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**OFFICIAL NOTICE****BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND  
GEOLOGISTS****MEETING OF THE GEOLOGIST AND GEOPHYSICIST  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**2535 Capitol Oaks Drive  
Third Floor Conference Room  
Sacramento, California, 95833  
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A meeting of the Geologist and Geophysicist Technical Advisory Committee of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the address above; the building is directly behind the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists Office in Sacramento, California.

The meeting is open and the public is invited to attend. The meeting facilities are barrier-free, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. A person who needs disability-related accommodations or modifications in order to participate in the meeting shall make arrangements by contacting Patty Smith at (916) 263-1847 or sending a written request to Ms. Smith at the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 300, Sacramento, California, 95833. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help to ensure availability of the requested accommodations.

Board Members are not members of the Technical Advisory Committees; however, Technical Advisory Committee meetings may be attended by Board Members.

For further information regarding this meeting, please contact Board Staff Liaison Patty Smith at (916) 263-1847. Electronic copies of this notice and agenda are available at [www.pels.ca.gov](http://www.pels.ca.gov); [www.geology.ca.gov](http://www.geology.ca.gov).

**NOTE: All times indicated and the order of business is approximate and subject to change.**

## AGENDA

### **MEETING OF THE GEOLOGIST AND GEOPHYSICIST TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS**

**Location:  
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Sacramento, California, 95833  
(916) 263-2222**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 10:00 A.M.**

**GEOLOGIST AND GEOPHYSICIST TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Members: Thomas F. Barry, PG, CEG, CHG Chairman; William Owen, PGp, PG, CHG Vice-Chairman; Hugh S. Robertson, PG, CEG; Eldon M. Gath, PG, CEG; and Mark Riches, PGp. Board Liaisons: Erik Zinn, PG, CEG; and William “Jerry” Silva; Board Legal Counsel Gary Duke. Staff Liaisons: Patty Smith and Vania Sevilla

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approve Minutes of Previous Technical Advisory Committee
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Continued discussion of Amendments to the California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 3003(e) to include seismology and earthquake hazard/seismic ground movement in the definition of Geophysics (Possible Recommendation) (Action Item – William Owen)  
  
Review and approve definition of Engineering Geology discussed at last meeting for sub-mission as a regulatory change to Section 3003(b).
- V. Review Geologists and Geophysicists Act Section 7841.1 – Qualifications for examination for Professional Geophysicist.
- VI. Develop internal list of core geologic courses for use by technical experts reviewing geological science degrees for approval to set for examinations.
- VII. Discuss collaborative relationship with the State Mining and Geology Board.
  - a. Guidelines for Standards of Practice of Geology in California.
- VIII. Review and approve new work plan.
- IX. Review of Enforcement Statistics.
- X. Texas Oil & Gas Advisory Workgroup Petition for Adoption of New Rules to the Texas Administrative code to clarify the scope of geoscientific work routinely performed in conjunction with the Oil & Gas Industry; and provide regulation of the practice of professional geoscience services that may otherwise be exempt from regulation.
- XI. Other Business Not Requiring Committee Action
- XII. Discussion of Possible Topics for Future G&G TAC Meetings (Possible Recommendation)
- XIII. Adjourn

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Time is allotted during the meeting to provide members of the public with an opportunity to address the Board. The time allotted for each member of the public to address the Board may be limited by the Board based on the number of individuals wishing to speak.

It is requested that the speakers stand or come forward as they are recognized to speak. It is also requested, but not required, that the speakers give their names and any organizations they represent.

The public may speak on items on the agenda during the Public Comment item or when the specific item comes up for discussion by the Board. If the Board does not notice a person's request to speak during discussion of an item, it is not a deliberate attempt to limit comment. It is sometimes difficult to notice a raised hand in a meeting room. If the Board does not notice you at first, please stand so that you may be recognized to speak.

The public may speak on items not on the agenda; however, the Board may not discuss or take action on such items at this meeting. Board members cannot engage in dialogue, other than to request clarification from the speaker, regarding items not on the agenda due to constraints imposed by law. The Board may direct staff to follow up on the item with the speaker or may direct that the item be placed on the agenda of a future meeting for discussion.

The Board asks that you not discuss a pending application or a disciplinary complaint matter because the Board members will be the "judges" who ultimately decide the matter, and, by law, they are not permitted to receive information that is not part of the official administrative record in the matter. Any issues relating to such matters should be addressed in writing to the Board's Executive Officer. If a person attempts to speak on such a matter, the person will be instructed to refrain from making further comments.

If a person becomes disruptive, the person will be requested to cease the disruptive behavior. If the person fails to do so, the Board is allowed by law to request that the person leave the meeting and may even have the person removed if he or she fails to leave.