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Jurassic Granodiorite
 Castle Crag State Park
 Photograph by John A. Karachewski

PHOTOGRAPH

The Castle Crag are a Jurassic granodiorite pluton, which has intruded the Trinity ophiolite in the eastern part of the Klamath Mountains. The exfoliation and vertical joints provided avenues for rapid weathering that resulted in erosion of pinnacles and towers that rise prominently above the surrounding countryside. Photographed along the Pacific Crest Trail.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The Board would like to thank all of the individuals who have bookmarked our website (www.dca.ca.gov/geology) in order to be able to easily check the licensing status of our registrants, read about recent enforcement actions, download our examination applications and to check out the "Hot Topics" section for information on issues relevant to the Board and its licensees. This has also saved the Board some money in reducing postage and printing costs, which is significant in this time of fiscal belt-tightening. The site also has an extensive "Links" section that can be used to obtain just about any geologic and/or geophysical information that is available on the Internet. Thank you for your support of the Board and Board activities, and here's hoping for a safe and prosperous New Year for you and the people close to you!

WEB SITE VISITS

The Board's website recently experienced its 50,000th "hit." Thank you to everyone who has bookmarked this site and who use it regularly to obtain information about the Board and Board activities!

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NEW BOARD AUTHORITY

Assembly Bill 446 (Correa) that was signed by Governor Davis on September 18, 2001, (chaptered by the Secretary of State on September 19, 2001) grants the Board authority to collect all accrued and unpaid penalties on delinquent renewals upon renewal of an expired license. For a complete copy of the text of AB446, please check the 'Hot Topics' section of the Board's website.

EXAMINATIONS NOW ONCE A YEAR

The Board voted at its September 28, 2001, meeting to eliminate the Fall examinations.

The Spring examination dates are as follows:

March 15, 2002

March 7, 2003

March 5, 2004

Applications are generally due three months prior to the examination date. For more information please contact Pam Hopper, Examination Coordinator, at (916) 263-2113 or geology@dca.ca.gov.

STAFF MEMBER RETIRES

After more than 30 years of state service, Diane Cortopassi retired in January of 2002. Congratulations to her!

Ms. Cortopassi began her career with the Department of Consumer Affairs when it was known as the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards. She worked for the Contractors State License Board and then transferred out of Consumer Affairs to work for the State Board of Equalization.

After taking time off to raise a family in 1982, Ms. Cortopassi returned to state service and once again joined the Department of Consumer Affairs, Board for Geologists and Geophysicists. As a witness to numerous Board transitions and six different Executive Officers, Ms. Cortopassi has been an integral part of the Board's history for more than 20 years. Her commitment has been unsurpassed, and the Board would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication. Congratulations and best wishes for her future.

Congratulatory cards or letters sent to the office will be forwarded to Ms. Cortopassi.

STAFF UPDATE

Staff member Tara Torok was promoted to Staff Services Analyst and Enforcement Manager George Dunfield was promoted from Associate Engineering Geologist to Senior Engineering Geologist.

Congratulations to Associate Governmental Program Analyst Mary Lynn Ferreira. Ms. Ferreira was granted the "Superior Accomplishment" award for her hard work and dedication. A plaque and a check for \$250 will be presented to Ms. Ferreira at the Board's next meeting on March 25, 2002 in Sacramento.

ENFORCEMENT ACTION

The Board has issued a modified citation and fine to Robert B. Horner, Registered Environmental Assessor (REA), for violation of section 7832 and 7872(a) of the Business and Professions Code (Geologist and Geophysicist Act) and for violation of section 3062 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. The citation was issued for the unlicensed practice of geology by Mr. Horner for his work in an environmental siting study for a cell phone transceiver station in Sonoma County in February 1999.

Mr. Horner agreed to pay a reduced fine of \$1,000 and agreed to never practice geology in California without a license. Section 125.9(b)(4) of the Business and Professions Code specifies that payment of the fine does not constitute admission of the violation charged and represents satisfactory resolution of the matter.

The case was closed on December 14, 2001.

2001 ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS

The number of actions taken against
licensed individuals: 19.

The number of actions taken against
unlicensed
individuals: 32.





2001 FALL EXAMS ATTENDANCE AND PASS RATES

	Scheduled Attendance Prior to Postponements		Scheduled After Postponements		Actual Attendance		Total Pass	Pass Rate
	Sacto.	Carson	Sacto.	Carson	Sacto.	Carson		
ASBOG Fundamentals of Geology	86	84	82	81	73	73	98	67%
ASBOG Practice of Geology	78	83	74	80	66	72	88	64%
California Specific	78	72	75	69	66	62	95	74%
Engineering Geologist	28	31	23	28	19	27	26	57%
Hydrogeologist	9	19	9	16	8	15	13	57%

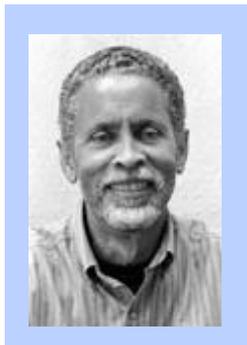
WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

Governor Gray Davis has announced the appointment of Dr. Robert A. Matthews as a member of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists.

Dr. Matthews, 75, of Davis, has nearly 50 years of experience in the practice and instruction of geology. He is a Registered Geologist, license #419, and a Certified Engineering Geologist, license #224, and has devoted much of his career to studying engineering geology and hydrogeology. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society of America.

Dr. Matthews has been a Mining Geologist, a Mathematician/Programmer and a District Geologist.

From 1956 to 1972, he was employed by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology.



In 1972, Dr. Matthews joined the University of California, Davis, as a lecturer in the Department of Geology, and simultaneously served as Associate Dean for the Division of Environmental Studies in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

From 1977 to 1979, he worked for the U.S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey as a Deputy Hazard Information Coordinator.

In 1980, he returned to the University as a Senior Lecturer. Dr. Matthews is now Professor Emeritus at the University.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Davis.

FEE INCREASE

According to the Department of Consumer Affairs Budget Analyst, the Board may enter into a deficit fund condition by the end of fiscal year 2002-2003 (ending on June 30, 2003). Therefore, the Board will seek a fee increase through legislation this Spring. Comments and questions about this draft legislation are welcome. Please contact the Board for more information at (916) 263-2113 or geology@dca.ca.gov. The following is a proposed amendment to the Business and Professions Code:

7887. The amount of the fees prescribed by this chapter shall be fixed by the board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) The fee for filing each application for registration as a geologist or a geophysicist or certification as a specialty geologist or a specialty geophysicist and for administration of the examination at not more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

(b) The registration fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist and the fee for the certification in a specialty shall be fixed at an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is issued, except that, with respect to certificates which will expire less than one year after issuance, the fee shall be fixed at an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date before the date on which the certificate is issued. The board may, by appropriate regulation, provide for the waiver or refund of the initial certificate fee where the certificate is issued less than 45 days before the date on which it will expire.

(c) The duplicate certificate fee at not more than six dollars (\$6).

(d) The temporary registration fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist at not more than eighty dollars (\$80).

(e) The renewal fee for a geologist or for a geophysicist shall be fixed by the board at not more than ~~two~~ four hundred dollars (~~\$200~~) (\$400).

(f) The renewal fee for a specialty geologist or for a specialty geophysicist at not more than ~~fifty~~ one hundred dollars (~~\$50~~) (\$100).

(g) Notwithstanding Section 163.5, the delinquency fee for a certificate is an amount equal to 50 percent of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date.

~~(h) The fees fixed by the board pursuant to subdivisions (e) and (f), as of January 1, 1993, shall not be increased.~~

(i) Each applicant for registration as a geologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board for the purchase of a national examination for geologists created by a nationally recognized entity approved by the board, including a supplemental California specific examination, and shall not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300).

(j) Each applicant for registration as a geophysicist or certification as an engineering geologist or certification as a hydrogeologist shall pay an examination fee fixed by the board at an amount equal to the actual cost to the board for the development and maintenance of the written examination, and shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100).



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2002 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



WINTER 2001
Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

Holiday- New Year's	January 1	
Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.	January 21	
Examination Committee	February 1	Sacramento
Holiday – Lincoln's Birthday	February 12	
Holiday – Washington's Birthday	February 18	
Technical Advisory Committee	March 8	Sacramento
Examinations	March 15	San Diego
Examinations	March 15	Sacramento
Board	March 25	Sacramento
Holiday- Memorial Day	May 27	
Exam Committee	June 7	Sacramento
Technical Advisory Committee	June 14	Sacramento
Holiday – 4 th of July	July 4	
Technical Advisory Committee	August 23	Sacramento
Holiday – Labor Day	September 2	
Exam Committee	September 13	Sacramento
Holiday – Columbus Day	October 14	
Technical Advisory Committee	November 1	Sacramento
ASBOG Annual Meeting	November 6-11	Biloxi, MS
Holiday – Veterans Day	November 11	
Holiday – Thanksgiving	November 28-29	
Holiday – Christmas	December 25	



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