

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
RELEASE OF PRELIMINARY REVIEW MAPS OF PROPOSED REVISED
EARTHQUAKE FAULT LINES**

Preliminary Review Maps of proposed new and revised Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones were released to Oakland/Alameda County by the Department of Conservation, CA Geological Survey (CGS) on May 21, 2026. These maps were released under the authority of the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning (AP) Act that was passed following the 1971 San Fernando earthquake. The AP Act is a state law designated to reduce the hazard from surface fault rupture during an earthquake.

Earthquake Fault Zones are regulatory zones that encompass surface traces of active faults that have potential for future surface fault rupture. These zones generally are delineated by establishing a buffer area about 500 feet on either side of the surface trace of active faults. The accompanying map shows the general location of the proposed Earthquake Fault Zones within Oakland/Alameda. Detailed maps can be obtained from the CGS website www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/preliminary-releases.

What does it mean to be located within an Earthquake Fault Zone? It means that an active fault is present within the zone and the fault may pose a risk of surface fault rupture to existing or future structures. If property is not developed, a fault study may be required before the parcel can be subdivided or before most structures can be permitted. If a property is developed, the AP Act requires that the fact that the property is located within an Earthquake Fault Zone be disclosed by the seller to prospective buyer for all real estate transactions. Additional information on Earthquake Fault Zones and disclosure can be found at the CGS Alquist-Priolo web page <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/alquist-priolo>.

The May 21, 2026 release date begins a 90-day public comment period designated to provide the opportunity for the State Mining and Geology Board to receive technical review comments that may have a bearing on the proposed Earthquake Fault Zones maps. **Comments should be sent to the state Mining and Geology Board before August 19, 2026.** Comments should be addressed to:

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The state mining and Geology Board (SMGB) will hold a public hearing near the end of the 90-day review period. For more information on the state and location of the public hearing, contact the SMGB (<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/smgb>).