Earthquake Performance Needs of Utility Systems

William U. Savage
Pacific Gas and Electric Company



2001 PEER Annual Meeting

Earthquake Performance Measures

- Personnel injured or killed
- Restoration time for transmission system
- Number of customers out of service vs. time
- Insured versus uninsured losses
- Financial conditions (cash reserves, credit, billing)

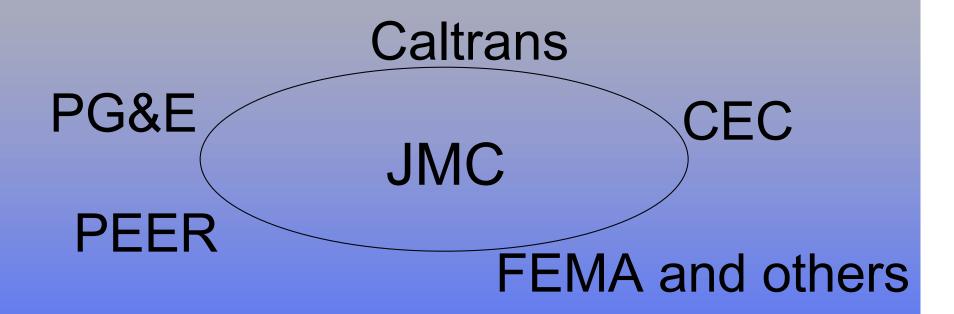


Seismic Risk Models for Utilities

- Must be based on utility performance measures
- Must serve decision makers
- Must address utility as a system



PEER Lifelines Program Is User-Driven



- All vote YES or project is NO go.
- Quarterly Coordination Workshops maintain focus on needs



Risk Management Priorities

M7.5 on Hayward Fault

Ţ

\$0.2 Billion potential losses

Unrecovered
Wholesale Power
Costs

Û

\$7 Billion and rising at \$1 Million/hour



Coordination with Core Program

- Optimize productivity of separate projects
- Co-fund projects that meet each Program's goals



Academic research that is "not useful" is not necessarily "useless"

- Develops basic science and technology
- Provides student training and experience
- Pays salaries and overhead
- Provides intellectual adventure



Peer Lifelines Program

Research Topics

- Ground motions
- •Site response
- Ground Deformation
- •Substation Equipment

- Building Vulnerability
- Network system seismic risk
- Emergency response

