

SEAOC and EERI

Efforts on Functional Recovery



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Outline

- Introduction to SEAOC & EERI
- Collaborative Efforts on Functional Recovery
- Functional Recovery: A Conceptual Framework



Structural Engineers Association of California

- 3,500+ members
 - Engineers (Structural, Civil, Geotechnical), Academia & Researchers, Building Officials, and Other Industry Members
 - committed to improving the safety and resilience of the built environment through state-of-the-art structural engineering practice, code & standards advisory work, and public policy advocacy
- SEAOC Board of Directors Position Statement:
 - SEAOC supports evolution of building codes to explicitly provide “better than life safety” performance in terms of recovery time in addition to safety



Earthquake Engineering Research Institute

- Multidisciplinary, nonprofit, technical society
 - Engineers, geoscientists, architects, planners, emergency managers, gov’t officials, risk analysts, and social scientists
- Relevant Mission/Vision
 - to **reduce earthquake risk** by advancing the science and practice of earthquake engineering; improving understanding of the impact of earthquakes on the physical, social, economic, political, and cultural environment; and advocating comprehensive and realistic measures for reducing the harmful effects of earthquakes
- EERI White Papers & Policy Statements:
 - Functional Recovery: A Conceptual Framework
 - Creating Earthquake Resilient Communities
 - Improve Reliability of Lifeline Infrastructure Systems



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- Current code provides/maintains life safety
 - Higher performance provided for Risk Category IV / Essential Service Buildings (Hospitals, Fire Stations, etc.)
 - Prescriptive and performance-based design approaches
- “Next Generation” Performance-Based Design (FEMA P-58)
 - Provides tools to quantify performance in terms of safety, repair cost, and repair time



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- Interest from elected officials and public aligns with organizational missions/positions
 - Interest is not just about “life safety” but also “livelihood”
- Not just an engineering issue... spans multiple disciplines and perspectives
- SEAOC-EERI MOU to collaborate on FR efforts
- CA AB 393 and NEHRP Reauthorization
 - Programs are complementary
 - NEHRP report on options due June 2020
 - CA AB 393 Working Group could build from Federal work



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- Functional Recovery Definition & Concepts
 - Working definition from AB 393
 - Consensus definition being developed
 - Not “immediate occupancy” nor “community resilience”
 - Acceptable recovery time will vary by occupancy
 - Some occupancies / systems may not need much change from current code
 - Might not be one-size-fits-all



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- Functional Recovery: A Conceptual Framework –
*A white paper of the Earthquake Engineering
Research Institute*




Functional Recovery is a means to Community Resilience

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Recent progress

- EERI White Paper on Functional Recovery 
 - Conceptual Framework
 - Policy Position Statement (in development)
- PUC White Paper on Resilience-based Design
 - Anticipating the future *NEHRP Provisions*
 - Code and Standard model

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EERI Conceptual Framework

- Starting point
- State of practice
- Concept development issue areas

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Resilience Definitions

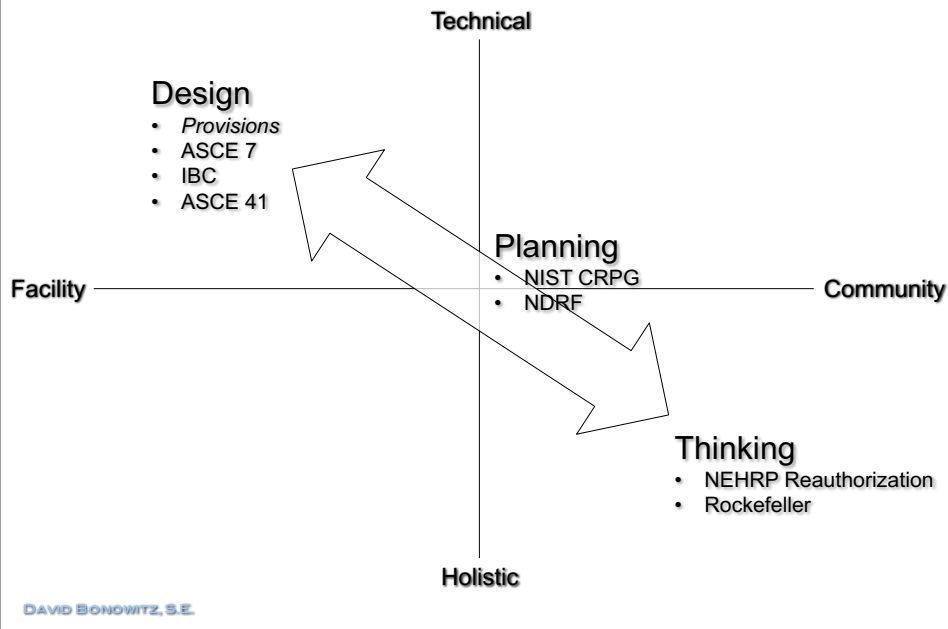
- UNISDR (2009)
- FEMA NDRF (2011)
- NRC (2011)
- Nat'l Acad. (2012)
- White House (2013)
- 100RC (2013)
- US GAO (2014)
- AIA (2016)
- NEHRP (2018)

Resilience:

- Mitigates shock of natural hazard
- Primarily about recovery of functions
- Measured as recovery time
- An attribute of human organizations

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Resilience field



EERI Conceptual Framework

■ Starting point

■ NEHRP Reauthorization

- New purpose: Community Resilience
- NIST research “to improve community resilience through building codes and standards”
- NIST & FEMA to study “options” for buildings and lifeline infrastructure “in terms of post-earthquake reoccupancy and functional recovery”

■ AB 393: Functional Recovery Standard

- Definition written by EERI and SEAOC in 2018
- Adapted by ICC/CALBO for today’s roundtable

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Functional Recovery

- ICC/CALBO roundtable:

A post-earthquake state in which “structural and nonstructural capacity are maintained or can be restored to support the basic intended functions of the building’s pre-earthquake use and occupancy ...”

- What about contents?
- What about utilities, site effects, adjacent risks?
- What are “basic intended functions”?
- Do they vary by or *within* an occupancy group?
- Etc.

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EERI Conceptual Framework

- Starting point
- State of practice
 - Buildings
 - New and existing, all occupancies and uses
 - Lifeline infrastructure systems
 - Water and wastewater, Energy, Communication, Transportation
 - Key point: Interdependent system of systems
 - But each likely to continue its own development
 - Our progress needs to accept that, work within it

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EERI Conceptual Framework

- Starting point
- State of practice
- Concept development issue areas
 - Definitional
 - Technical → *Building Design Standard*
 - Policy → *Building Code*
 - Implementation

- Key point: Each area will progress independently
 - We need to embrace this reality
 - Do not let gaps in one area slow the work in others

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