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
(916) 263-2222

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, May 1, 2012, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the address above.

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; www.geology.ca.gov.

NOTE: All times indicated and the order of business is approximate and subject to change.
AGENDA
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OF THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS

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Tuesday May 1, 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 President; Board Legal Counsel Gary Duke. Staff Liaisons: Patty Smith, Lisa Chavez and Erin LaPerle.

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)

V. Develop internal list of core geologic courses for use by technical experts reviewing geological science degrees for approval to set for examinations. (Action Item - Contact ABET to develop framework of core courses for determine qualifying degrees).

VI. Discuss options for outreach with the State Mining and Geology Board regarding “Guidelines for Standards of Practice of Geology in California”.

VII. Review of Statistics - Examinations

VIII. Update on items for previous meeting(s).
   a. New Occupational Analysis status.
   b. Develop an online survey for university geology departments regarding required courses to qualifying for geology examinations.
   c. Discuss information (i.e. exam and enforcement experts needed, TAC meeting dates, Board meeting dates) to include with renewal licensing notices.
   d. Update of enforcement statistics.
   e. AutoCad issue for examination development.
   f. Submit revised definition of Engineering Geologist to Board for consideration of regulatory change.

IX. Discussion of Possible Topics for Future G&G TAC Meetings (Possible Recommendation)

X. 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.