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Jennifer Donahue, PE, is a Project Engineer at Geosyntec Consultants. A graduate of U.C. Berkeley, she obtained her Masters and PhD while specializing in geotechnical earthquake engineering. Her experience includes evaluation of liquefaction and settlement potential of sites, site characterization, analysis and back-analysis of landslides, selection of foundation systems, and development of design criteria. As an active member of GEER (Geo-Engineering Extreme Events Reconnaissance), she led the reconnaissance team to American Samoa directly after the September 29, 2009 Mw 8.0 earthquake and subsequent tsunami. Jennifer also has 16 years of active and reserve duty as a Civil Engineer Corps officer with the U.S. Navy. As a board member of the Northern California Chapter of EERI, she hopes to bring her technical knowledge and practical experiences to bear to educate and prepare the local communities for future earthquakes.

Dick McCarthy

Richard McCarthy has served as the Executive Director for the California Seismic Safety Commission since 1995. The California Seismic Safety Commission was established by legislation in January 1975 to set goals and priorities for earthquake safety. The Commission advises the Governor and the State Legislature on earthquake risk reduction issues. In addition, the Commission is responsible for developing and maintaining the California Earthquake Loss Reduction Plan. This document is a comprehensive strategic plan that sets forth statewide policy and direction in pursuit of the vision for a safer California.

Prior to joining the Seismic Safety Commission, Mr. McCarthy worked as the senior engineering geologist for the California Coastal Commission from 1979 to 1990. This Commission regulates development within the California Coastal Zone. From 1975 to 1979, Mr. McCarthy was a production geologist with Getty Oil Company in Ventura, California. Between 1973 and 1975 he was a staff geologist with Fugro Inc. in Long Beach, California and participated in site identification for nuclear power plants in California, Arizona, and Puerto Rico.

Mr. McCarthy is dedicated to the reduction of earthquake risk to the people and property in the State of California. He has published numerous articles and reports and has served on many scientific committees and federal/state task forces.