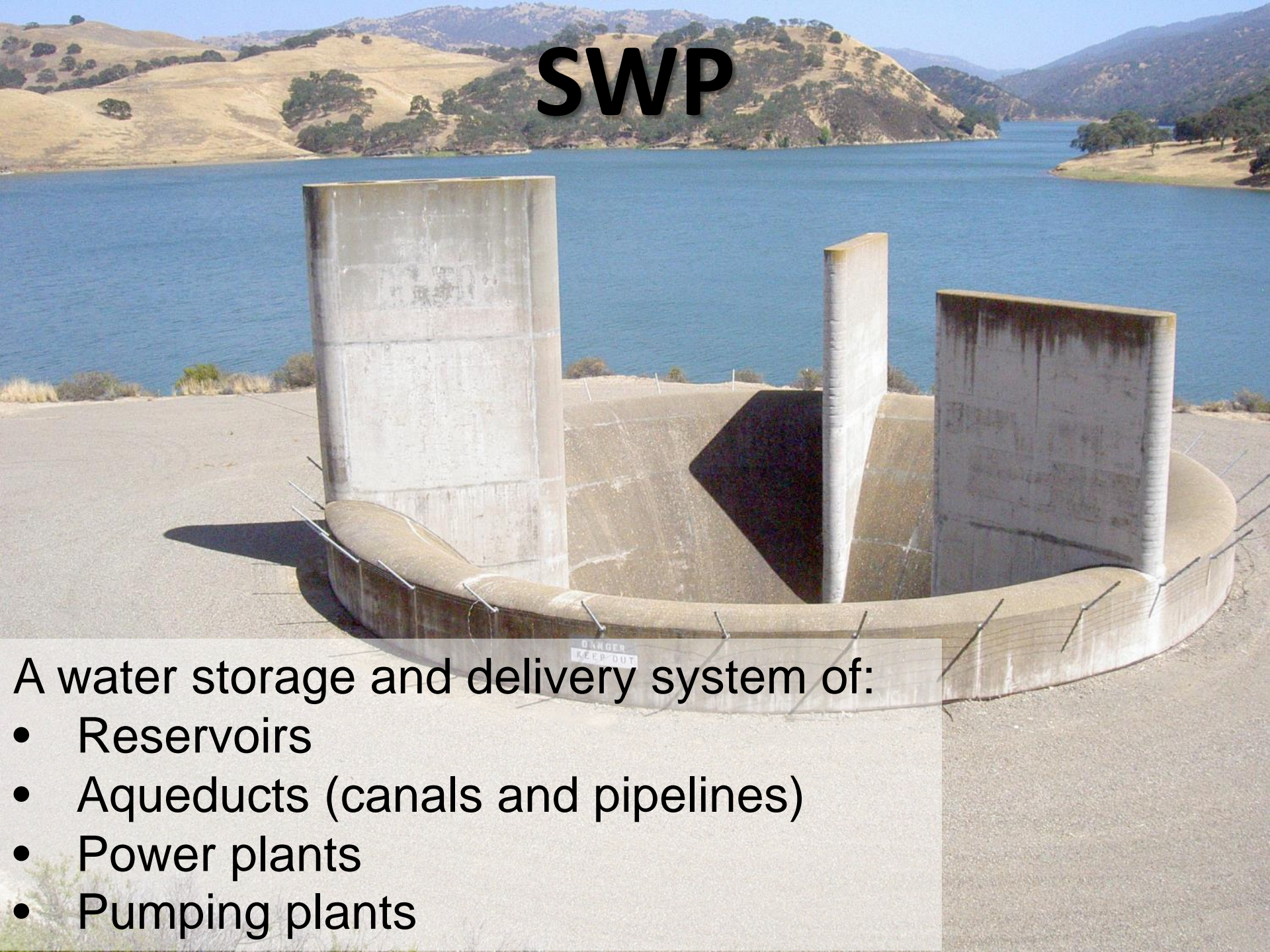


- Maintained and operated by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR).
- Deliveries to two-thirds of California's population

Scale 1 : 3,500,000



SWP



A water storage and delivery system of:

- Reservoirs
- Aqueducts (canals and pipelines)
- Power plants
- Pumping plants

SWP



Main purpose:

- Store and distribute water to 29 urban and agricultural water suppliers (water contractors)
 - Northern California
 - San Francisco Bay Area
 - San Joaquin Valley
 - Central Coast
 - Southern California

SWP

Of the contracted water supply:

- 70 percent goes to urban users (about 25 million California's)
- 30 percent goes to agricultural users (about 750,000 acres of irrigated farmland)

SWP

The SWP is also operated to:

- Improve water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta
- Control Feather River flood waters
- Provide recreation, enhance fish and wildlife

SWP

- Construction began in the late 1950's into the 1970's
- Subsequent facilities built in the 1980's and 1990's
- Additional phases continue today

SWP

Stretching from the Upper Feather River basin of Northern California in Plumas County to Perris Reservoir in Riverside County:

- 34 reservoirs
- 20 pumping plants
- 4 pumping-generating plants
- 5 hydroelectric power plants
- 701 miles of open canals, pipelines, and tunnels

SWP- Seismic Hazards

Potentially impacting the SWP:

- **Surface fault rupture**
- **Strong ground motion**
- **Regional/local ground surface warping/tilting**
- **Liquefaction/lateral spread**
- **Slope instability**
- **Seiche**
- **and even**

Hyatt Powerplant, Lake Oroville.



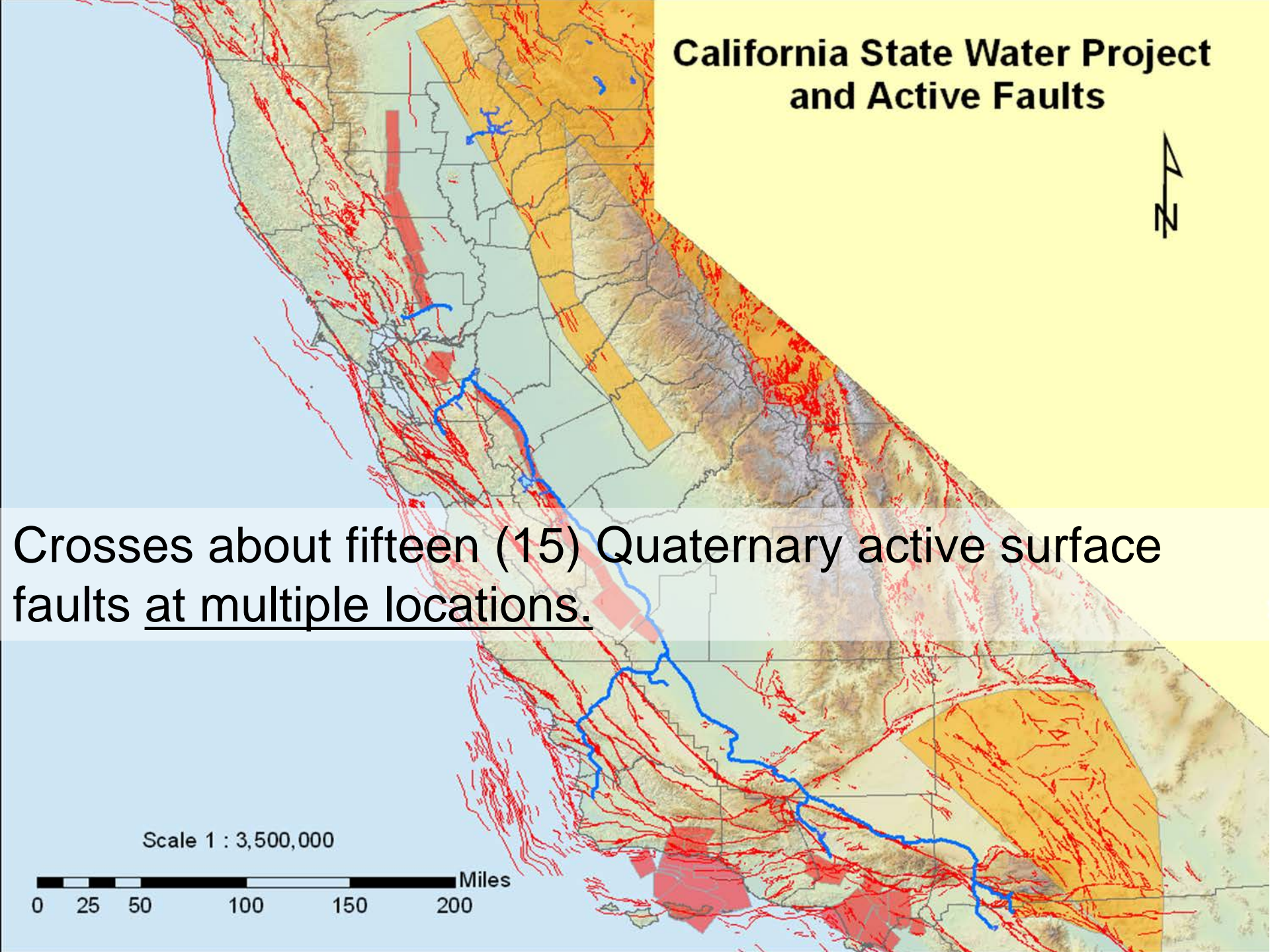
*January 17, 1994 M6.7
Northridge earthquake*

California State Water Project and Active Faults

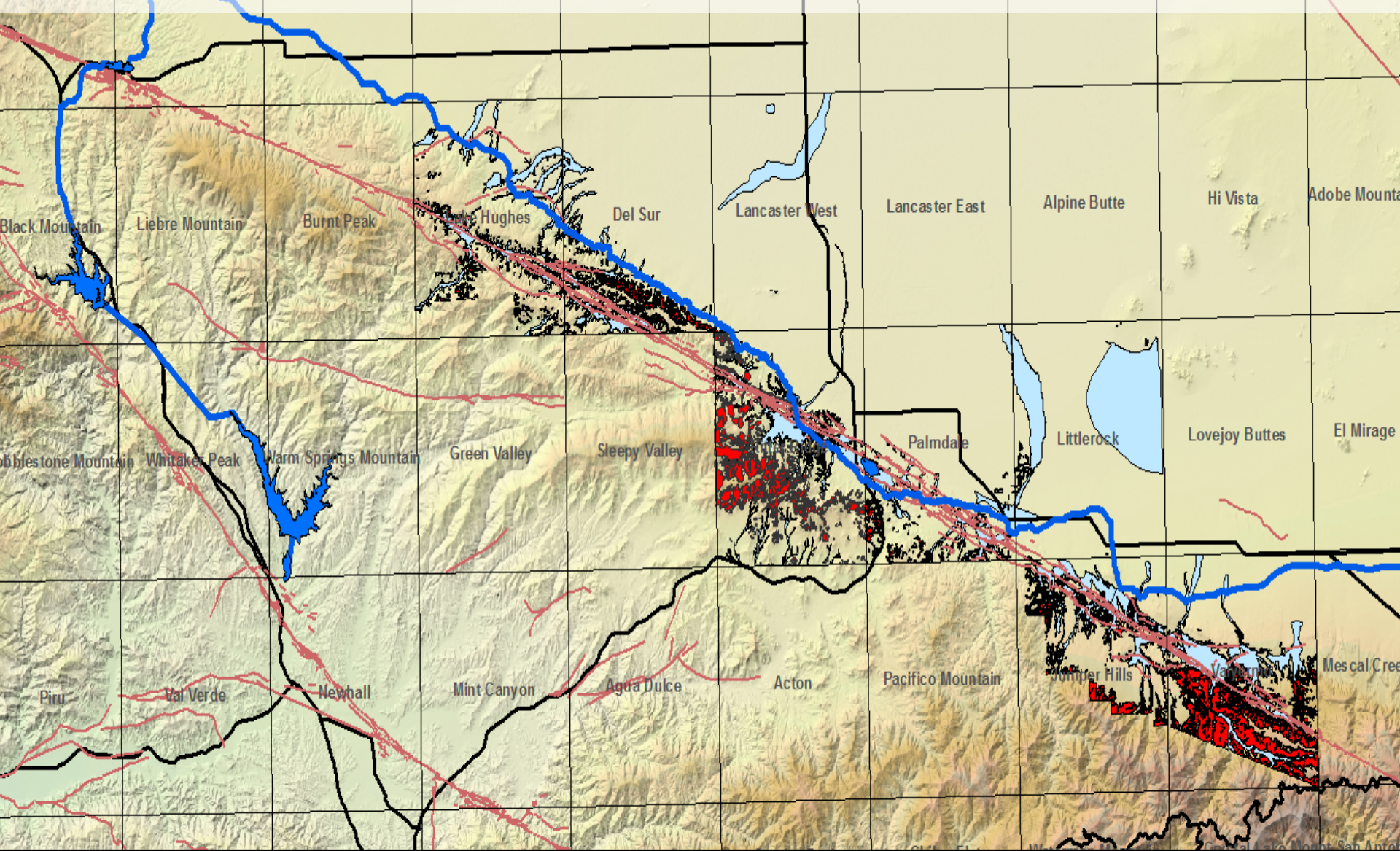


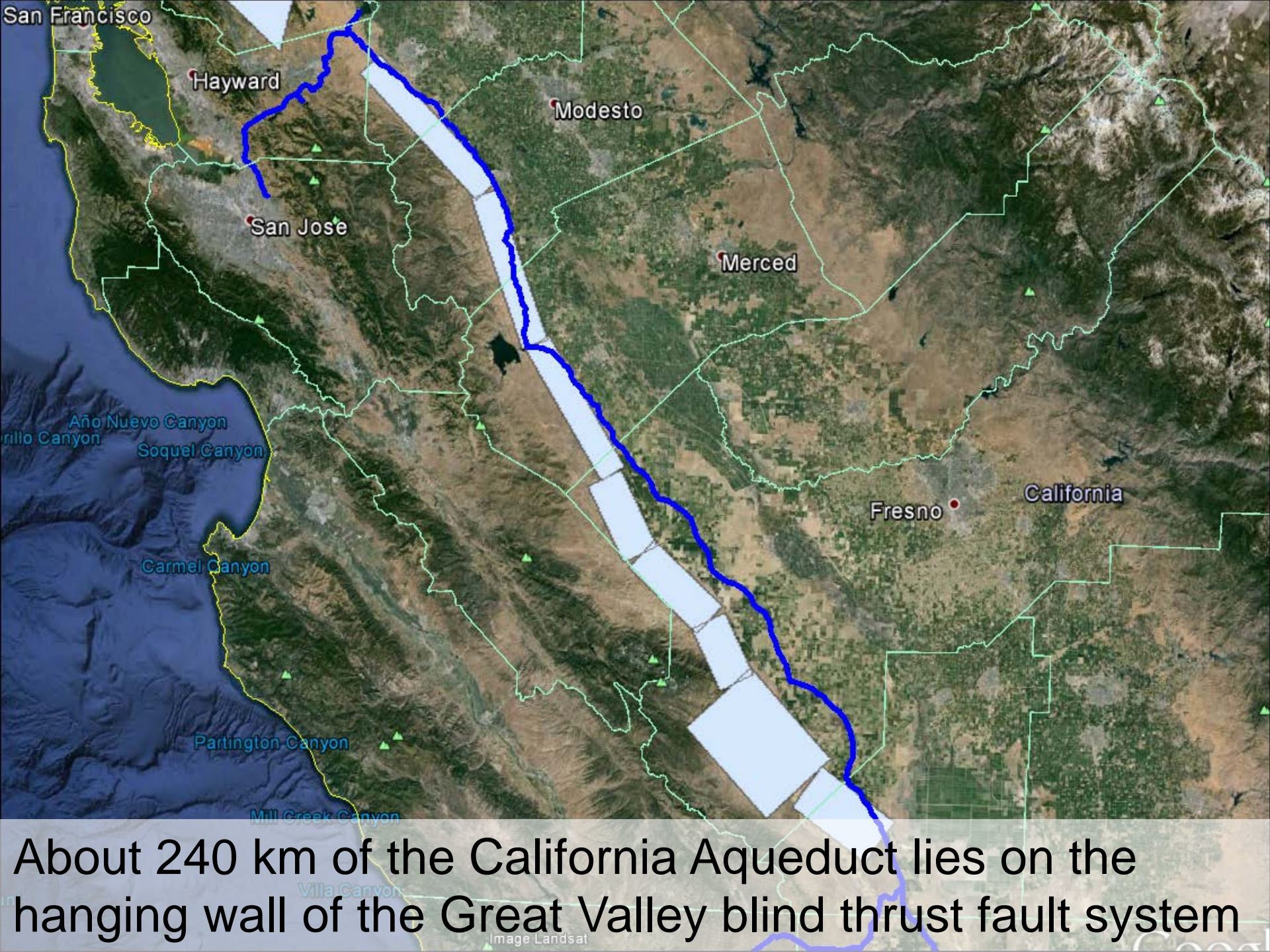
Crosses about fifteen (15) Quaternary active surface faults at multiple locations.

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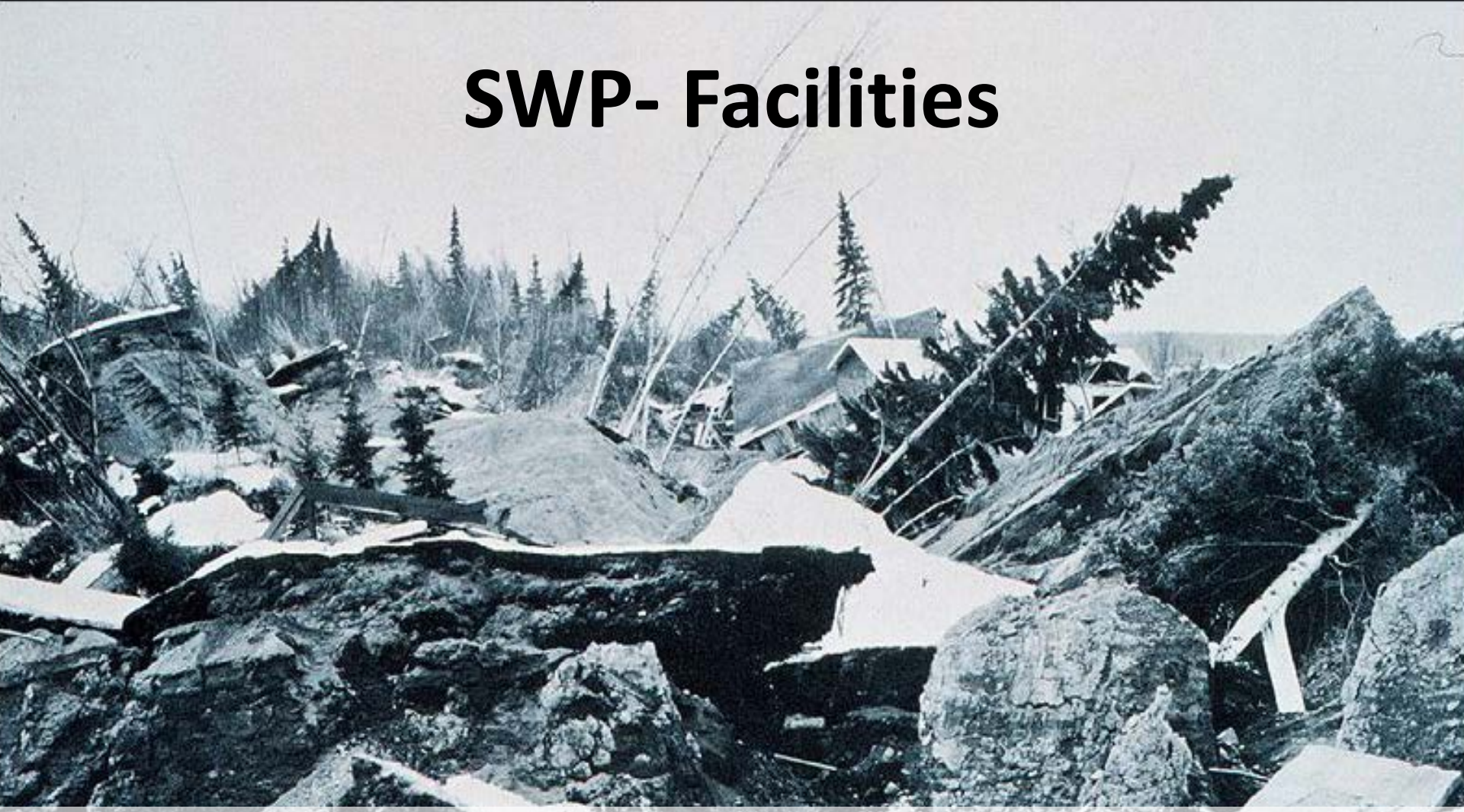
Most notably near Palmdale along the “East Branch” of the SWP where the canal runs parallel and on-top-of the San Andreas fault zone for about 18 kilometers.





About 240 km of the California Aqueduct lies on the hanging wall of the Great Valley blind thrust fault system

SWP- Facilities



Facilities have been built to withstand considerable ground motions (dams), secondary effects (liquefaction) were not originally specifically designed for (leaking canals)...

SWP- Facilities and “SEERG”

To better address seismic deficiencies, identify vulnerability, and to improve water delivery reliability, DWR management created SEERG in 2008.



SWP-Dams, Subject to Regulations

As dam owners/operators of both power generating and non-power generating facilities, DWR is regulated by DSOD and FERC.

We therefore operate in both a *deterministic* and *probabilistic* environment.

Forces conservatism....

Seismic Assessment...

- Always based on engineer's needs
 - Dams and appurtenant structures = *mostly* deterministic analysis
 - Existing facilities outside of regulatory authority = probabilistic analysis
 - Newer facility design and upgrades = *towards* performance based

Seismic Assessment Process

SWP facilities (deterministic):

- Review fault databases (GIS/Google Earth)-
 - USGS “*Quaternary Fault and Fold Database*”
 - Other...
 - DWR-SWP construction fault and shear report
 - **CGS pre-Quaternary fault database**
 - CalTrans fault database
 - Consultants database

Seismic Assessment Process

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Hazards

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Quaternary Faults in Google Earth

Faults are classified by age of last known movement.



Historic

[Most recent, known movement less than about 150 years](#)



Holocene to Latest Pleistocene

[Younger than 15,000 years](#)



Late Quaternary

[Younger than 130,000 years](#)



Mid to Late Quaternary

[Younger than 750,000 years](#)



Quaternary

[Younger than 1,600,000 years](#)

Download [all 5 layers as a .zip file](#).

Tips

- Faults are color coded for age.
- As you hover over a fault, you can click a link for the database of information about that fault.

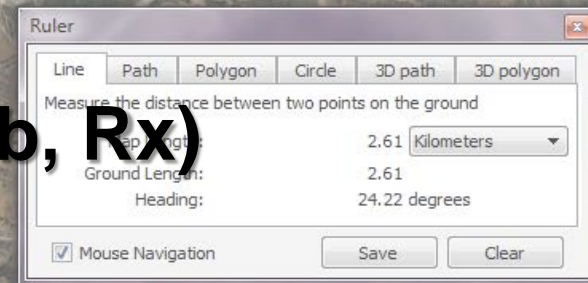
You can also access a fault through the Google Earth table of contents. Open the folder for the correct age, find the fault name in the list, and double click the name. Google Earth will "fly" to the fault you selected.

Google Earth software enables you to zoom in beyond the level of accuracy provided in these data layers. Fault traces are depicted at their mapped location on the surface. Most faults dip one way or another at depth, and their location must be modeled or inferred from geologic evidence. Fault dip information is included for each fault within the application.

QUATERNARY FAULT GIS FILES
 These files were updated on November 3rd, 2010 with the most recent version of the Quaternary Faults features. They are updated periodically with no set update times.

Seismic Assessment Process

- Measure several source-to-site distances (GIS or Google Earth)
- UCERF
 - Fault plane geometries
 - Do some trig (R_{rup} , R_{jb} , R_x)
 - Other relative data
- Site conditions (V_s30)
 - Best available information
 - P-S suspension logging (OYO)
 - Drill hole logs (interpretation)
 - Wills and Clahan (2006)



Seismic Assessment Process

- PEER NGA-West 2 GMPE spreadsheet calculator
 - 50th, (67th), and 84th percentiles
 - For dams - DSOD Total Class Weight (TCW) dependent
- Vertical ground motions (Bozorgnia and Campbell, 2015)

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WEIGHTED AVERAGE of 2014 NGA WEST-2 GMPEs
 Last updated: 07 05 14
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Weighted average of the natural logarithm of the spectral values

GMPE averaging	Geometric	Model
GMPEs	ASK14	BSSA14 CB14 CY14 I14
Weight	0.2	0.2 0.2 0.2 0.2

of std. dev. 1
 Damping ratio (%) 5

Modification factors are calculated in Sheet DSF

Input variables	Errors and warnings	GMP	T (s)	Baseline: 5% Damping				User defined: 5% Damping				Sd
				PSa Median for 5% damping	PSa Median + 1.0 for 5% damping	PSa Median - 1.0 for 5% damping	S _a Median for 5% damping	PSa Median for 5% damping	PSa Median + 1.0 for 5% damping	PSa Median - 1.0 for 5% damping	S _a Median for 5% damping	
M _w			0.01	0.6302577	1.0946419	0.362881	0.0015645	0.6302577	1.0946419	0.362881	0.0015645	
8			0.02	0.6374964	1.1076235	0.3669132	0.00633	0.6374964	1.1076235	0.3669132	0.00633	
R _{RUP} (km)	3.62		0.03	0.6611493	1.1525705	0.3792552	0.0147709	0.6604881	1.1514179	0.378876	0.0147562	
R _{JB} (km)	3.62		0.05	0.6851176	1.2056176	0.3893325	0.0425179	0.6844325	1.2044119	0.3889432	0.0424754	
			0.075	0.813786	1.4494615	0.4568922	0.1136316	0.8162273	1.4538098	0.4582629	0.1139725	
			0.1	0.9480102	1.6906396	0.5315878	0.2353311	0.95008542	1.6957116	0.5331825	0.2360371	
			0.15	1.153305	2.0368923	0.6530106	0.6441589	1.1567649	2.043003	0.6549697	0.6460914	
			0.2	1.2610981	2.2259152	0.7144784	1.2522043	1.2636203	2.2303671	0.7159074	1.2547087	
			0.25	1.3176669	2.3477267	0.7395435	2.0443347	1.3242552	2.3594654	0.7432412	2.0545563	

Seismic Assessment Process

- **Directivity (*waiting for PEER model*)**
- **Arias Intensity**
- **Significant Duration**
- **Estimate earthquake magnitude, fault slip displacement (Wells and Coppersmith, 1994)***
 - **21 years of additional data available**

Seismic Assessment Process

- **Other data sources (general work)**
 - **OpenSHA**
 - **Real-Time Double-Difference (Hypocenter) Locations (DD-corr) for northern California**
(Website developed and maintained by Felix Waldhauser and Ben Engbreth at LDEO, Columbia University).
 - **SCEC SoCal DD-corr catalog and fault database**
 - ***Center for Engineering Strong Motion Data***
(<http://www.strongmotioncenter.org/>)

Seismic Assessment Process

The screenshot shows the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program website. The top navigation bar includes the USGS logo, the text "science for a changing world", and links for "Home", "About Us", and "Contact Us". A search bar is also present. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "Hazards" and contains a news item about updated 2014 seismic hazard maps. The "Seismic Hazard Analysis Tools" section is highlighted with a red circle and contains several tool options: "Custom Hazard Maps", "Custom Earthquake Probability Maps", "Hazard Curves", "Vs30", "Interactive Deaggregations", and "Banded Deaggregations". Other sections include "Seismic Hazard Maps and Data" with regional filters, "Seismic Hazards Primers" with links to basic information and FAQs, "About the NSHM Project" with links to publications and personnel, and "Seismic Design Maps, Data, and Tools for Engineers" with information on ground motion parameters and faults.

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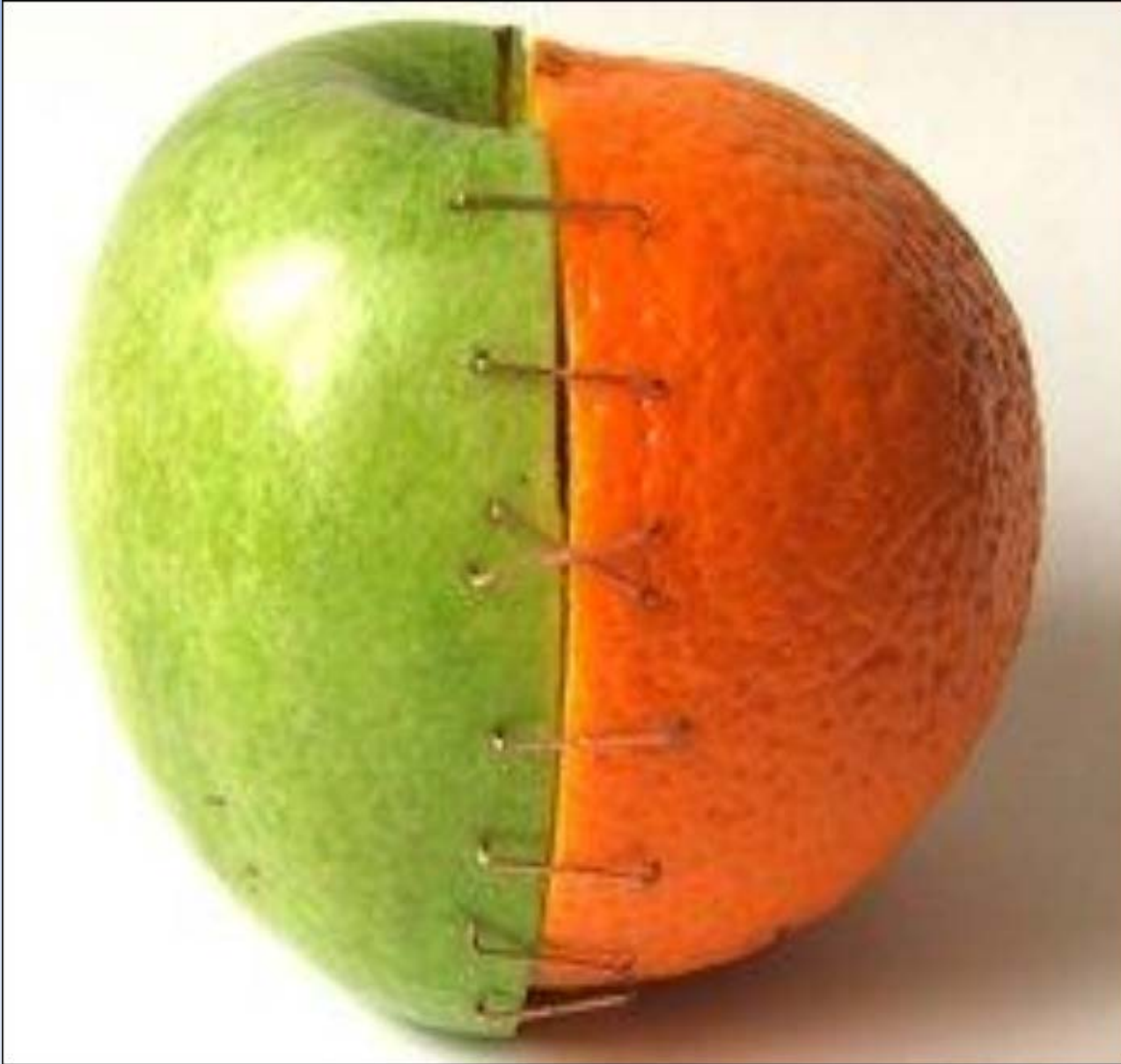
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USGS Hazard Curve for Determining Return Periods of PGA Estimates Compared with Deterministic Estimates

Developed at 108, 224, 475, 975, 2475, and 4975 year Return Periods from the following authors:
 Chiou-Youngs, Boore-Atkinson, and Campbell-Bozorgnia (2008)

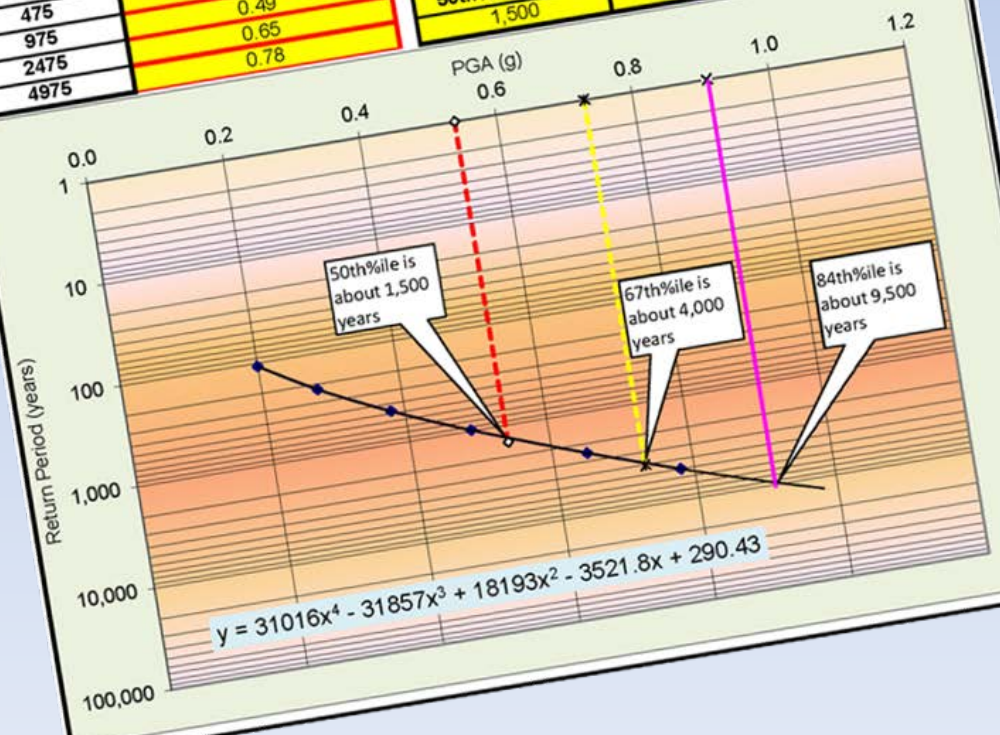
Dam:	Bethary
Location:	Dam Crest
County:	Alameda
Latitude (deg):	37.780
Longitude (deg):	-121.608
Date:	11/5/2012
Author:	D.F. Hoirup Jr.

DSHA Parameters	
Fault Name:	Midway
M_{max} :	6.90
R_{rup} (km):	0.86
Slip Rate (mm/yr):	0.2
V_{s30} (m/s)	490

USGS Hazard Curve Parameters	
Exceedance Return Periods (years)	Corresponding PGA (g)
108	0.20
224	0.28
475	0.38
975	0.49
2475	0.65
4975	0.78

USGS Attenuation Model Ground Motion		
PGA 50%ile (g)	PGA 67%ile (g)	PGA 84%ile (g)
0.54	0.73	0.91
μ	$\mu + \frac{1}{2}\sigma$	$\mu + \sigma$

Approximate USGS Return Period Corresponding with Deterministic Ground Motion		
50th%ile (years)	67th%ile (years)	84th%ile (years)
1,500	4,000	> 5,000



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State of California
 California Natural Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
 Division of Engineering

DEL VALLE DAM FAULTING AND SEISMICITY REANALYSIS



Alameda County

Project Geology Report No. 40-13-29

November 2012

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Table 1 Del Valle Dam Significant Faults, Parameters, and PGA Used in NGA Calculations.

Fault Name/ Activity	Moment Magnitude (Mw)	Slip Rate (mm/yr)	Distance (km)			Type	Dip Angle (degrees), Dip Direction	Rupture Rake (degrees)	Rupture Width (km)	Weighted Average of NGA Relationships Peak Ground Acceleration (g) (5% damping)		
			Rrup	Rjb	Rx (+/-)					Horizontal		
										50th%ile	67th%ile	84th%ile
Pleasanton- Verona-Williams (A)	6.8	<0.2	2.57	0.0	3.0	Thrust	-59, East	90	19.8	0.61	0.84	1.06
Las Positas (A)	6.3	<1.0	2.94	2.94	2.94	Strike-slip	90	0	17.0	0.36	0.50	0.64
Greenville (A)	7.0	<2.0	9.93	9.93	9.93	Strike-slip	90	180	17.0	0.24	0.34	0.42
Great Valley Segment 7 (A)	6.9	-1.5	18.96	16.71	23.53	Thrust (blind)	15, West	90	7.6	0.23	0.31	0.40
Calaveras (A)	7.0	6.0	11.17	11.17	11.17	Strike-slip	90	180	13.0	0.23	0.31	0.39
Hayward- Rodgers Creek (A)	7.3	9.0	20.12	20.12	20.12	Strike-slip	90	180	12.0	0.16	0.22	0.28
San Andreas (A)	8.0	-20.0	49.53	49.53	49.53	Strike-slip	90	180	-14	0.11	0.15	0.19

- Notes:
1. A=active fault, per DSOD criteria. Fault has ruptured within last 35,000 years.
 2. CA (not applicable in this report) = conditionally active fault, per DSOD criteria. Fault ruptured within the Quaternary period, but its displacement history during the last 35,000 years is unknown.
 3. To preserve space, "Percentile" is abbreviated as "%ile" on this table.
 4. Slip rates listed as less than 1.0 mm/yr are an approximation.
 5. San Andreas fault parameters are based on the Peninsula and Santa Cruz Mountains strands.

**Report for our engineers for
 their calculations, and for our
 Director's Safety Review Board**

Suggestions to NSHMP

Issue:

Not all Quaternary faults (surface) appear to be included in the USGS Quaternary fault database (Grizzly Valley fault, Plumas County). *Last update of fault database (GIS/Google Earth files) was November 3, 2010.*

Suggestion:

Form workgroup (USGS, CGS, DWR, CalTrans, others...)
Maintain existing fault database, update GIS/Google Earth files, or create *new* fault database that captures all faults. Allow **registered users** to upload new fault information/data to supplement the existing database search results...

- Interactive Fault Map
- Database Search
- Fault Data Used in Hazard Maps
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- Contributors

Database Search

Complete Report for Green Valley fault (Class A) No. 37

Compiled in cooperation with the California Geological Survey
citation for this record: Bryant, W.A., and Cluett, S.E., compilers, 2002, Fault number 37, Green Valley fault, in Quaternary fault and fold database of the United States: U.S. Geological Survey website, <http://earthquakes.usgs.gov/hazards/faults>, accessed 09/20/2015 02:13 PM.

Synopsis

Holocene active dextral strike-slip fault. The Green Valley fault, which is the easternmost strike-slip fault of larger San Andreas system in the San Francisco Bay area, is characterized by aseismic creep and has been monitored by Galehouse (1992 #5333; 1999 #5500) since 1984. Detailed reconnaissance-level mapping exists for most of the fault as are geologic and geomorphic data (Weaver, 1949 #5317; Sims and others, 1973 #5263; Dooley, 1973 #5331; Bryant, 1982 #5327; 1992 #5328; Frizzell and Brown, 1976 #5332). Several site-specific studies in compliance with Alquist-Priolo Act (Hart and Bryant, 1997 #4856) have documented the location and approximate time of the most recent faulting. Preliminary data from the Lopes Ranch paleoseismic site [37-1] indicates that the Green Valley fault has produced multiple surface-rupturing events in the past 2.7 ka and has minimum late Holocene dextral slip rate of 3.8 mm/yr to 4.8 mm/yr (Baldwin and Lienkaemper, 1999 #5325).

Name comments

Fault first mapped, but not named, by Lawson (1908 #4969). Wood (1916 #5259) named it the Suisun fault, whereas the southern part of fault was referred to as the Mt. Diablo Thrust by Tolman (1931 #5322). Weaver (1949 #5317) used the name Green Valley fault, which currently is the more commonly used name. The fault extends from Wooden Valley south to Suisun Bay. Location of the fault north of Wooden Valley is conjectural, although a linear zone of seismicity suggests a northward subsurface continuation of the fault zone. Baldwin and others (1998 #5324) reported that the apparent termination of the Green Valley fault at Wooden Valley may indicate a transfer of some amount of dextral slip west across contractional structures in the Howell Mountains and northward onto the Maacama fault [30]. **Section:**

Fault ID Comments:

Refers to number 154 (Green Valley fault) of Jennings (1994 #2878) and number C4 (Green Valley fault) of Working Group on Northern California Earthquake Potential (1996 #1216).

County(s) and State(s)

NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
SOLANO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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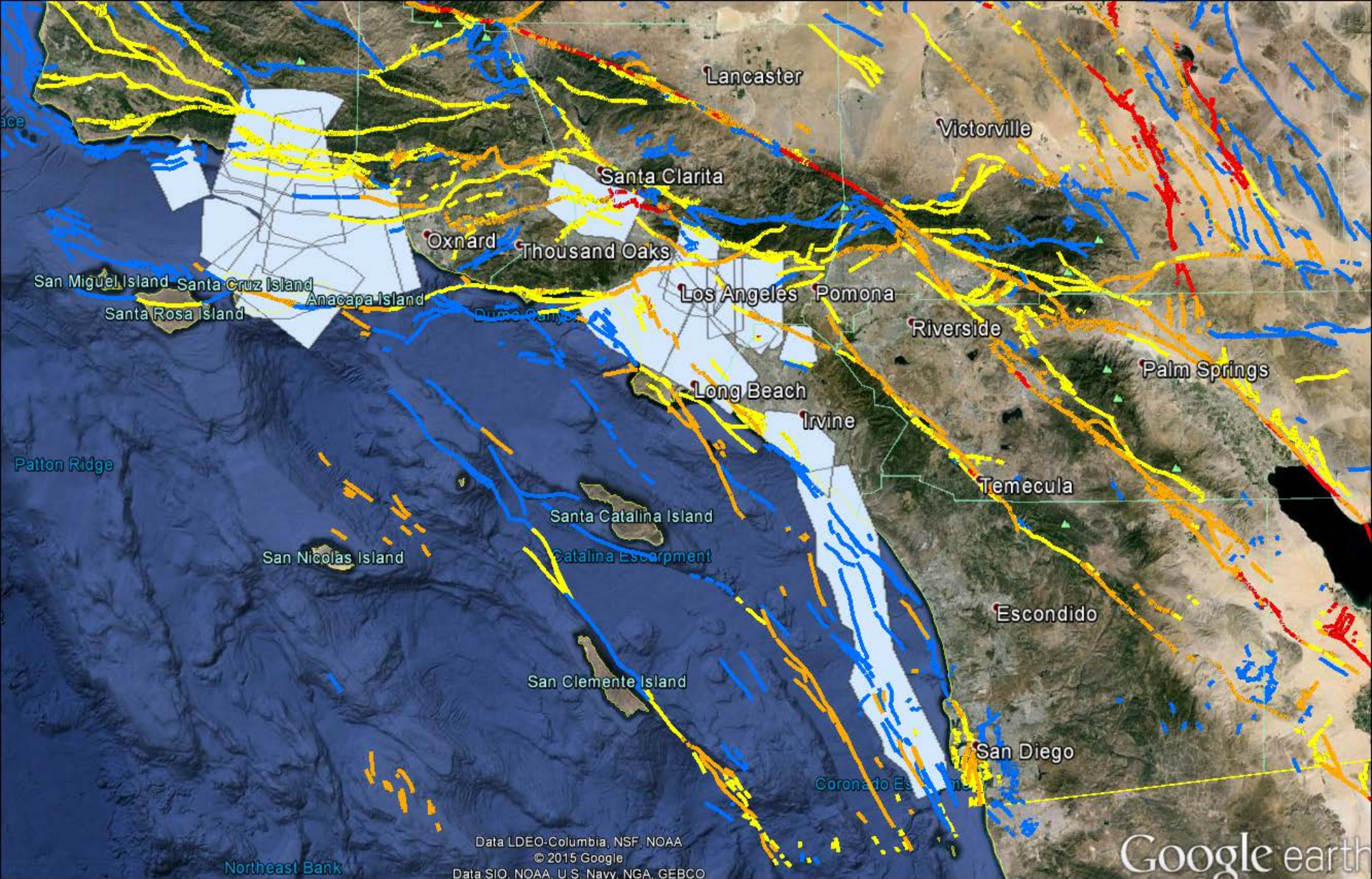
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Issue:

The USGS Quaternary fault database does not include *blind thrust faults* as GIS or Google Earth files. Other means must be used to apply estimated earthquake source-to-site distances required in the NGA calculator.

Suggestion:

Include blind faults into the GIS/Google Earth files... (Mt. Diablo, Great Valley Segments (1-14), Off/On shore Santa Barbara-Ventura, Northridge, Off/On shore Los Angeles and San Diego).



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Google earth

Suggestions to NSHMP

Issue:

Information and tools for Cascadia Subduction Zone (California). Low population, *lots* of infrastructure and lifelines.

Suggestion:

Include California specific fault parameters/geometry. Web based ground motion tools (interactive deterministic). NGA-W2 not available for CSZ event.

Art Frankel model...? (Rui Chen, CGS)

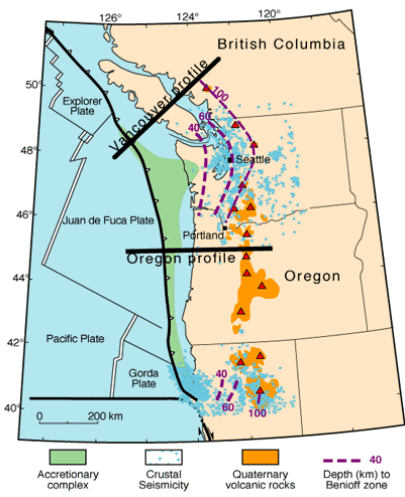
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Cascadia Subduction Zone

Two Contrasting Models of Lithospheric Structure

The subduction of the Juan de Fuca plate beneath North America changes markedly along the length of the subduction zone, notably in the angle of subduction, distribution of earthquakes, volcanism, geologic and seismic structure of the upper plate, and regional horizontal stress. To investigate these characteristics, we conducted detailed density modeling experiments of the crust and mantle along two transects across the Cascadia subduction zone. One crosses Vancouver Island and the Canadian margin, and the other crosses the margin of central Oregon. Both density models were constructed independently to a depth of approximately 50 km. We gathered all possible geologic, geophysical, and borehole data to constrain the density calculations. The final densities for the Oregon and Vancouver lithosphere models were obtained from gravity inversions.

Our results confirm that the downgoing slab of the Cascadia subduction zone dips significantly steeper beneath Oregon than beneath Vancouver Island, lending support to the idea that the Juan de Fuca plate is segmented from north to south. In addition, our gravity models indicate that the mantle wedge beneath western Oregon (i.e., below the western Cascades) is lighter than the mantle beneath the Canadian continental crust. This low density agrees with the low mantle velocities observed in the mantle and the present day extensional regime of the Pacific Northwest.

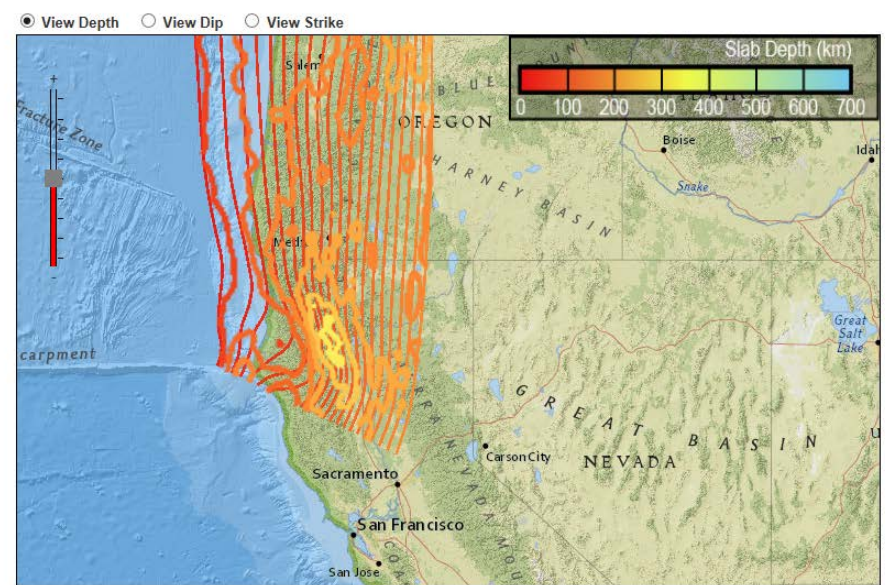


ESRI ArcGIS, 3D Analyst, (ArcScene) model of the CSZ...

Slab 1.0 Interactive Map

Click features on the map for individual contour details, or enter coordinates below the map to search the Slab 1.0 database for depth, dip and strike attributes at given locations. To zoom using a rectangular extent, hold Shift and drag the arrow over the region of choice.

[More information on Slab 1.0 Models](#)



Slab 1.0 Search

Suggestions to NSHMP

Issue:

CGS publishes the “Fault Activity Map of California” that includes pre-Quaternary faults.

Suggestion:

Update and revise the existing pre-Quaternary fault database with best available information.

Create a web-based pre-Quaternary fault database, similar to the Quaternary fault database with GIS and Google Earth files.

Suggestions to NSHMP

Issue:

Directivity (PEER)

Arias Intensity

Significant Duration

Estimate earthquake magnitude, fault slip displacement
(Wells and Coppersmith, 1994)*

Suggestion:

An interactive website where the user can input their parameters and retrieve results.

Suggestions to NSHMP

(Overview)

- Interactive probabilistic seismic hazard information is available from the USGS National Seismic Hazard Mapping Project (*and we like it!*)
- Similar interactive deterministic seismic hazard information and tools would be useful.

Comments from DWR Engineers (SEERG)

Our comments/concerns are related to the ability of commercially available seismic hazard software to implement the UCERF3 model. We believe that not only users of commercial software but users of in-house software will have the same concerns.

The following is the response received from Risk Engineering, Inc. when we asked them when to expect their implementation of UCERF3 into EZFrisk...

The short answer is that the UCERF3 fault model cannot be implemented in EZ-FRISK due to the nature of the model...



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Risk Engineering, Inc. has developed and applied (to a SSHAC II-level project in CA) a methodology for performing moment balancing, however, it cannot be performed for arbitrary site coordinates as definition of the control faults is judgment-based and will be dependent on the site location.

As such, it cannot be part of the USGS 2014 model implementation that we are preparing for EZ-FRISK.

Comments from DWR Engineers/Geo's (SEERG)

If we will no longer be able to use EZFrisk to perform PSHA/DSHA using the UCERF3 model then our “user needs” for consideration by the NSHMP would be having the ability to:

- Perform PSHA/DSHA using UCERF3
- Select period(s) for spectral output
- Select various output (horizontal/vertical acceleration, max rotated component of horizontal acceleration, Arias Intensity, CAV, etc...)

Comments from DWR Engineers/Geo's (SEERG)

- Customize UHS return period
- Select (or exclude) seismic sources
- Use any or all NGA-West2 GMPEs (weights)
- Customize inputs to the various NGA (V_{s30} , $Z1$, $Z2.5$, etc.)
- Include directivity
- Deaggregate the hazard
- Perform Conditional Mean Spectra

Thank you

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