



CALL FOR PAPERS
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EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT

63rd Highway Geology Symposium

Redding, California · May 7-10, 2012

The **63rd Annual Highway Geology Symposium** will be held May 7-10, 2012, at the **Red Lion Hotel Redding, CA**. The California State Department of Transportation and the California Geologic Survey are sponsors of this event; there will be industry sponsors and exhibitors as well. The California State Department of Transportation is coordinating the symposium.

Preliminary Agenda

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| Monday, May 7 | Half Day | TRB Session Registration and Ice Breaker |
| Tuesday, May 8 | Full Day | Technical Session/Guest Field Trip |
| Wednesday, May 9 | Full Day | Field Trip |
| Thursday, May 10 | Half Day | Technical Sessions |

Call for Papers

The Committee for Technical Programs invites papers on landslides, retaining structures, soil and rock slope design, foundations, karst terrain, instrumentation, rock falls, rock slope stabilization, geosynthetics, risk and management systems, ground improvement, geological and geotechnical innovations. Papers on subjects concerning highway related geological and geotechnical problems and the solutions developed to address them are encouraged. Those papers that focus on practical solutions will be given first consideration. The deadline for submission of the 200-250-word abstract is Thursday, **December 15, 2011**.

Abstracts may be submitted to:

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Please include the name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address of all authors. Abstracts and papers should be submitted electronically in MS Word, Times New Roman, 12 point, double-spaced and left justified. Those whose submit papers will be notified of acceptance by **January 15, 2011**.

Final papers should be 20 pages or less. An electronic copy of accepted papers must be received by **February 29, 2012**, to be included in the symposium proceedings, which will be in electronic format only. Presentations are anticipated to be scheduled for 15 minutes.

Room Reservations

The symposium will be held at the Red Lion Hotel in Redding, CA; the group rate is \$84 for a standard room (single) or \$94 (double). Lodging rates include “Roaring Start Buffet Breakfast” served daily from 6am to 9am. Attendees can make reservations by phone (800) RED LION (800) 733-5466, or online at [Highway Geology Symposium](#). To obtain the special rates specify that you are attending the Highway Geology Symposium. ***Please make reservations no later than April 23, 2012, to receive these reduced rates.*** If you have problems obtaining reservations please notify Bill Webster, Chairman of Local Arrangements, via e-mail Bill.Webster@dot.ca.gov or by phone (916) 227-1041.

Redding Area

Please come explore the beauty, history and energy of Redding, California. The hotel is conveniently located in Redding vibrant tourism and business district, within walking or short driving distance of many restaurants, the historic Cascade Theatre, Wine Tasting, Sculpture Park, Sundial Bridge, Turtle Bay Exploration Park and Bird Sanctuary and many other famous tourist attractions and entertainment venues including Whiskeytown Lake, located approximately 10 miles west of Redding, Shasta Dam and Lake, located approximately 15 miles north of Redding, Shasta Volcano located approximately 60 miles north of Redding and Lassen Volcanic National Park located approximately 47 miles east of Redding.

Symposium Organization

The Highway Geology Symposium was organized in 1950 to foster better understanding and closer cooperation between geologists and civil engineers in the highway industry. Since 1962, the Symposium has been hosted in western and eastern states on alternating years.

The Highway Geology Symposium has no central headquarters, annual dues, or formal membership requirements. The governing body is a steering committee composed of approximately 20 engineering geologists and geotechnical engineers from state and federal agencies, universities, private-sector companies, and consulting firms throughout the United States and Canada. Information about the Highway Geology Symposium Organization may be viewed at <http://www.highwaygeologysymposium.org/>.

Updated information about the 63rd HGS will be posted on the HGS website as it becomes available.