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TO: Rio Dell City Council

FROM: Kyle Knopp, City Manager

SUBJECT: Informational Presentation of “Seismic Hazards: What’s Shaking in Rio Dell” by Dr. Wendy Bohon.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Receive and file the presentation.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

At the invitation of Mayor Debra Garnes, Dr. Wendy Bohan will give a presentation on seismic hazards. Dr. Wendy Bohon is a geologist who studies earthquakes and works to improve the communication of science.

Currently, she serves as the Branch Chief of Seismic Hazards & Earthquake Engineering for the California Geological Survey. In the past, she has worked as the Strategic Communication Specialist for the Earth Science Division at NASA Goddard, the Education and Outreach Coordinator for the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program, and the Senior Science Communication Specialist for the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology. She also founded the Science Communication consulting companies Dr. Wendy Rocks, LLC, and SpaceFace Social Media.

Dr. Bohon has worked on many tectonics related projects in her career, including the B4 LiDAR project in Southern California, climate and tectonics studies in Northwestern Argentina, GPS deployment projects in Bolivia, thrust fault studies in Argentina and investigations of the tectonic evolution of the southwestern margin of the Tibetan Plateau in India. Her research interests include geomorphology, paleoseismology, landscape evolution, geologic hazards communication, and geoscience education.

Attachments:

Powerpoint slides

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