

# Reinvention: Thriving 2016

## Planning for Disaster: a case study of water response & recovery California Historical Society

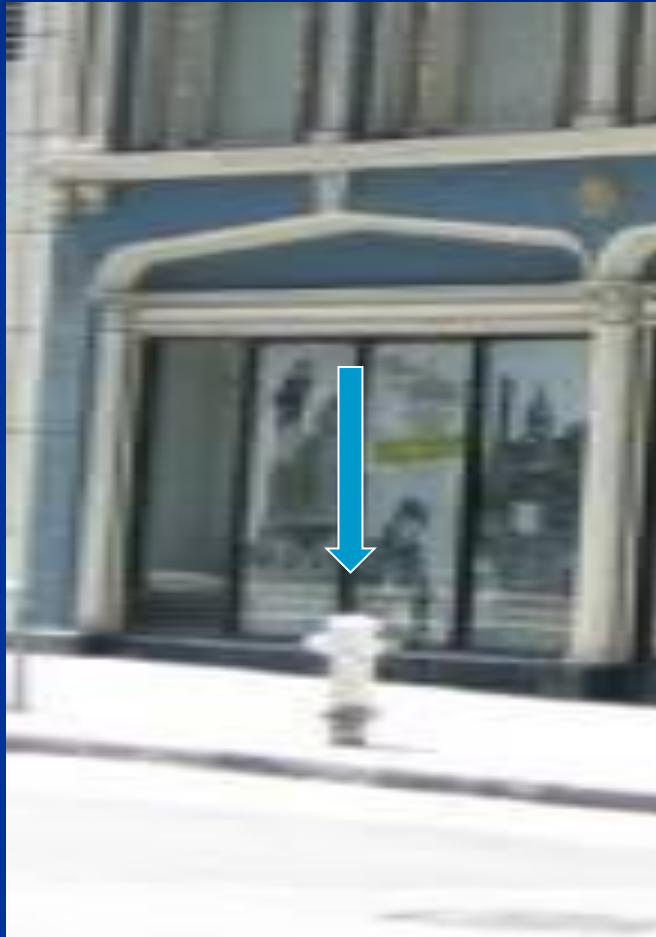
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# Asset or Risk?



**8:00 Friday morning,  
December 19, 2008**





# Remember ... water runs down



# Take time to make decisions and plan a course of action



# Candidates for drying in-house

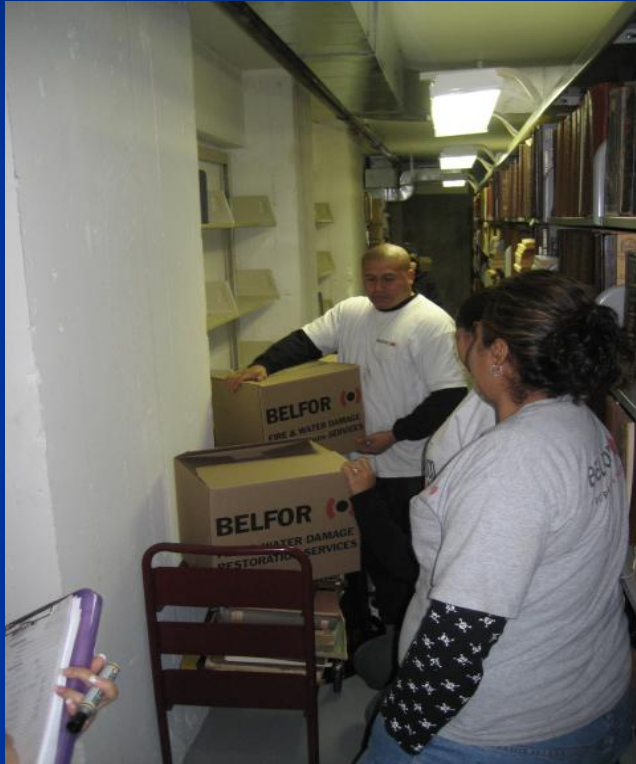




# Drying in-house



# Packing out wet books for freezing



# Logistical challenges





# December 20-26, 2008



# Documenting Claim

- Database to identify and track all affected books
- Establish current values
- Consider using estimated replacement costs

# Recovery continues





# Demolition and Reconstruction

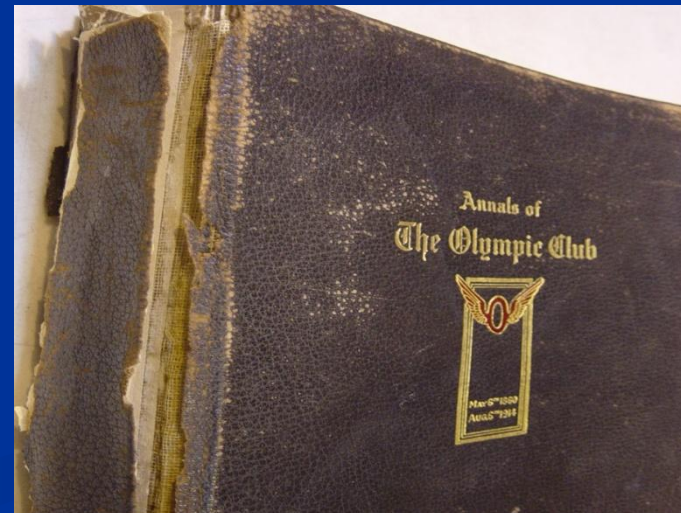
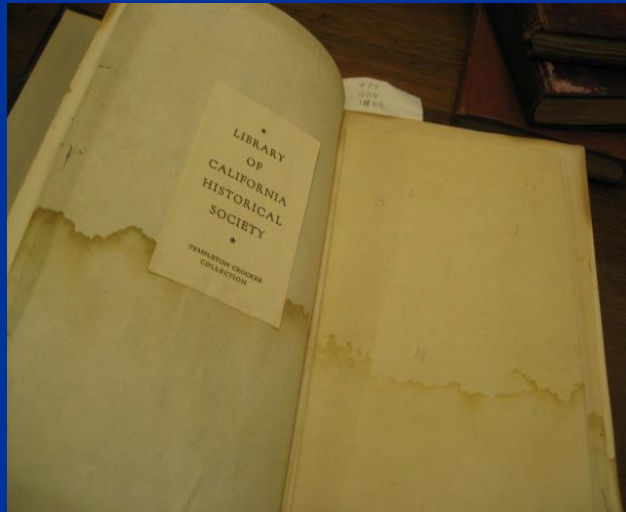
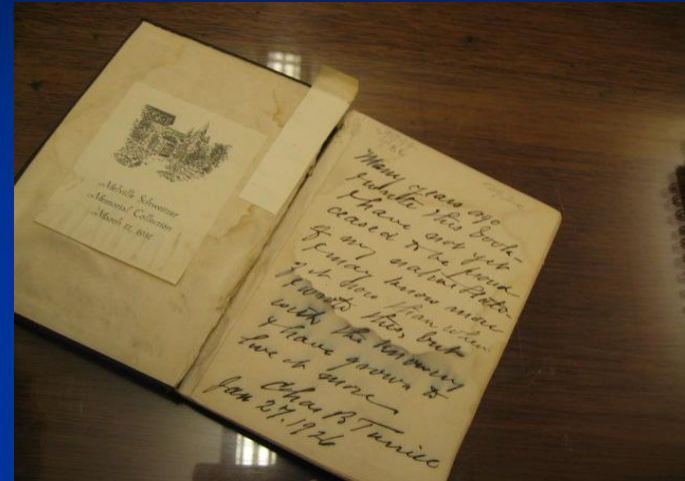
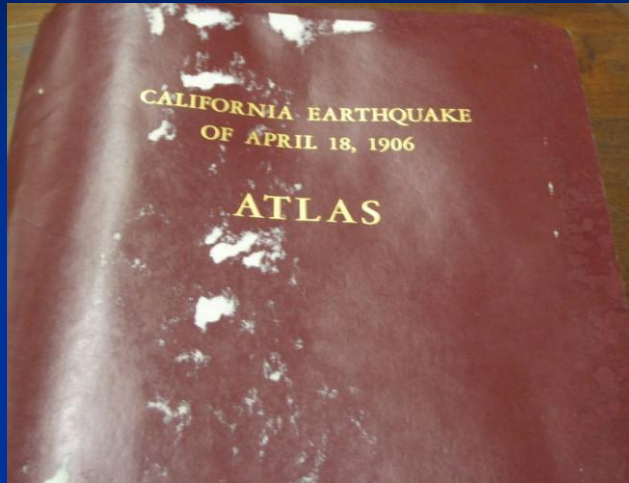


# Triage





# Persistent Evidence





# What Worked

- Invest in emergency planning
- Keep manuals up-to-date
- Understand responsibilities
- Act decisively
- Assess and isolate damage
- Establish vendor relationships
- Work together as a team

# What We Learned

- Communicate clearly, consistently and frequently
- Work closely with insurance and claims representatives
- Involve local first responders in emergency planning
- Plan for recovery time