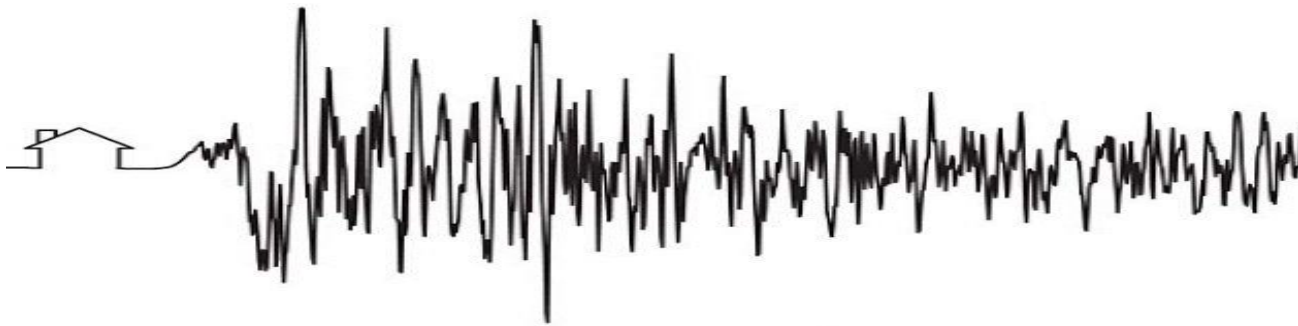


# Overview of WTD's Resiliency Program

**Presented to Metropolitan Water Pollution  
Abatement Advisory Committee  
October 22, 2014**

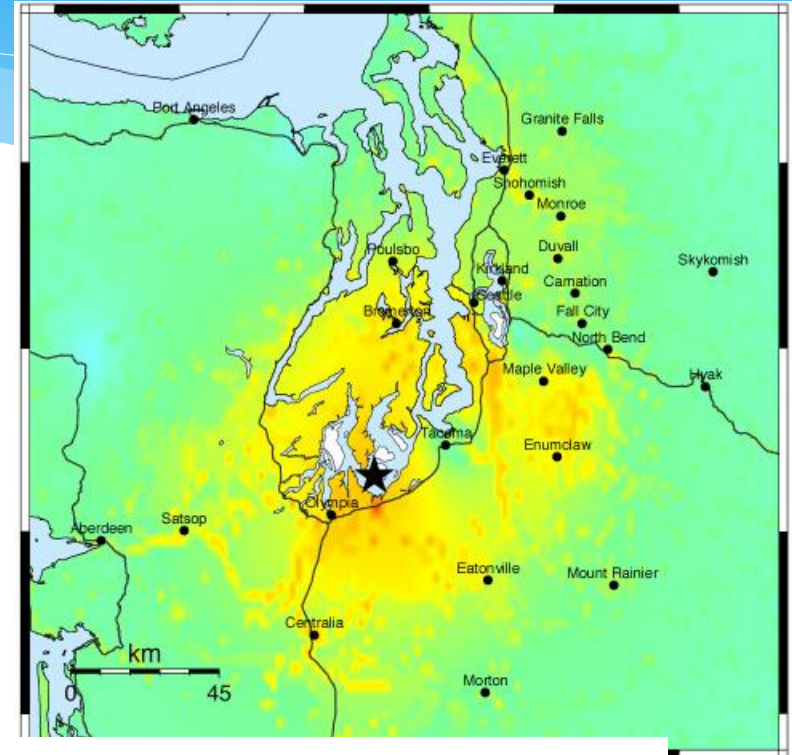
# Our Region is at Risk from Three Types of Earthquakes

- \* Deep Quakes – like the Nisqually Quake
- \* Crustal Quakes – shallow quakes
- \* Subduction Quakes – off the coast



# Nisqually was a Deep Quake

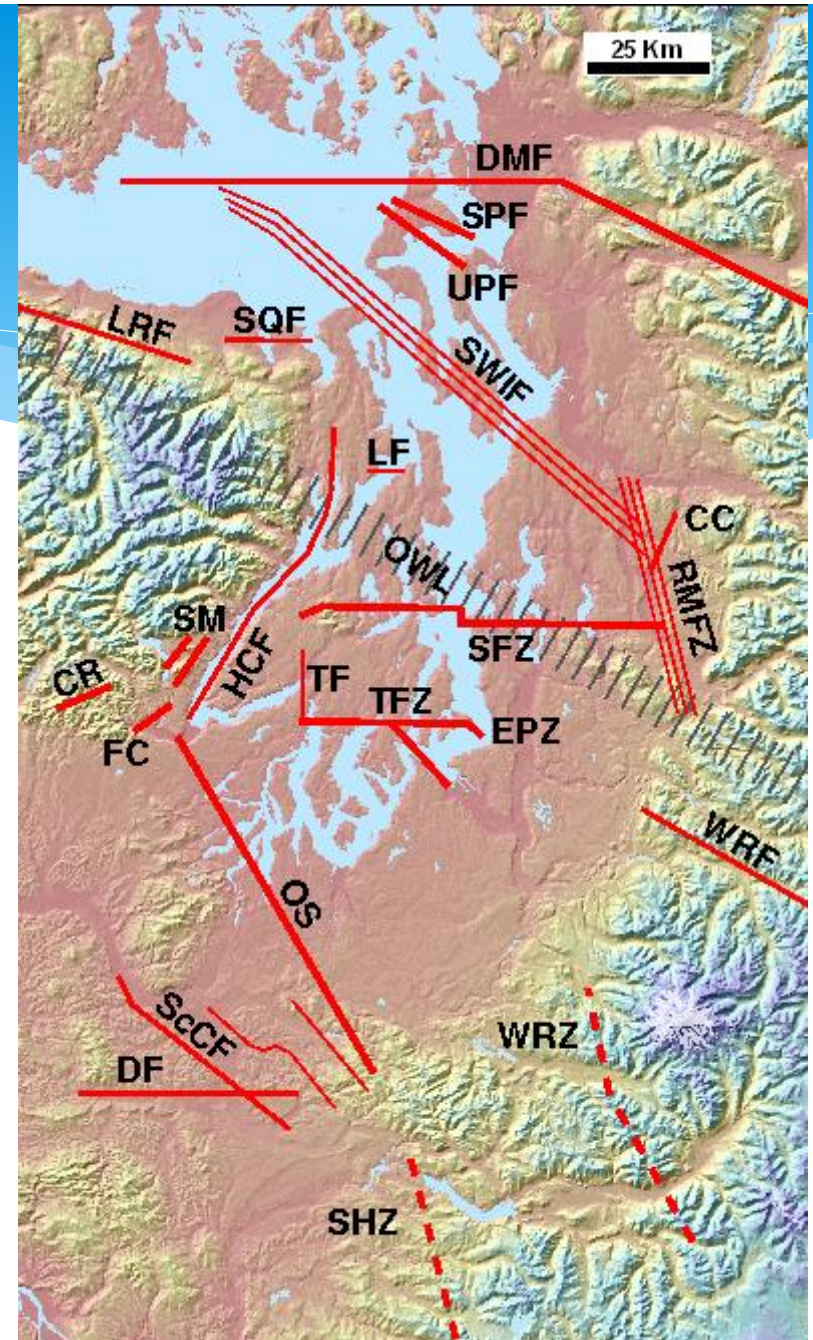
- \* 33 miles deep
- \* 6.8 on Richter Scale
- \* Average ground motion was < 10% of a G
- \* King Street Center was 20% of a G



PERCEIVED SHAKING	Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	none	none	none	Very light	Light	Moderate	Moderate/Heavy	Heavy	Very Heavy
PEAK ACC. (%g)	<.17	.17-1.4	1.4-3.9	3.9-9.2	9.2-18	18-34	34-65	65-124	>124
PEAK VEL. (cm/s)	<0.1	0.1-1.1	1.1-3.4	3.4-8.1	8.1-16	16-31	31-60	60-116	>116
INSTRUMENTAL INTENSITY	I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+

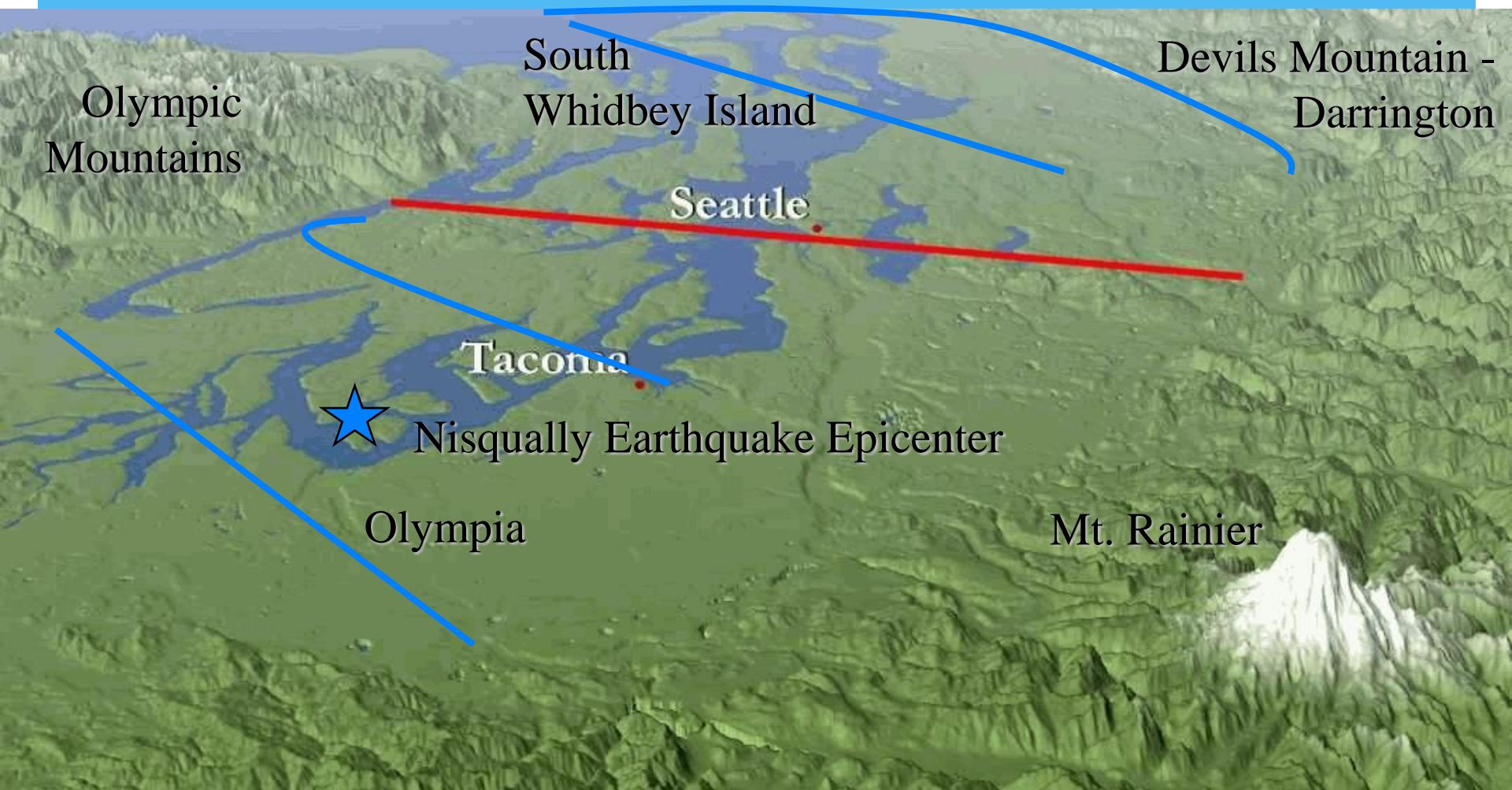
# Crustal Quakes

- \* Greater concern
- \* 10-22 miles deep
- \* Produce much more ground motion than deep quakes
- \* We are surrounded by shallow faults





# Local Faults of Concern



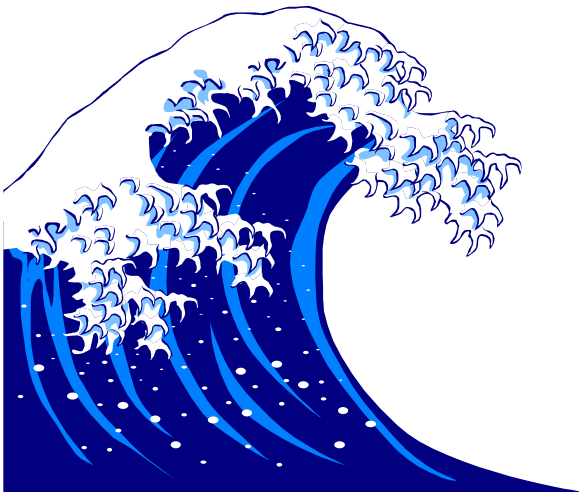


# Seattle Fault



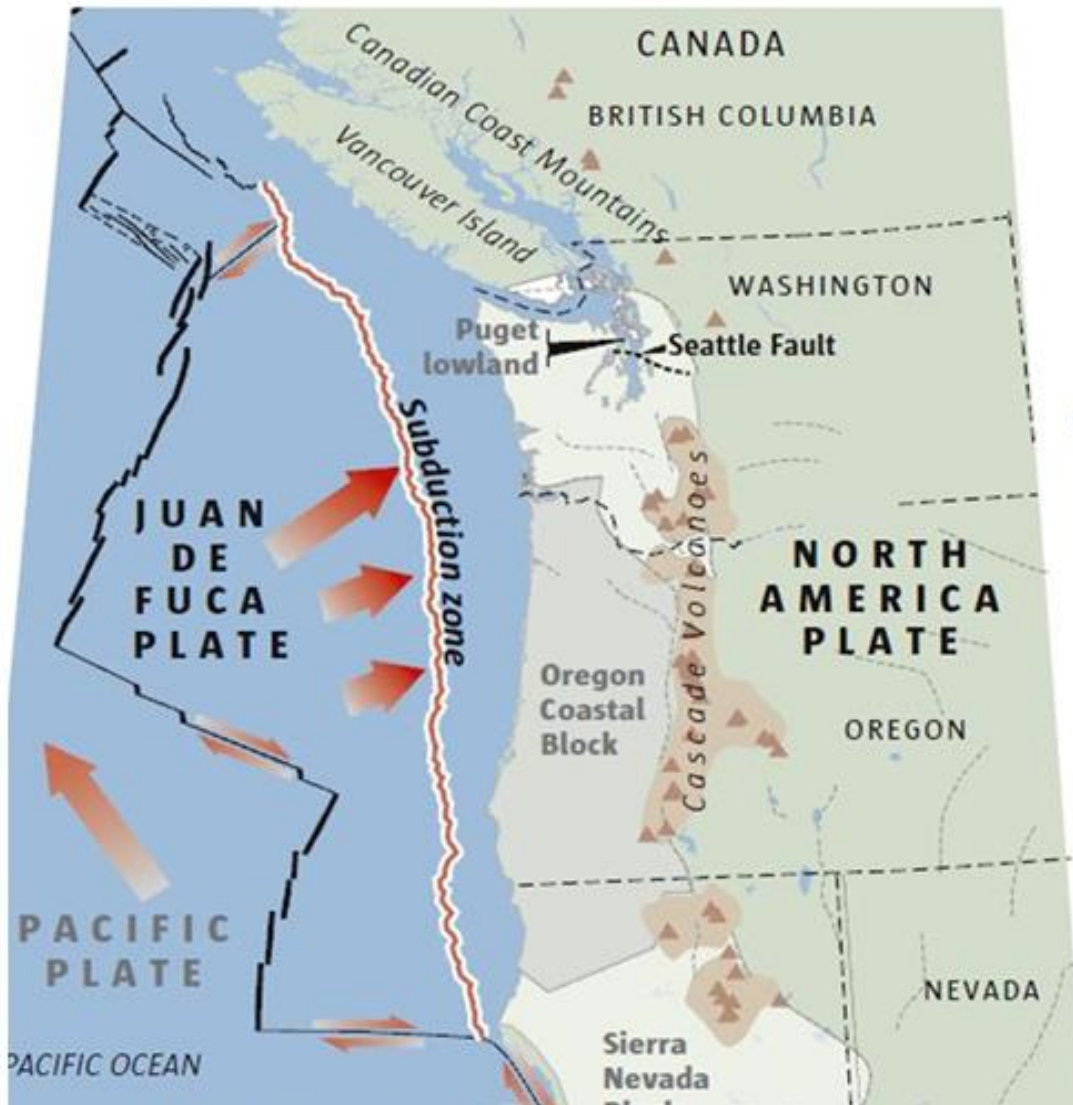
# North American Subduction Zone Mega Quakes

- \* Alaska M9.2 1964
- \* Cascadia M9.0 Jan 26, 1700
- \* Dated by the destruction of two Japanese villages by a rogue Tsunami





# Cascadia Subduction Zone

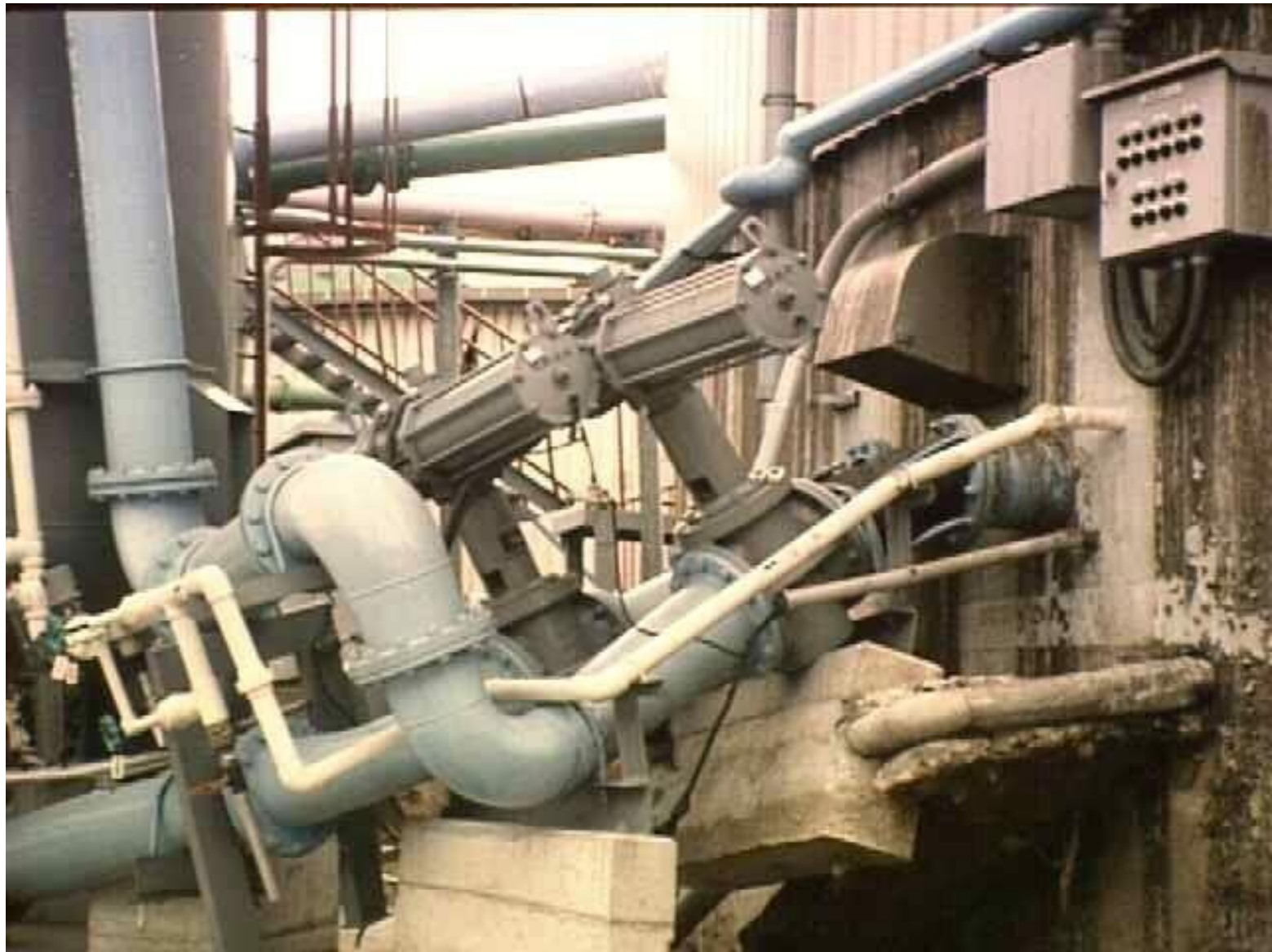


- \* Vancouver Island to Northern California
- \* 6 minutes of shaking
- \* Up to 30% of G in Seattle
- \* Reoccurs every 200-1,000 years



This pipeline floated approx.  
4-feet in Kobe, Japan





Wastewater Treatment Plant - Kobe, Japan



# Kobe Sewer Performance

- Pipelines collapsed in 284 locations
- 25,000 repairs were required
- Siphons collapsed
- 4.5 km of trunk sewers damaged





# King County's Hazard Mitigation Plan



**King County**  
Office of Emergency Management

## KING COUNTY REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agency Review Submittal  
July 2014



**TETRA TECH**

# WTD Goals

- \* Conduct a Seismic Vulnerability Assessment; and
- \* Based on the findings of the Vulnerability Assessment, make modifications to existing facilities



# Phased Mitigation Program Approach

- \* Size and inherent vulnerability of wastewater systems require close scrutiny of short-term response versus larger repairs
- \* Identify the backbone system to protect the community from health hazards and minimize the environmental impacts associated with raw sewage while larger repairs are underway

# Inherent Seismic Vulnerabilities

Systems tend to be:

- Large & complex with numerous potential points of failure
- Highly dependent on other resources to remain operational and complete needed repairs
- Financially dependent on consistent revenue streams to fund ongoing operations & maintenance

# Inherent Seismic Vulnerabilities continued

- Critical wastewater structures were designed and constructed before the adoption of current seismic design standards
- Pipeline networks include extensive use of non-ductile (inflexible) materials which tend to fail during strong ground motion
- Pipelines are especially vulnerable to joint failure from permanent ground deformation (resulting from liquefaction and landslides)



# Inherent Seismic Vulnerabilities continued

- Pipelines tend to be prone to failure at connections to aboveground structures
- Breaks in water pipelines will cause collateral damage to wastewater systems
- Performance of gravity sanitation and storm sewers depends on accurate grades and slopes, which are disrupted by ground displacement
- Failures of storm sewers can contribute to localized flooding during even minor rain events, resulting in collateral damage

# Steps to Improve Resiliency in Wastewater System

- \* Identification of the areas of concern and potential interceptor replacement materials is part of the scope of this project
- \* Incorporating seismic resilience objectives will be incorporated into future capital improvement projects

# WTD Seismic Hazard Mitigation

The slide features a solid blue background. At the bottom, there are several overlapping, wavy, light blue shapes that create a sense of movement or a stylized horizon line.



# Capital Projects

## Objectives

- \* Prevention of injury or loss of life during an earthquake and in the response and recovery
- \* Minimization of public health risks
- \* Improve speed of restoration of service
- \* Reduction in the expected cost of recovery by reducing vulnerabilities before an event
- \* Long-term survivability of WTD facilities

# Capital Projects

## Resiliency and Recovery Program

### Scope:

- \* Review and consolidate previous seismic vulnerability studies of our facilities and conveyance systems
- \* Perform a Seismic Risk Hazard Analysis
- \* Identify retrofits to improve the reliability and continued operation of facilities
- \* Develop cost estimates for retrofits
- \* Implement identified retrofits (highest risks first)
- \* Review and improve design standards to build in resilience

# Capital Projects

## Resiliency and Recovery Program

### 6-Year Capital Budget

- \* 2015 - \$0.8M
- \* 2016 - \$2.4M
- \* 2017 - \$8.2M
- \* 2018 - \$8.4M
- \* 2019 - \$8.7M
- \* 2020 - \$8.9M

# Next Steps/Schedule

1. Conduct Vulnerability assessments
2. Modification to existing facilities (seismic retrofits)
3. Review seismic design standards



# Questions?