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**ADOPTIONS
AND
AMENDMENTS**

**THANKS TO SURVEY
PARTICIPANTS**

The Board thanks everyone who completed the recent survey for the Occupational Analysis of the geology practice. The survey identified the tasks that Registered Geologists perform on the job and the knowledge they need to perform these tasks. The responses will be used to update the California specific examination so that it reflects current practice. The participation of the respondents is essential to the success of the occupational analysis and will help ensure that future Registered Geologists are qualified to practice. Thank you for your participation!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

The Board needs volunteers for its Passing Score and Item- Writing Workshops. Both workshops help ensure the success of the Board's examination program. The dates for the workshops are:

- CEG Item Writing Workshop
December 12-13, 2000
- CEG Item Writing Workshop
January 18-19, 2001

- CA Specific Passing Score Workshop
March 20, 2001
- CEG Passing Score Workshop
March 20, 2001
- CHG Passing Score Workshop
March 28, 2001
- RGP Passing Score Workshop
March 29-30, 2001

The Board adopted section 3024 and amended sections 3005 and 3031 of the California Code of Regulations at its June 16, 2000, meeting.

The Board's adoption of section 3024 more clearly defines when an application is considered abandoned. It allows the Board to recover the costs associated with processing applications and administering examinations when an applicant fails to appear for an examination without obtaining a postponement.

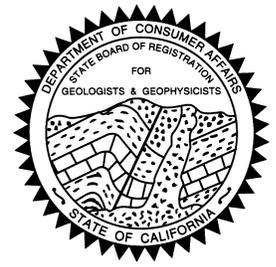
The purpose of the amendments to sections 3005 and 3031 is to clarify that an applicant for licensure as a Registered Geologist is required to retake only the examination or examinations previously failed and to establish appropriate examination fees.

The Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved the amendments to sections 3005 and 3031 effective August 11, 2000, on an emergency basis. OAL is considering the Board's adoption of section 3024 and approval beyond the emergency status of the amendments to sections 3005 and 3031.

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations and of the statements of reasons and other information, if any, may be obtained upon request from the Board.

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EXAM RESULTS

The Board administered the first national exam for Registered Geologist on March 17, 2000, in Sacramento and Brea. At the same time, it also administered the Registered Geophysicist, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Hydrogeologist examinations. The pass rates for the examinations were:

ASBOG and CA specific:	48%
Registered Geophysicist:	100%
Certified Engineering Geologist:	48%
Certified Hydrogeologist:	82%

If you have questions about the Board's examinations, please call the Board or visit its website at www.dca.ca.gov/geology.

SUNSET REVIEW COMPLETED

The Board's Sunset Review is complete. The Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee recommended maintaining the Board as the entity responsible for: (1) licensure of geologists and geophysicists and (2) the regulation of the geological and geophysical professions.

The Committee recommended that the Board more clearly define the practices of geology and geophysics and reduce the experience requirements for licensure as a Registered Geologist. The Board should also and improve the overall operation of its enforcement program by hiring an additional Associate Engineering Geologist.

Senate Bill 2028 extends the operation of the Board until July 1, 2005. The bill passed the Assembly on August 7, 2000 and is on the Governor's desk for signature.

The answer to "Where Are You?" in the Summer 2000 *California Geologists and Geophysicists* newsletter is:



Tufa Towers, Trona Pinnacles National Natural Landmark, California

The largest concentration of tufa towers, domes, and pinnacles in California, some up to 43 meters high and more than 160 meters in diameter, were deposited along the southwestern edge of Pleistocene Searles Lake. Searles was the third lake, after Owens and China, in a string of five major water bodies nourished by the glacial Owens River, which formerly carried water from the melting snow and ice of the Sierra Nevada to Death Valley.