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**Staying Safe in a Shaky State: Confronting California’s Earthquake Challenge**

**October 13, 2025**

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**Jeremy Lancaster, California State Geologist of California, and Director of California Geological Survey (CGS)**

State Geologist of California: <https://conservation.ca.gov/cgs/about/state-geologists>

California Geological Survey (CGS): <https://conservation.ca.gov/cgs>

Jeremy Lancaster became California State Geologist in October 2023. He brings to the position more than two decades of professional experience, most of that time at the CGS. He is a Licensed Professional Geologist and a Certified Engineering Geologist.

Lancaster began working at the CGS in 2006 within the Seismic Hazards Assessment Program and worked in many of the technical programs within the Survey, with his last position being the chief of the Watershed Hazards and Climate Adaptation Branch. He also served on the board of directors for the Floodplain Management Association, supporting the association with post-fire debris flow and alluvial fan hazards information. Before coming to the CGS he worked at the California Department of Water Resources groundwater branch in Glendale, CA, for the URS Corporation performing groundwater investigations throughout California and Arizona, and landslide and bridge foundation investigation projects with the California Department of Transportation.

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<https://www.shakeout.org/>

Earthquake preparedness guide can be found here: https://earthquake.ca.gov/

CA Geology: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/Documents/Publications/Map-Sheets/MS_057-2018-Geology-of-California.pdf>

CA Fault Activity Map: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/Documents/Publications/Map-Sheets/MS_054-2018-Faulting-in-California.pdf>

CA Shaking Intensity Map: <https://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/publishingimages/seismic-hazards/MS_048-Earthquake-Shaking-Potential.jpg>

Shakeout Link: <https://www.shakeout.org/>

Earthquake alerts: <https://earthquake.ca.gov/get-alerts/>

**Sara K. McBride, Ph.D., Executive Director, Seismic Safety Commission**

[**https://ssc.ca.gov/**](https://ssc.ca.gov/)

[**https://ssc.ca.gov/about/mcbride/**](https://ssc.ca.gov/about/mcbride/)

Dr. Sara K. McBride is a social research scientist and disaster expert now serving as the Executive Director for the California Seismic Safety Commission. Her background includes extensive experience in crisis communication, risk, hazard, science communication, and emergency management, gained from both research at institutions like the USGS and through on-the-ground response work in international and domestic disaster scenarios, such as the earthquakes in New Zealand and Puerto Rico. McBride’s expertise lies in understanding and improving community resilience, public education, and protective action decision-making during disasters.

Great expectations for earthquake early warnings on the United States West Coast - ScienceDirect: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212420922005155>

Exploring the barriers for people taking protective actions during the 2012 and 2015 New Zealand Shake Out drills - ScienceDirect: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212420918313888>

Evidence-based guidelines for protective actions and earthquake early warning systems | GEOPHYSICS: <https://library.seg.org/doi/full/10.1190/geo2021-0222.1>

**Gary Griggs, Author / Professor UC Santa Cruz**

Gary Griggs: <https://www.gary-griggs.com/>

Author: California Catastrophes - The Natural Disaster History of the Golden State

<https://www.ucpress.edu/books/california-catastrophes/paper>

Gary Griggs is Distinguished Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of California, Santa Cruz, where he has taught for more than fifty years. His research and teaching have focused on natural disasters and the California coast.

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Gary is the author or coauthor of 15 books. He has served on several National Academy of Science Committees, received numerous awards for his work as an educator and scientist, and has the distinction of being the only scientist to be named a [Coastal Hero by the California Coastal Commission and Sunset magazine](https://news.ucsc.edu/2009/08/3156.html). A native Californian, Gary has made Santa Cruz County his home for 57 years.

**Ron Lin / The Los Angeles Times**

<https://www.latimes.com/people/rong-gong-lin-ii>

Rong-Gong Lin II is a reporter for the Los Angeles Times based in San Francisco who specializes in covering statewide earthquake safety issues and other natural disasters, public health and extreme weather. He was a member of the reporting teams that won the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news in 2016 and were finalists in 2015 and 2024. Lin won the California Newspaper Publishers Assn.’s Freedom of Information Award and the University of Florida’s Joseph L. Brechner Freedom of Information Award. He was a finalist for the Ursula and Gilbert Farfel Prize for Excellence in Investigative Reporting, the Knight Award for Public Service and a Gerald Loeb Award. A San Francisco area native, he graduated from UC Berkeley in 2004, and lived in the San Gabriel Valley for more than a decade before returning to the Bay Area.

**San Andreas, Cascadia faults could produce back-to-back earthquake disasters - Los Angeles Times:** <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-10-07/what-could-trigger-a-massive-quake-on-californias-san-andreas-fault>

**Small earthquake cluster hits near Big Bear Lake in San Bernardino County - Los Angeles Times:** <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-10-05/small-earthquake-cluster-hits-near-big-bear-lake-in-san-bernardino-county>

**Magnitude 4.3 earthquake wakes San Francisco Bay Area - Los Angeles Times:** <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-09-22/earthquake-shakes-san-francisco-bay-area>

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