



Predicted Surface Displacements for Scenario Earthquakes in the San Francisco Bay Region: Usgs Open-File Report 2008-1375 (Paperback)

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****** Print on Demand ******. In the immediate aftermath of a major earthquake, the U.S. Geological
Survey (USGS) will be called upon to provide information on the characteristics of the event to
emergency responders and the media. One such piece of information is the expected surface
displacement due to the earthquake. In conducting probabilistic hazard analyses for the San
Francisco Bay Region, the Working Group on California Earthquake Probabilities (WGCEP) identified
a series of scenario earthquakes involving the major faults of the region, and these were used in
their 2003 report (hereafter referred to as WG03) and the recently released 2008 Uniform California
Earthquake Rupture Forecast (UCERF). Here I present a collection of maps depicting the expected
surface displacement resulting from those scenario earthquakes. The USGS has conducted frequent
Global Positioning System (GPS) surveys throughout northern California for nearly two decades,
generating a solid baseline of interseismic measurements. Following an earthquake, temporary
GPS deployments at these sites will be important to augment the spatial coverage provided by
continuous GPS sites for recording postseismic deformation, as will the acquisition of
Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (InSAR) scenes. The information...



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