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# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Date: Feb. 26, 2021

Subject: Release of Preliminary Review Maps of Proposed Revisions to Earthquake

**Fault Zones** 

Preliminary Review Maps of proposed new and revised Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones were released to the City of San Diego by the Department of Conservation, California Geological Survey (CGS) on Feb. 18, 2021. These maps are released under the authority of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning (AP) Act that was passed following the 1971 San Fernando earthquake. The AP Act is a state law designed to reduce the hazard from surface fault rupture during an earthquake.

## What are Earthquake Fault Zones?

Earthquake fault zones are regulatory zones that encompass surface traces of active faults that have a potential for future surface fault rupture. These zones generally are delineated by establishing a buffer area about 500 feet on either side of the surface trace of active faults. The accompanying map on page 3 shows the proposed earthquake fault zones' general location within the City of San Diego. Detailed maps can be obtained from the CGS website at <a href="https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/preliminary-releases">www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/preliminary-releases</a>.

# What does it mean to be located within an Earthquake Fault Zone?

It means that an active fault is present within the zone, and the fault may pose a risk of surface fault rupture to existing or future structures. If development, subdivision or building construction is proposed on a property, a fault study may be required. If a property is developed, the AP Act requires that the fact that the property is located within an earthquake fault zone be disclosed by the seller to a prospective buyer for all real estate transactions. Additional information on earthquake fault zones and disclosure can be found at the CGS Alquist-Priolo web page by visiting

www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/alquist-priolo.

#### **Index Map of Proposed and Existing Earthquake Fault Zones**

Please review the map of proposed and existing earthquake fault zones on the next page.

## **Public Comment Period Ends May 19, 2021**

The Feb. 18, 2021, release date begins a 90-day public comment period designed to provide the opportunity for the State Mining and Geology Board to receive technical review comments that may have a bearing on the proposed Earthquake Fault Zones maps.

Comments should be sent to the State Mining and Geology Board before May 19, 2021, and addressed to:

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#### **Public Hearing**

The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) will hold a public hearing near the end of the 90-day review period. For more information on the date and location of the public hearing, contact the SMGB by visiting <a href="https://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb">www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb</a>.

