

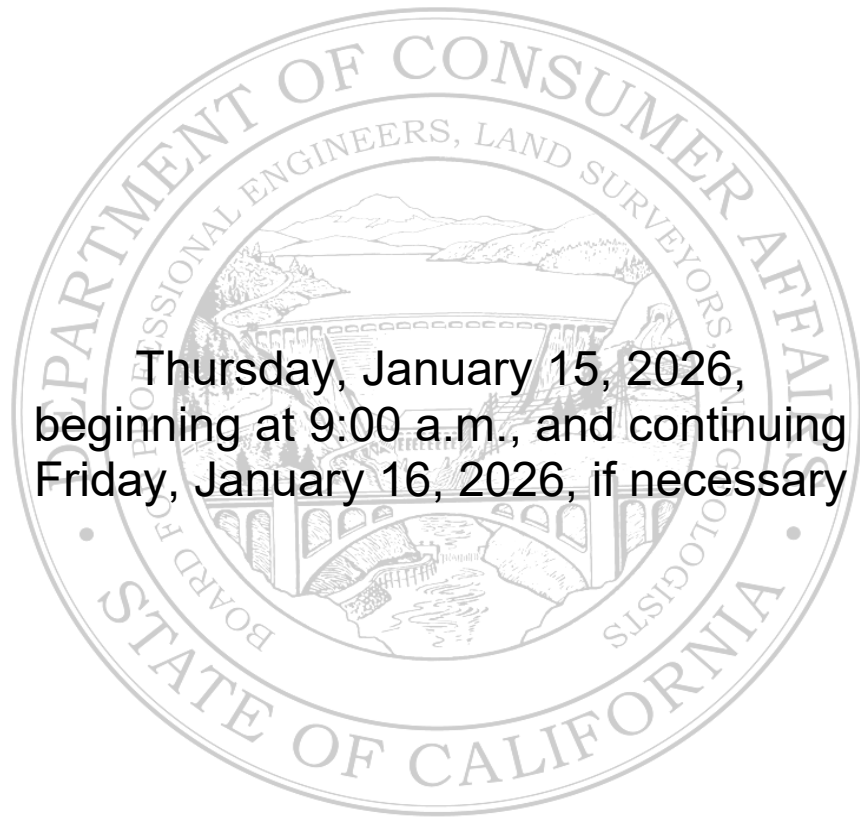


Gavin Newsom, Governor

# Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists

## Meeting of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists

Thursday, January 15, 2026,  
beginning at 9:00 a.m., and continuing  
Friday, January 16, 2026, if necessary



Department of Consumer Affairs  
1747 North Market Blvd., Hearing Room #186  
Sacramento, CA 95834 D



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JANUARY 15-16, 2026

Department of Consumer Affairs  
1747 North Market Blvd., Hearing Room #186  
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### BOARD MEMBERS

President Guillermo Martinez; Vice-President Frank Ruffino; Fel Amistad; Alireza Asgari; Rossana D'Antonio; Desirea Haggard; Tom Hallinan; Michael Hartley; Betsy Mathieson; Wilfredo Sanchez; Fermin Villegas; Cliff Waldeck; and Christina Wong

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## **VI. Consideration of Rulemaking Proposals**

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- A. Adoption of Rulemaking Proposal to Amend Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 407 and 3005 (Fees) (**Possible Action**)





## **Adoption of Rulemaking Proposal to Amend Title 16, California Code of Regulations Sections 407 (Fees) and 3005 (Fees)**

### **Background**

The Board's current fee structure was last adjusted in 2021; however, the Board's fee structure no longer supports the actual costs of services provided today. The current cost incurred to fulfill a service is not equal to the existing fees associated with that service, and without an adjustment, the Board's fund will become structurally imbalanced because the projected revenues are less than expenditures. Accordingly, the Board seeks to increase the fees charged and collected for an initial license, examinations, renewal of a license, and retired license.

The proposed fee structure will balance the Board's fund and maintain appropriate fund reserves no later than July 1, 2026. This will help the Board remain solvent, align fees with the full cost of operational services, and facilitate the effective administration of the Board while meeting the needs of the public, applicants, and licensees.

The proposal was noticed for a 45-day comment period beginning on October 3, 2025, and ending on November 17, 2025.

The Board received no comments during the comment period. However, one was received outside the comment period.

There were no requests for a public hearing and no separate public hearing was held.

### **Current Status and Next Steps**

Staff recommends that the Board vote to adopt the proposed regulatory changes and direct staff to finalize the rulemaking file.

The final language with the proposed changes is included for the Board's review. Language proposed to be added is shown in single underlined text. Language proposed to be deleted is shown in ~~single strikethrough text~~.

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

With regard to the rulemaking proposal to amend Title 16, California Code of Regulations sections 407 and 3005:

Adopt the proposed response to the comment that was received outside the comment period;

Adopt the final rulemaking proposal; and,

Delegate to the Executive Officer to finalize the rulemaking file.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
**TITLE 16. BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS AND  
GEOLOGISTS**

**Order of Adoption  
Fees**

**Legend:**      Added text is indicated with an underline.  
                     Omitted text is indicated by ( \* \* \* )  
                     Deleted text is indicated by ~~strikeout~~.

**Amend section 407 of Article 1 of Division 5 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR)<sup>1</sup> as follows:**

**§ 407. Fees.**

- (a) The following is the prescribed application fee for:
  - (1) Authority to use the title “structural engineer” ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (2) Authority to use the title “geotechnical engineer” ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (3) Licensure as a professional engineer ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (4) Licensure as a professional land surveyor ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (5) Certification as an engineer-in-training or as a land surveyor-in-training ~~\$75~~\$100
- (b) The following is the prescribed examination fee for state-specific examinations:
  - (1) California Special Civil Seismic Principles ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (2) California Special Civil Engineering Surveying ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (3) Geotechnical Engineering ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (4) California State-Specific Land Surveying ~~\$175~~\$250
  - (5) Traffic Engineering ~~\$175~~\$250
- (c) The two-year biennial renewal fee for a license that expires on or after January 1, 2024~~6~~, shall be ~~\$180~~\$250.
- (d) The fee for each retired license shall be ~~\$75~~\$100. No renewal fee or other fee shall be charged for the retired license.
- (e) The duplicate certificate fee prescribed in Section 410 shall be \$10.
- (f) Fees required under provisions of this rule transmitted through the United States mail shall be deemed filed on the date shown by the post office cancellation mark stamped on the envelope containing the fee or on the date mailed if satisfactory proof is made that mailing occurred on an earlier date.
- (g) The delinquency fee for renewal of a license is 50% of the renewal fee in effect on the date of reinstatement.
- (h) Refund of fees submitted to the Board shall be made only as follows:
  - (1) Any application fees or penalties imposed and collected illegally, by mistake, inadvertence, or error shall be refunded in full.

<sup>1 1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, all references to the CCR hereafter are to Title 16.

(i) As used in this section, "license" includes certificate of registration or license as a professional engineer, licensure as a professional land surveyor, and certificates of authority to use the titles "structural engineer," "geotechnical engineer," "soil engineer," "soils engineer," "consulting engineer," or "photogrammetric surveyor."

Note: Authority cited: Sections 6716, 6799, 8710 and 8805, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 158, 6706.3, 6795, 6796, 6798, 6799, 8775.3, 8801, 8802, 8804, 8804.5 and 8805, Business and Professions Code.

**Amend section 3005 of Article 1 of Division 29 of Title 16 of the CCR as follows:**

**§ 3005. Fees.**

(a) The following is the prescribed application fee for:

- (1) Licensure as a Professional Geologist or a Professional Geophysicist ~~\$175~~\$250
- (2) Certification as a specialty geologist or specialty geophysicist ~~\$175~~\$250
- (3) Certification as a geologist-in-training ~~\$75~~\$100

(b) The following is the prescribed examination fee for:

- (1) The California specific geologist examination ~~\$175~~\$250
- (2) Examination for licensure as a geophysicist ~~\$175~~\$250
- (3) Examination for certification as a specialty geologist or specialty geophysicist ~~\$175~~\$250

(c) The duplicate certificate fee shall be \$10.

(d) The two-year biennial renewal fee for a license that expires on or after January 1, 2024, shall be ~~\$180~~\$250.

(e) The delinquency fee for renewal of a license is 50% of the renewal fee in effect on the last regular renewal date.

(f) Fees required under provisions of this rule transmitted through the United States mail shall be deemed filed on the date shown by the post office cancellation mark appearing on the envelope containing the fee or on the date mailed if satisfactory proof is made that mailing occurred on an earlier date.

(g) The fee for the retired license shall be ~~\$75~~\$100. No renewal fee or other fee shall be charged for the retired license.

(h) Refund of fees submitted to the Board shall be made only as follows:

- (1) Any application fees or penalties imposed and collected illegally, by mistake, inadvertence, or error shall be refunded in full.

(i) As used in this section, "license" includes certificate of registration or license as a professional geologist, certificate of registration or license as a professional geophysicist, and certificate of registration or license as a registered certified specialty geologist or specialty geophysicist.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 7818 and 7887, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 158, 7844, 7851, 7880, 7881, and 7887, Business and Professions Code.

### **Summary of Comment and Response to Comment**

A comment was received from Joshua Ford, a Licensed Land Surveyor from Flightline Geomatics, via email that was received on September 28, 2025, prior to the start of the comment period.

#### **Summary of Comment 1:**

The commenter stated that they opposed the proposed rule change and fee increase.

#### **Board Response to Comment 1:**

The Board has reviewed and considered the comment and declines to make any amendments to the proposed text based thereon. The commenter requested the Board to note his opposition but failed to provide any reason for the opposition or alternative for the Board to consider. As described on page 1 of the Initial Statement of Reasons, Business and Professions Code (BPC) sections 6716, 7818, and 8710 authorize the Board to adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations which are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of their respective chapters. The Board is also authorized to establish the fees that the Board may charge and collect within the statutory limits outlined in BPC sections 6799, 7887, and 8805.

This is to ensure that the Board has sufficient funding to meet its consumer protection mandate, while also meeting the Board's mission to protect the public's safety and property by promoting standards for competence and integrity. The proposed fee structure will balance the Board's fund and maintain appropriate fund reserves so that the Board remains solvent, align fees with the full cost of operational services, and facilitate the effective administration of the Board while meeting the needs of the public, applicants, and licensees. Thus, the Board will not be making any amendment to the proposed text based on the statement received.

**Yu, Angela@DCA**

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**From:** Joshua Ford <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 28, 2025 9:28 AM  
**To:** Yu, Angela@DCA  
**Cc:** Moore, Ric@DCA  
**Subject:** BPELSG Proposed Fee Increase

**Categories:** Red category

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Please note my opposition to this proposed rule change and fee increase.  
Thank you,

--

Joshua Ford, PLS

**FLIGHTLINE GEOMATICS**

LAND SURVEYING & GIS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

*Certified SDVOSB, California DVBE, Oregon SDVBE*



## **VII. Administration**

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### **A. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget Report**





# GUIDE TO READING THE REVENUE REPORT AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

## Revenues

Fee increase effective January 1, 2021 has had a positive impact on revenues. Total revenue up \$1,276,880 (25%) over prior period.

### Current Year Projections

Identifies the revenue amount that BPELSG projects for FY 21-22.

Revenue Category	PRIOR YEAR FY 2020-21 FM 4	CURRENT YEAR FY 2021-22 FM 4	CURRENT YEAR Projections
Delinquent Fees	\$38,696	↑ \$51,464	\$150,076
Other Regulatory Fees	\$32,130	↑ \$39,578	\$102,138
Other Regulatory Licenses & Permits	\$297,960	↑ \$645,747	\$1,743,588
Other Revenue	\$20,822	↓ \$10,486	\$51,328
Renewal Fees	\$3,415,953	↑ \$4,335,166	\$10,269,519
Total	\$3,805,560	↑ \$5,082,440	\$12,316,649

### Revenue Category

Provides the name of the line item where our revenues occur.

### Arrows

These indicate a change in the current year over prior year. Up/green arrows indicate an increase and down/red arrows indicate a decrease over the prior period.

### Current Year

Revenue collected up to FM 4 in October of 2021.

### Prior Year

Revenue collected up to FM 4 in October of 2020.

## Department of Consumer Affairs Expenditure Projection Report

Fiscal Month: 4

Fiscal Year: 2021 - 2022

Run Date: 12/09/2021

### Fiscal Month

Identifies the expenditures up to October 2021

### Fiscal Year

Identifies the current year

### Run Date

Identifies the date this report was pulled from QBIRT

### CY 21-22

### YTD + Encumbrance

Provides a FM 4 total of YTD Actual and Encumbrance.

### Governor's Budget

Publication that the Governor presents which identifies the current year authorized expenditures.

## PERSONAL SERVICES

Notes	Fiscal Code	PY 20-21 FM 4 YTD + Encumbrance	CY 21-22 FM 4 YTD + Encumbrance	Governor's Budget	Percent of Governor's Budget Spent	Projections to Year End
1	5100 PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$955,435	\$1,077,755	\$3,425,000	31%	\$3,389,367
	5100 TEMPORARY POSITIONS	\$35,155	\$45,403	\$232,000	20%	\$130,000
	5105-5108 PER DIEM, OVERTIME, & LUMP SUM	\$600	\$38,876	\$36,000	108%	\$48,476
	5150 STAFF BENEFITS	\$559,421	\$618,030	\$1,703,000	36%	\$1,812,693
	PERSONAL SERVICES	\$1,550,611	\$1,780,065	\$5,396,000	33%	\$5,380,536

## OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

2	5301 GENERAL EXPENSE	\$23,898	\$22,392	\$32,000	70%	\$71,871
3	5302 PRINTING	\$24,766	\$69,808	\$26,000	268%	\$33,966
	5304 COMMUNICATIONS	\$4,452	\$3,384	\$15,000	23%	\$20,777

### Object Description

Provides the name of the line item where our expenditures occur.

### PY 20-21 YTD + Encumbrance

Provides a FM 4 total of YTD Actual and Encumbrance.

### Percent of Governor's Budget spent

Identifies the percentage spent at CY 21-22 FM 4 according to the Governor's Budget.

### Projections to Year End

Identifies the expenditure amount that BPELSG projects for FY 21-22.

	OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT	\$3,239,095	\$2,474,539	\$6,831,000	36%	\$5,308,996
	OVERALL TOTALS	\$4,789,706	\$4,254,604	\$12,227,000	35%	\$10,689,532

\*Does not include additional Architecture Revolving Fund Expenses TBD

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT): 13%

### Surplus/(Deficit)

Identifies if we have higher revenue and lower expenses (Surplus) or higher expenses and lower revenue (Deficit). This percentage is calculated using (Governor's Budget-Projections to Year End)/ Governor's Budget.

# FINANCIAL REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 FISCAL MONTH 4 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### Revenues

Total revenue is up \$142,229 (2%) over Prior Year 2023-24. Current Fiscal Year 2025-26 is a high volume year for renewals therefore we are comparing it to Prior Year 2023-24 due to it also being a high volume year for renewals.

Revenue Category	PRIOR YEAR FY 2023-24 FM 4	PRIOR YEAR FY 2024-25 FM 4	CURRENT YEAR FY 2025-26 FM 4	CURRENT YEAR FY 2025-26 PROJECTION
Delinquent Fees	\$42,698	\$24,630	\$21,090	\$81,151
Other Regulatory Fees	\$26,530	\$23,238	\$52,698	\$90,609
Other Regulatory Licenses & Permits	\$713,573	\$680,037	\$764,840	\$2,243,203
Other Revenue	\$59,510	\$82,854	\$75,713	\$26,771
Renewal Fees	\$5,584,752	\$5,197,856	\$5,654,950	\$10,308,825
Total	\$6,427,062	\$6,008,615	\$6,569,291	\$12,750,559

Total Reimbursements as of FM 4 totaled \$64,127 including \$24,451 in Fingerprint Reports, \$175 in Reimbursements-Private Sectors, and \$39,501 in US Cost Recovery. Fingerprint Report expenses are included in the General Expense category.

Department of Consumer Affairs  
Expenditure Projection Report  
Fiscal Month: 4

Fiscal Year: 2025 - 2026  
Run Date: 11/18/2025

PERSONAL SERVICES

Notes	Fiscal Code	PY 24-25 FM 4 YTD + Encumbrance	CY 25-26 FM 4 YTD + Encumbrance	Governor's Budget	Percent of Governor's Budget Spent	Projections to Year End
1	5100 PERMANENT POSITIONS	\$1,197,048	\$1,223,260	\$3,687,000	33%	\$3,752,137
	5100 TEMPORARY POSITIONS	\$0	\$0	\$232,000	0%	\$1,000
	5105-5108 PER DIEM, OVERTIME, & LUMP SUM	\$3,100	\$3,300	\$37,000	9%	\$14,200
	5150 STAFF BENEFITS	\$670,077	\$739,131	\$1,856,000	40%	\$2,251,282
	<b>PERSONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$1,870,225</b>	<b>\$1,965,691</b>	<b>\$5,812,000</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>\$6,018,619</b>

OPERATING EXPENSES & EQUIPMENT

2	5301 GENERAL EXPENSE	\$23,778	\$24,166	\$56,000	43%	\$88,238
	5302 PRINTING	\$3,410	\$65,805	\$46,000	143%	\$72,300
	5304 COMMUNICATIONS	\$1,503	\$463	\$35,000	1%	\$20,700
	5306 POSTAGE	\$0	\$1,273	\$58,000	2%	\$27,300
	53202-204 IN STATE TRAVEL	\$3,028	\$8,458	\$90,000	9%	\$42,940
	53206-208 OUT OF STATE TRAVEL	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	\$2,500
	5322 TRAINING	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	0%	\$0
3	5324 FACILITIES*	\$466,553	\$469,618	\$377,000	125%	\$499,000
4	53402-53403 C/P SERVICES (INTERNAL)	\$142,922	\$181,452	\$1,404,000	13%	\$776,867
5	53404-53405 C/P SERVICES (EXTERNAL)	\$3,223,104	\$2,054,848	\$3,112,000	66%	\$2,623,800
6	5342 DEPARTMENT PRORATA	\$1,050,500	\$1,152,000	\$2,251,000	51%	\$2,251,000
7	5342 DEPARTMENTAL SERVICES	\$6,430	\$2,162	\$25,000	9%	\$31,110
	5344 CONSOLIDATED DATA CENTERS	\$0	\$0	\$22,000	0%	\$25,100
	5346 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$121,686	\$2,754	\$94,000	3%	\$326,450
	5362-5368 EQUIPMENT	\$15,172	\$125,306	\$0	0%	\$182,100
	5390 OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENSE	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	0%	\$0
	54 SPECIAL ITEMS OF EXPENSE	\$1,620	\$0	\$0	0%	\$4,000
	<b>OPERATING EXPENSES &amp; EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$5,059,706</b>	<b>\$4,088,303</b>	<b>\$7,588,000</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>\$6,973,405</b>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,929,931</b>	<b>\$6,053,994</b>	<b>\$13,400,000</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>\$12,992,024</b>
8	4840-4850 REIMBURSEMENTS					\$170,000
	<b>OVERALL TOTALS &amp; REIMBURSEMENTS</b>					<b>\$12,822,024</b>

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT):

3%

**0770 Professional Engineer's, Land Surveyor's and Geologist's Fund Analysis of Fund Condition**  
**(Dollars in Thousands)**

Prepared 12/31/2025

PY 2024-25 Actuals and CY 2025-26 FM 4 Projections

	Actual 2024-25	CY 2025-26	BY 2026-27	BY +1 2027-28
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	\$ 3,267	\$ 3,581	\$ 2,767	\$ 5,461
Prior Year Adjustment	\$ 432	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Adjusted Beginning Balance	\$ 3,699	\$ 3,581	\$ 2,767	\$ 5,461
<b>REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS</b>				
Revenues				
4121200 - Delinquent fees	\$ 80	\$ 81	\$ 113	\$ 111
4127400 - Renewal fees	\$ 9,302	\$ 10,309	\$ 13,282	\$ 12,918
4129200 - Other regulatory fees	\$ 104	\$ 91	\$ 97	\$ 103
4129400 - Other regulatory licenses and permits	\$ 2,197	\$ 2,243	\$ 3,110	\$ 3,109
4163000 - Income from surplus money investments	\$ 300	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200
4171400 - Escheat of unclaimed checks and warrants	\$ 43	\$ 27	\$ 43	\$ 27
Totals, Revenues	\$ 12,026	\$ 12,952	\$ 16,845	\$ 16,469
<b>TOTALS, REVENUES, TRANSFERS AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS</b>	\$ 12,026	\$ 12,952	\$ 16,845	\$ 16,469
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	\$ 15,725	\$ 16,533	\$ 19,612	\$ 21,930
Expenditures:				
1111 Department of Consumer Affairs Regulatory Boards, Bureaus, Divisions (State Operations)	\$ 11,508	\$ 12,822	\$ 13,207	\$ 13,603
9892 Supplemental Pension Payments (State Operations)	\$ 157	\$ 157	\$ 157	\$ 157
9900 Statewide General Administrative Expenditures (Pro Rata) (State Operations)	\$ 479	\$ 787	\$ 787	\$ 787
TOTALS, EXPENDITURES AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 12,144	\$ 13,766	\$ 14,151	\$ 14,547
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>				
Reserve for economic uncertainties	\$ 3,581	\$ 2,767	\$ 5,461	\$ 7,383
Months in Reserve	3.1	2.3	4.5	6.1

**NOTES:**

Assumes workload and revenue projections are realized in CY and BY.  
Expenditure growth projected at 3% beginning in BY +1.

## Expenditure Report Notes

- 1 Salary & Wages (Staff)** - The projected expenditures for salaries and wages is due to the Board being almost fully staffed, and includes merit salary adjustments and the bargaining unit agreements effective July 1, 2025.
- 2 General Expenses** - Includes Membership and Subscription Fees, Freight and Drayage, Office Equipment - Maintenance, Office Supplies, and DOJ and FBI fees for background checks which are reimbursed.
- 3 Facilities Operations** - Includes facilities maintenance, facilities operations, janitorial Services, rent and leases, exam rental sites, and security.
- 4 C&P Services Interdepartmental** - Includes all contract services with other state agencies for examination services (Dept. of Conservation). This line item also now includes enforcement expenses for the Attorney General and the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 5 C&P Services External** - Includes all external contracts (examination development, expert consultant agreements, business modernization contracts, credit card processing, evidence and witness fees, and court reporter services).
- 6 DCA Pro Rata** - Includes distributed costs of programmatic and administrative services from DCA.
- 7 Departmental Services (Interagency Services)** - Includes pay-per-services billed through the Department of General Services.
- 8 Reimbursements** - Includes Reimbursements-Private Sectors (contracted with Guam to provide California Civil Seismic Principles Exams on the same dates the exam is administered in California by the Guam Registration Board at the rate of \$175 per examination that are administered to applicants), Fingerprint Reports, Cost Recovery, and US DOI Civil Case.



## **VIII. Enforcement**

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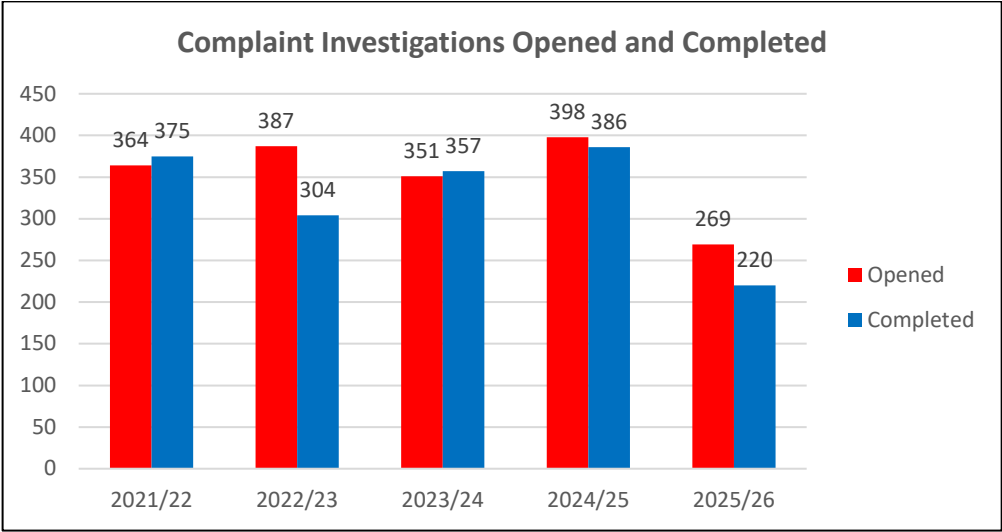
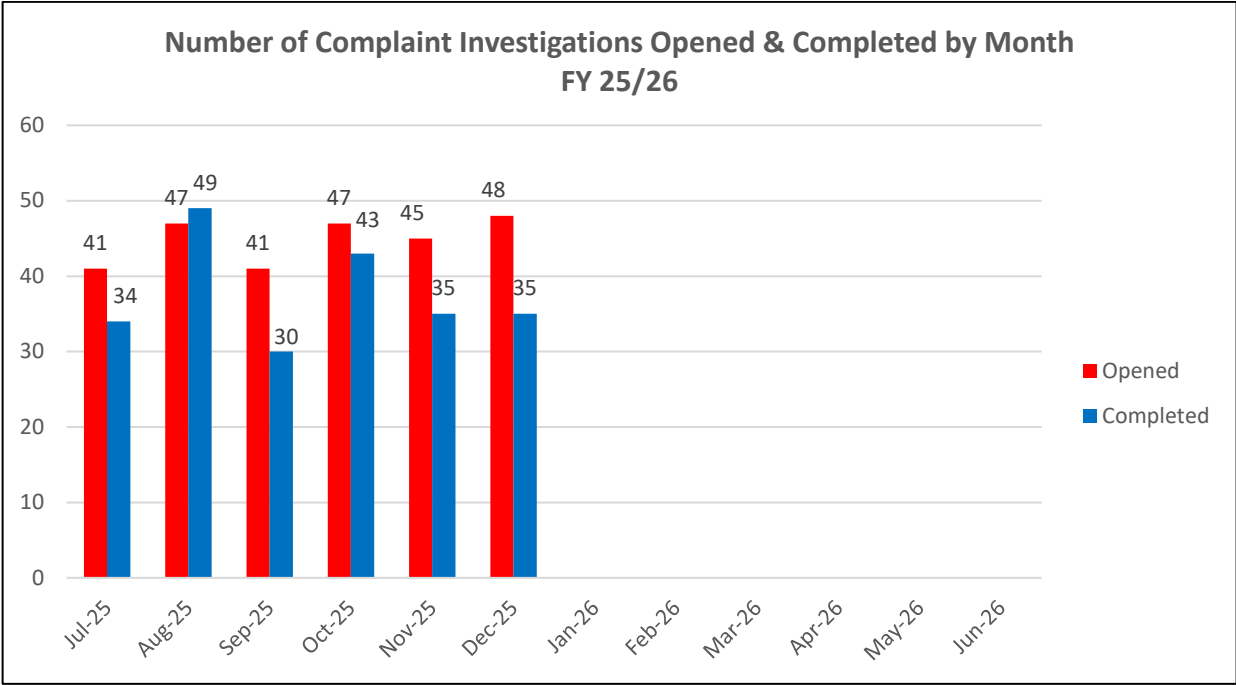
### **A. Enforcement Statistical Reports**

#### **1. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Update**



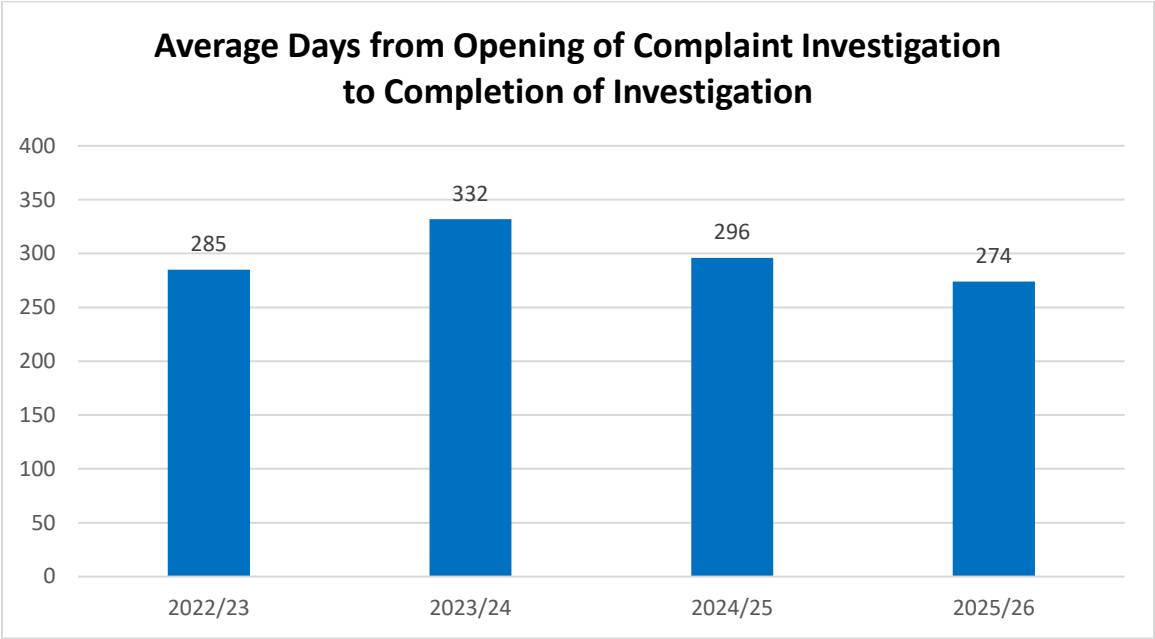
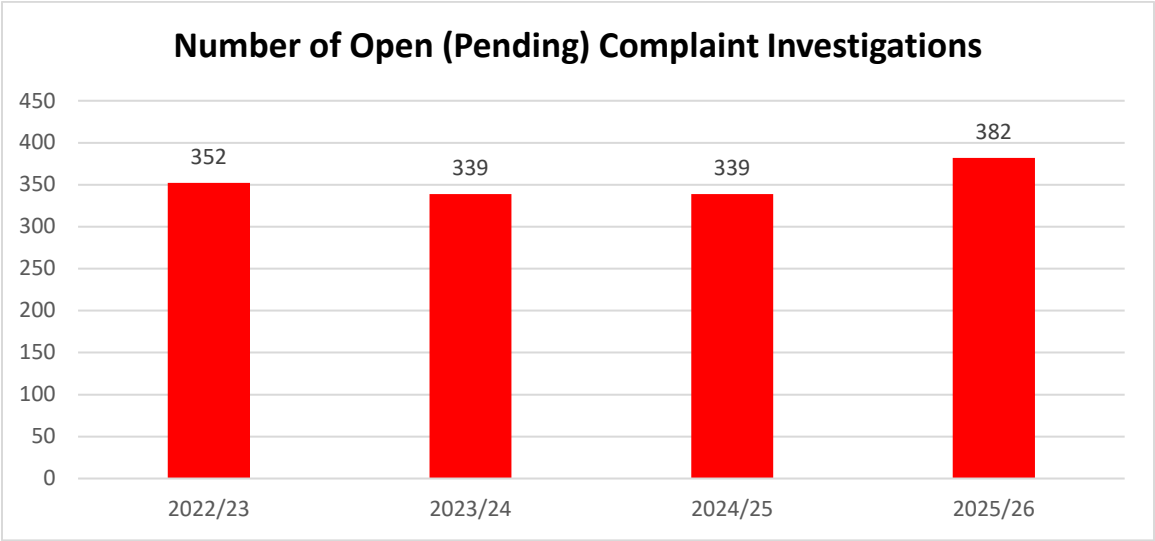


Complaint Investigation Phase



NOTE: FY25/26 statistics are through December 31, 2025

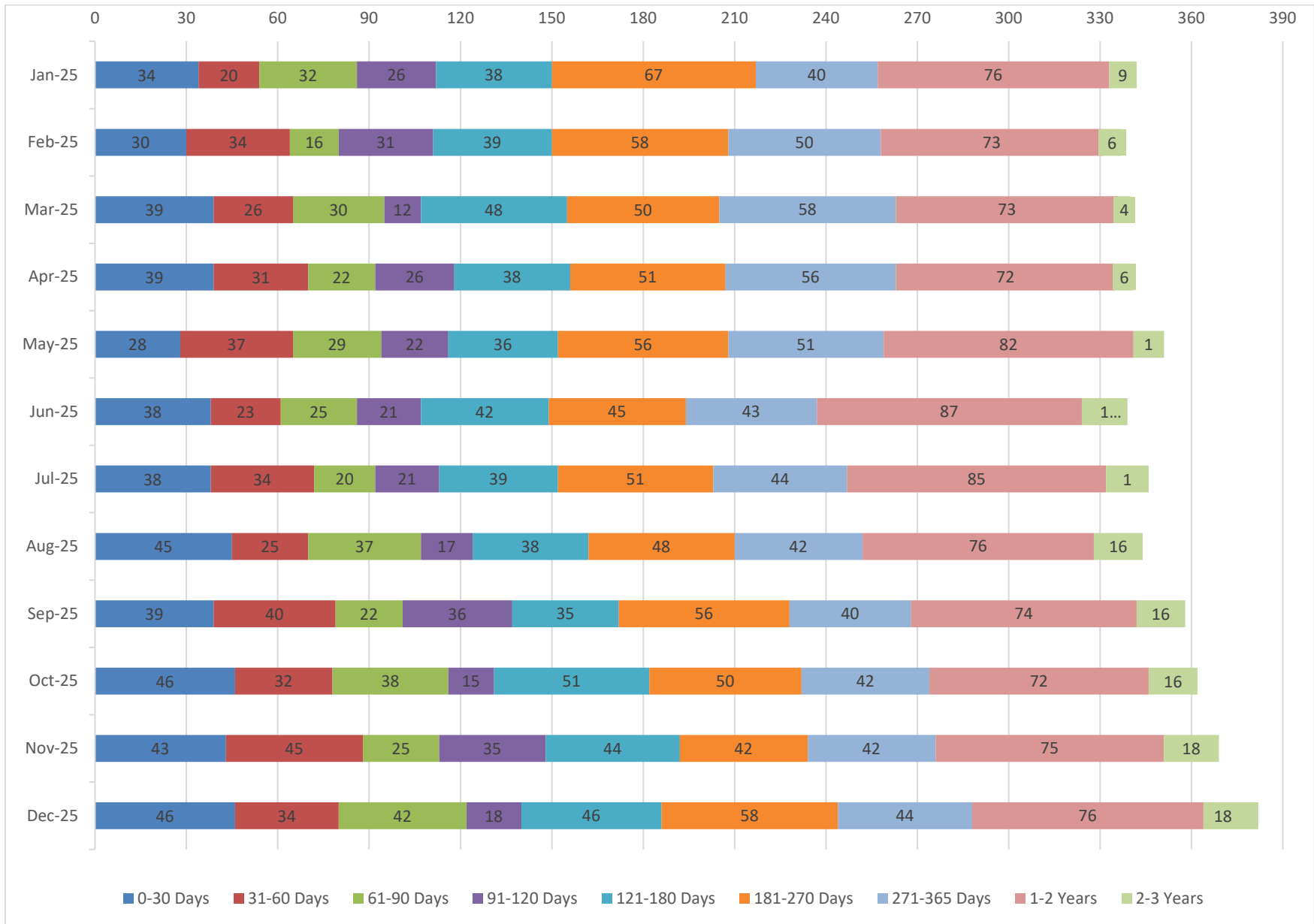
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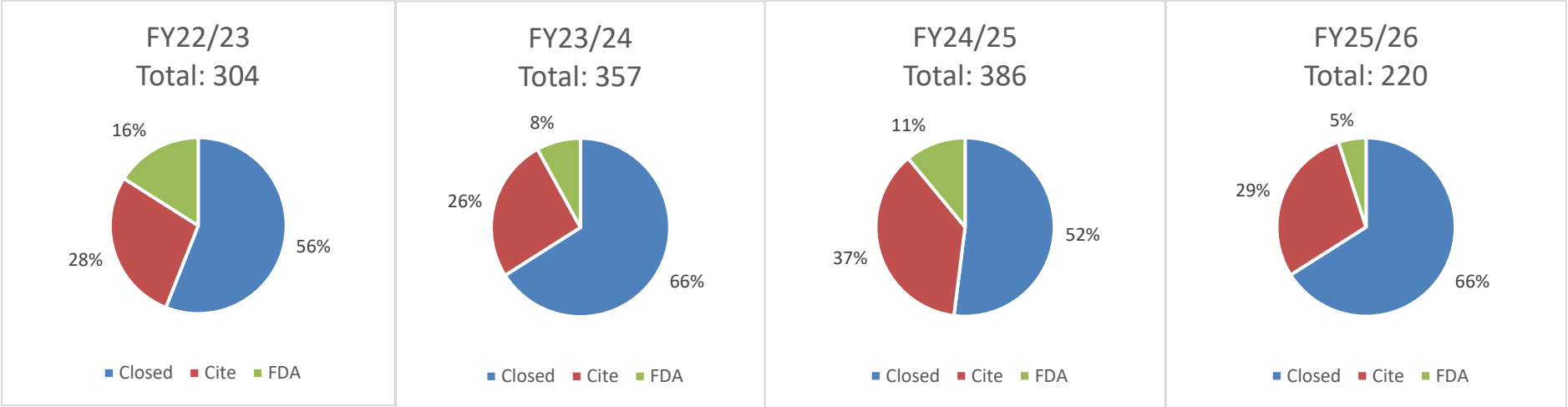
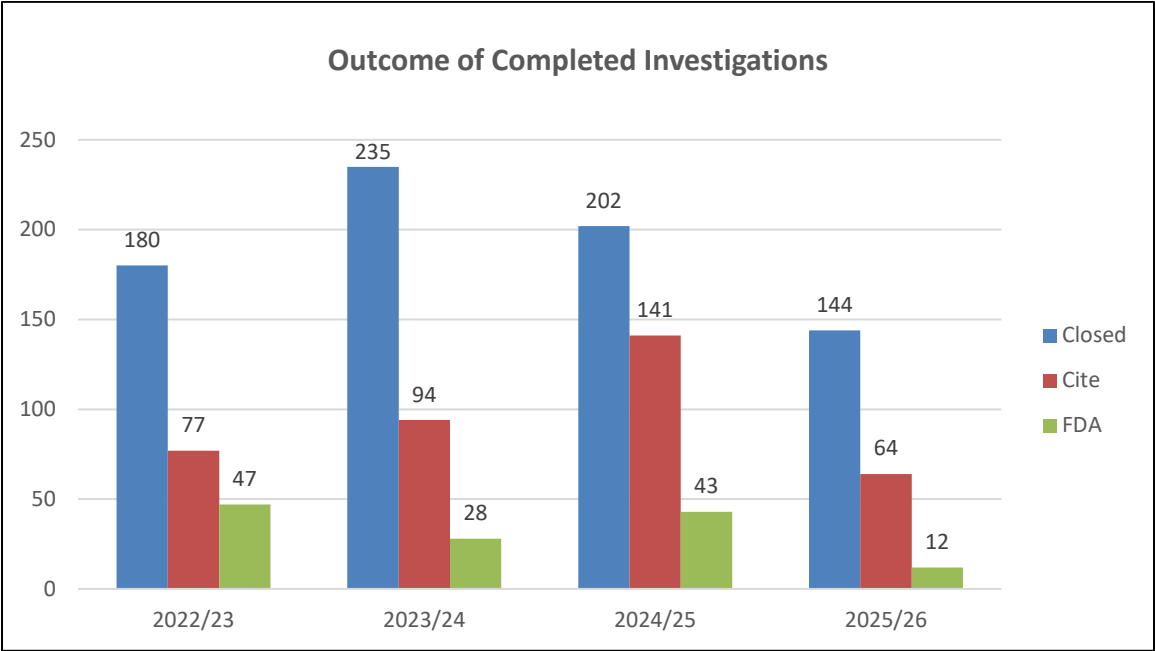
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## Complaint Investigation Phase

### Aging of Open (Pending) Complaint Investigation Cases – 12-Month Cycle

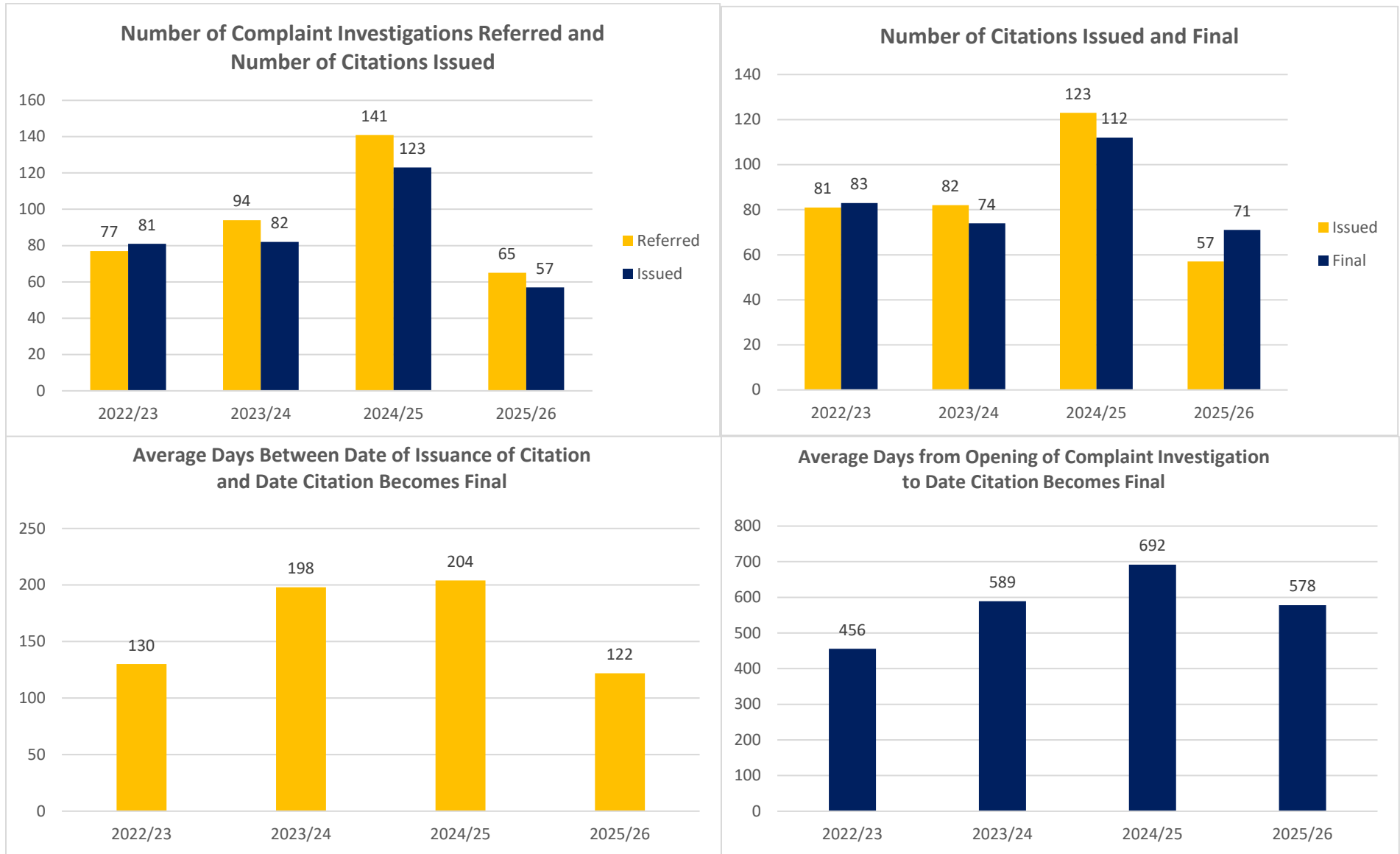


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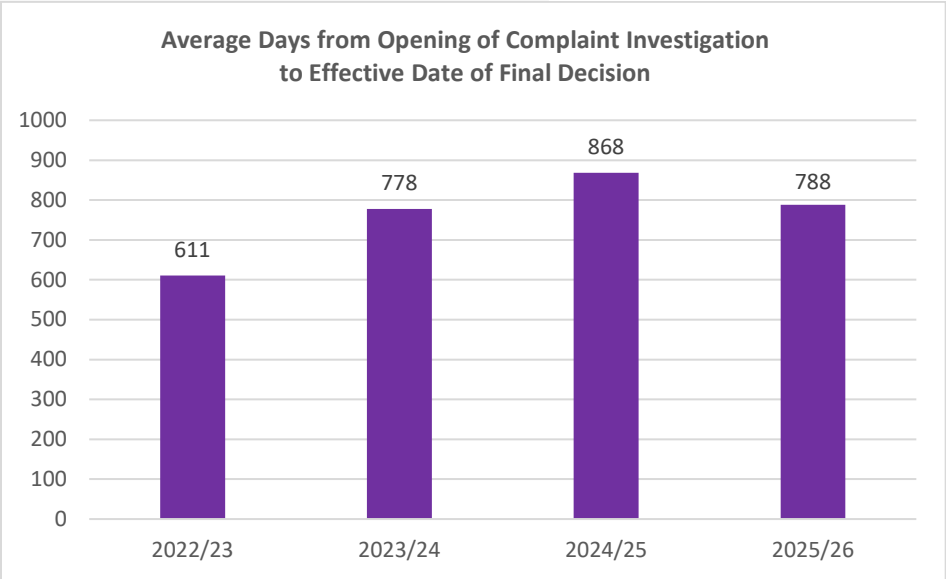
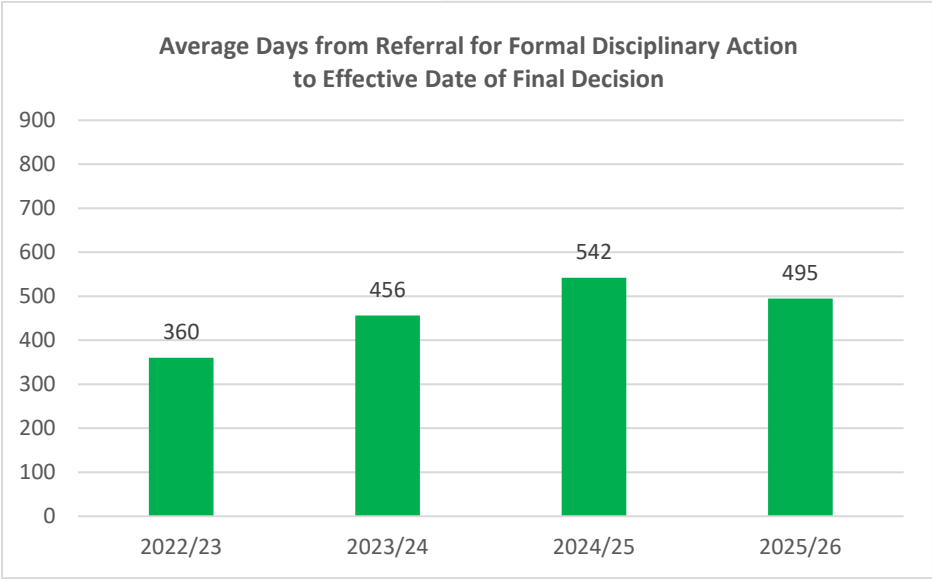
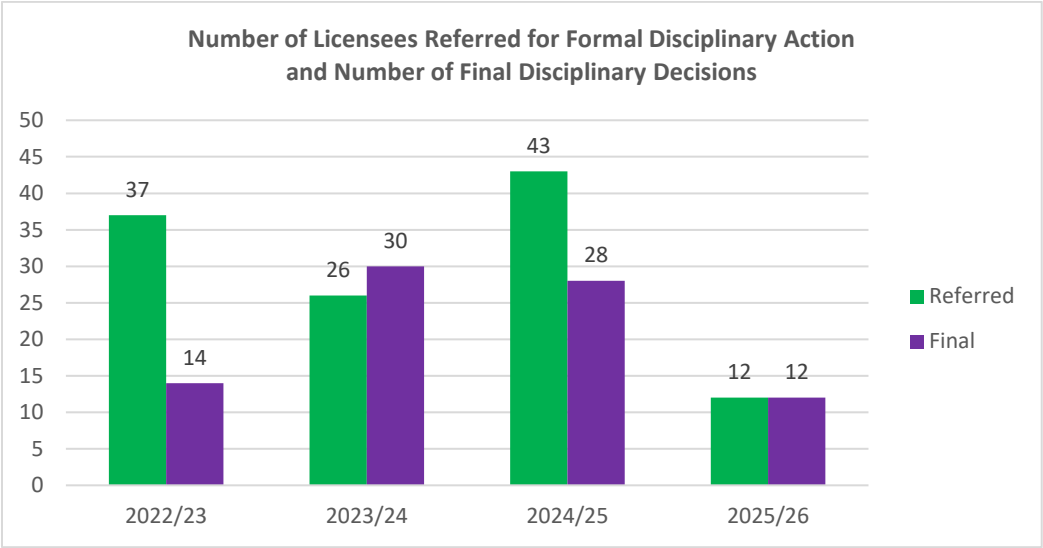
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Cite = Referred for Issuance of Citation  
FDA = Referred for Formal Disciplinary Action

## Citations (Informal Enforcement Actions)



NOTE: FY25/26 statistics are through December 31, 2025

Formal Disciplinary Actions Against Licensees



NOTE: FY25/26 statistics are through December 31, 2025

## **IX. Exams/Licensing**

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- A. Examination/Licensing Updates
- B. Adoption of Test Plan Specifications (**Possible Action**)
  - 1. Professional Geophysicist (PGp) Examination





# Professional Geophysicist Examination Test Plan 2026

## Definition of Professional Geophysics:

“Geophysics” refers to that science which involves study of the physical earth by means of measuring its natural and induced fields of force, including, but not limited to, electric, gravity, and magnetic, and its responses to natural and induced energy and the interpreting of these measurements and the relating of them to the physics of the earth.

This area of practice is structured into three primary content areas:

- I. Project Planning and Coordination (34%)
- II. Methods and Data Collection (33%)
- III. Data Processing, Analysis, Interpretation, and Presentation (33%)

## BPELSG Professional Geophysicist (PGP) Test Plan

### I. Project Planning and Coordination

34%

#### **Professional Activities:**

1. Determine applicability of proposed geophysical methods for projects by evaluating targets of interest and project objectives
2. Identify the site characteristics, activities, and schedule considerations that may impact the geophysical investigation, including nearby areas (e.g., geology, infrastructure, cultural features, site history)
3. Select geophysical investigation methods in accordance with site conditions, geology, equipment, targets of interest, project objectives, and applicable regulations
4. Identify the capabilities and limitations of the planned geophysical approach
5. Identify and evaluate environmental hazards, operational hazards, scheduling restrictions, and public safety concerns related to geophysical work
6. Develop quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) plans and procedures

#### **Test questions on these professional activities may include one or more of the following:**

- A. Geophysical investigation and deployment methods and their applications
- B. Methods used to estimate geologic and geophysical parameters
- C. Sources of existing geologic, geophysical, and other relevant data
- D. Noise sources that affect geophysical data quality
- E. How site conditions relate to the geophysical project (e.g., geology, infrastructure, terrain, weather, cultural activities)
- F. Geophysical characteristics that differentiate targets from their surroundings
- G. Magnetic measurement methods: applications, limitations, and appropriate quality assurance (QA)/quality control (QC)
- H. Seismic measurement methods (e.g., active and passive, surface wave analysis, seismic refraction/reflection, ground vibration analysis, seismic tomography): applications, limitations, and appropriate quality assurance (QA)/quality control (QC)
- I. Earthquake seismology: applications, limitations, and appropriate quality assurance (QA)/quality control (QC)
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- Q. Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act
- R. California Building Code related to site classification (Vs30)
- S. Methods for minimizing interference and instrument error when collecting geophysical data

## II. Methods and Data Collection

33%

### Professional Activities:

1. Determine the field layout for data collection
2. Document site conditions, field data collection parameters, and deviations from the work plan
3. Initialize, calibrate, and set recording parameters on geophysical instruments
4. Verify that geophysical data has been collected in accordance with applicable standards and work plans
5. Verify the geophysical data is reasonable and representative

### **Test questions on these professional activities may include one or more of the following:**

- A. Environmental impacts (e.g., geology, infrastructure, terrain, weather, cultural activities) on geophysical data quality
- B. The evaluation of quality control (QC) results for compliance to project requirements
- C. Basic field techniques (e.g., map reading, grid layout, compass use, GPS and positioning systems, positioning corrections) and their applications for geophysical projects
- D. Methods for data collection and their impact on data quality (e.g., signal sources including active and passive, data acquisition techniques and configurations)
- E. Magnetic instrumentation: set-up, field procedures, acquisition, and documentation
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- L. Radiological instrumentation: set-up, field procedures, acquisition, and documentation
- M. Geophysical borehole instrumentation: set-up, field procedures, acquisition, and documentation

## III. Data Processing, Analysis, Interpretation, and Presentation

33%

### Professional Activities:

1. Process geophysical data using appropriate techniques (e.g., applying filters, positioning)
2. Analyze geophysical data using appropriate principles (e.g., incorporating geologic and engineering considerations, choosing appropriate filters and modeling)
3. Interpret geophysical results by integrating other data (e.g., geology, site conditions and field observations, aerial photogrammetry, InSAR and LiDAR, historical records) and considering project objectives
4. Prepare technical documents to communicate the methods, findings, and limitations
5. Present work product and deliverables in compliance with legal standards and requirements

### **Test questions on these professional activities may include one or more of the following:**

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- H. Radiological data: processing, analysis, interpretation, and presentation (e.g., subtraction of background)
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- J. Geophysical modeling techniques and their limitations
- K. Methods for evaluating error and uncertainty

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## **X. Legislation**

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### **A. 2026 Legislative Calendar**



DEADLINES

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- Jan. 1** Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).
- Jan. 5** **Legislature reconvenes** (J.R. 51(a)(4)).
- Jan. 10** Budget must be submitted by Governor (Art. IV, Sec. 12 (a)).
- Jan. 16** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(1)).
- Jan. 19** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- Jan. 23** Last day for any committee to hear and report to the **Floor** bills introduced in that house in the odd-numbered year (J.R. 61(b)(2)). Last day to **submit bill requests** to the Office of Legislative Counsel.
- Jan. 31** Last day for each house to **pass bills introduced** in that house in the odd-numbered year (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(3)).

- Feb. 16** Presidents’ Day.
- Feb. 20** Last day for bills to be **introduced** (J.R. 61(b)(4)), (J.R. 54(a)).

- Mar. 26** **Spring Recess** begins upon adjournment (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Mar. 30** Cesar Chavez Day observed.

- Apr. 6** Legislature reconvenes from **Spring Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(1)).
- Apr. 24** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to fiscal committees **fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(5)).

- May 1** Last day for **policy committees** to hear and report to the Floor **non-fiscal bills** introduced in their house (J.R. 61(b)(6)).
- May 8** Last day for **policy committees** to meet prior to June 1 (J.R. 61(b)(7)).
- May 15** Last day for **fiscal committees** to hear and report to the Floor bills introduced in their house (J.R. 61 (b)(8)). Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet prior to June 1 (J.R. 61 (b)(9)).
- May 25** Memorial Day.
- May 26 – 29 Floor Session only.** No committees, other than conference or Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(10)).
- May 29** Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house (J.R. 61(b)(11)).

\*Holiday schedule subject to Senate Rules committee approval.

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- June 1** Committee meetings may resume (J.R. 61(b)(12)).
- June 15** Budget Bill must be passed by **midnight** (Art. IV, Sec. 12(c)(3)).
- June 25** Last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the Nov. 3 General Election ballot (Elections Code Sec. 9040).
- July 2** Last day for **policy committees** to meet and report bills (J.R. 61(b)(13)). **Summer Recess** begins upon adjournment of session, provided Budget Bill has passed (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
- July 3** Independence Day observed.
- Aug. 3** Legislature reconvenes from **Summer Recess** (J.R. 51(b)(2)).
- Aug. 14** Last day for **fiscal committees** to meet and report bills to the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(14)).
- Aug. 17 – 31** **Floor Session only.** No committee, other than conference and Rules committees, may meet for any purpose (J.R. 61(b)(15)).
- Aug. 21** Last day to **amend** on the Floor (J.R. 61(b)(16)).
- Aug. 31** Last day for **each house to pass bills** (Art. IV, Sec. 10(c)), (J.R. 61(b)(17)). **Final recess** begins upon adjournment. (J.R. 51(b)(3)).

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IMPORTANT DATES OCCURRING DURING FINAL RECESS

- 2026**

Sept. 30Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature before Sept. 1 and in the Governor’s possession on or after Sept. 1 (Art. IV, Sec. 10(b)(2)).

Nov. 3General Election.

Nov. 30Adjournment *sine die* at midnight (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).

Dec. 712 Noon convening of the 2027-28 Regular Session (Art. IV, Sec. 3(a)).
- 2027**

Jan. 1Statutes take effect (Art. IV, Sec. 8(c)).

## **XI. Executive Officer's Report**

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- A. Rulemaking Status Report
- B. Personnel
- C. ABET
- D. Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)
  - 1. April 9–11, 2026, Council of Examiners Workshop, Branson, MO - Delegate  
**(Possible Action)**
- E. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)
  - 1. April 30–May 2, 2026, Western Zone Interim Meeting, Bend, OR – Funded Delegates **(Possible Action)**
  - 2. Update on Western Zone Interim Meeting - Officer Elections **(Possible Action)**



## Rulemaking Status Report

### **1. Fees (16 CCR sections 407 and 3005)**

- To Board for adoption of final rulemaking proposal on January 15, 2025.
  - Noticed for 45-day Public Comment period on October 3, 2025.
  - Approved by Agency on September 22, 2025.
  - Director approved the Board's Fee regulatory package on September 2, 2025.
  - Budget office approved the Board's Fee regulatory package on July 14, 2025.
  - Staff working with DCA Legal and Budgets to finalize proposal for Notice in July 2025.
  - Board directed staff to pursue rulemaking proposal on August 22, 2024.

### **2. Experience requirements—Professional Land Surveyors (Renumbering Paragraphs - Section 100) (16 CCR sections 425)**

- Board staff working with DCA Legal to prepare documents for initial notice.
  - Submitted for initial (pre-notice) review by DCA Legal on December 17, 2025.
  - Board directed staff to pursue rulemaking proposal on December 19, 2024.

### **3. Definitions of Negligence and Incompetence and Responsible Charge Criteria for Professional Geologists and Professional Geophysicists (16 CCR sections 3003 and 3003.1)**

- Board staff will work on the pre-notice documents.
  - Board directed staff to pursue rulemaking proposal on September 6, 2018.

### **4. Applications, References, Computation of Qualifying Experience, and Schedule of Examinations (16 CCR sections 420, 427.10, 427.30, 3021, 3022.2, 3023, and 3032)**

- Staff working with Legal to prepare language for Board review.
  - Staff working on final text for submittal to DCA Legal in September 2022.
  - Staff working with DCA Legal to finalize proposal for notice (April 2022).
  - Submitted for initial (pre-notice) review by DCA Legal on December 6, 2021.
  - Board directed staff to pursue rulemaking proposal on November 8, 2021.

### **5. Waiver of First Division and a Portion of Second Division Engineering Examinations (16 CCR sections 438 and 438.5)**

- Board directed staff to pursue rulemaking proposal on May 29, 2025

**Note:** Documents related to any rulemaking file listed as noticed for public comment can be obtained from the Board's website at: [http://www.bpelsq.ca.gov/about\\_us/rulemaking.shtml](http://www.bpelsq.ca.gov/about_us/rulemaking.shtml).

# Scott J. Sayles, PE\*, CEng MICE

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## Candidate for NCEES Western Zone Vice President

### PROFILE

I am honored to declare my candidacy for Vice President of the NCEES Western Zone and look forward to the opportunity to serve. With leadership experience and a strong commitment to engineering and surveying, I aim to further the NCEES mission. By focusing on advocacy, collaboration, and professional growth, we can better protect the health, safety, and welfare (HSW) of the public. Let's work together in a collaborative manner for the future of engineers and surveyors within our zone and beyond.

### EXTRACURRICULARS

- Scouting (Youth Advancement)
- Hiking (Adventure / Lifestyle)
- Technology and Gaming (Problem Solving and Innovation)
- Disc Golf (Strategic Thinking / Precision)

#### Volunteering:

- ACEC-AZ (Industry Advocacy)
- Future Cities (Youth & STEM)
- NCARB (HSW)
- Sayles Advancement in Education Foundation (Youth Development & STEM)
- UofA Alumni Engineering Council (Academic Excellence)
- UofA Civil & Architectural Engineering Industrial Council (Advancing Engineering)
- Scout Troop 474 Committee (Leadership & Community)

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### VISION

To embody the NCEES mission of advancing engineers and surveyors and safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

#### Best Practices I propose to bring (with consensus of the Zone):

- Continue the Western Zone progress that has been achieved over many years of dedicated work.
- Work with the Board of Directors to develop and implement a NCEES leadership development program focused on identifying, educating, and accelerating high-potential professionals for leadership roles.
- Facilitate strategic discussions within the Western Zone on selected NCARB and CLARB best practices. For example, organizing a dedicated 1-day in-person Zone Leadership and Zone Committee Chair Summit, as well as extending invitations to regional university engineering and surveying student organizations to attend both Zone and Annual Meetings, would create valuable opportunities for mutual learning and knowledge exchange.
- Attend and participate with Western Zone members board meetings either in person or virtual, when invited.
- Provide quarterly reporting to the Western Zone on Board of Director (BOD) meeting agendas and possible discussions. I want to bring the zone's concerns to the BOD meetings, ensuring the Western Zone voice continues to be heard.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- **Understanding:** Listening to the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the engineering and surveying professions, I will work diligently to apply learnings across the spectrum.
- **Cross Discipline:** Although not a surveyor, I have spent almost 2 years performing survey tasks. Starting with my grandfather (surveyor), I joined him and my father on projects prior to working with a survey company during college. In addition, I bring an understanding of other national organizations such as ACEC, ASCE, ASHE and NCARB to help advance our Zone.
- **Volunteering:** I have a zeal for giving back. By passing on our knowledge and passion to K12, college, and budding engineers/surveyors they will achieve the heights we are dreaming of. I am also the recipient of many different helping hands and believe in passing this forward.
- **Commitment:** After discussing internally with my family and office, I will have adequate time availability for the work involved with this position.

### KEY FOCUS AREAS

- **Promotion:** Committed to advocating for the interests of engineers and surveyors in the Western Zone, ensuring everyone's voice is acted on.
- **Teamwork:** Foster collaboration and communication among NCEES members to address challenges and drive positive change.
- **Development:** Promote programs that enhance professional development, sharing and keep those informed of industry trends.



## **XII. President's Report/Board Member Activities**

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**XIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Possible Action)**

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A. Approval of November 13, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes



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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND  
SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS**

Judge Joseph Rattigan Building  
50 D Street, Conference Room 410  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Thursday, November 13, 2025

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	President Guillermo Martinez; Vice-President Frank Ruffino; Fel Amistad; Alireza Asgari; Rossana D'Antonio; Desirea Haggard; Michael Hartley; Betsy Mathieson; Wilfredo Sanchez; Fermin Villegas; Cliff Waldeck; and Christina Wong
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Tom Hallinan
<b>Board Staff Present:</b>	Ric Moore (Executive Officer); Tiffany Criswell (Assistant Executive Officer); Brook Grabowski (Enforcement Manager); Celina Calderone (Board Liaison); and Christopher Pirrone (Legal Counsel)

**I. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum**

President Martinez called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and a quorum was established.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Martinez led everyone in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

During Public Comment, an individual by the name of Keith Mack representing Caltrans introduced himself to the board.

**VI. Administration**

**A. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget Report**

Mr. Moore reported on Fiscal Month 3 performance, focusing on renewal variances which were measured against data from the prior two years. Currently, total revenue is 15% higher than it was in 2023/24.

Expenditure projections for the Attorney General's office have been increased due to a sustained rise in enforcement complaints over the last few years, a trend that Budget Analyst Angela Yu and Administrative Manager Dawn Hall are actively monitoring and adjusting projections as a result. This report covers Fiscal Month 3, specific line items reflect the full encumbrance of annual contracts.

The Fund Condition has improved beyond initial expectations. A prior year adjustment added \$432,000 to the fund balance, which is now reflected in the updated revenues. Both application and exam fee income and income from

money investment earnings exceeded projections. Total expenditures were effectively managed and came in lower than anticipated.

Mr. Moore clarified that the term Budget Year refers specifically to the Governor's budget and appropriation.

#### **IV. Hearing on the Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License of Amin Khalili**

This hearing was held on Thursday, November 13, 2025.

The Board met in Closed Session immediately following the Hearing on the Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License to decide that matter, pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3).

#### **VII. Enforcement**

##### **A. Enforcement Statistical Reports**

##### **1. Fiscal Year 2025/26 Update**

Ms. Grabowski presented the Enforcement Statistics and opened up discussion. Ms. Wong referenced the data from page 30 comparing Fiscal Years 2023/24 to 2025/26 and inquired about the cause of the significant increase from referral to final decision. Ms. Grabowski noted that the necessity of continuances in certain cases often extends their duration, which consequently impacts the overall average processing time.

Ms. Mathieson reminded staff that the graph on page 26 does not start at zero at the bottom of the vertical axis. Ms. Criswell, Assistant Executive Officer, confirmed that she would take steps to try and address the issue.

#### **III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (Cont.)**

During Public Comment, Carl Jacobson representing SEAOC introduced Krystinne Mica as the new Executive Director of SEAOC.

#### **VIII. Exams/Licensing**

##### **A. Examination/Licensing Updates**

Mr. Moore reported that Larry Kereszt, Exam Unit manager, will present a report at the next meeting.

#### **IX. Legislation**

##### **A. 2025 Legislative Calendar**

Mr. Moore reviewed the Legislative Calendar, reporting that the Governor's deadline for signing or vetoing presented bills was October 12. The 2026 legislative session is scheduled to re-convene on January 5, 2026.

##### **B. Discussion of Legislation for 2025 (Possible Action)**

1. Assembly Bill **(AB) 667** – Professions and vocations: license examinations; interpreters

This bill was declared inactive and did not move forward. Some variation of this bill may return in the future. No action taken.

2. **AB 671** – Accelerated restaurant building plan approval  
This bill was chaptered. No action taken.
3. **AB 742** – Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing: applicants who are descendants of slaves  
The Governor vetoed this bill, citing concern that the mandated prioritization would become less effective as the population of applicants qualifying for expedited licensure continues to increase. No action taken.
4. **AB 1341** – Contractors: discipline: building law violations  
No action taken.
5. Senate Bill **(SB) 470** – Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing  
This bill was chaptered. No action taken.
6. **SB 518** – Descendants of enslaved persons; reparations  
This bill was chaptered. No action taken.
7. **SB 641** – Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: states of emergency: waivers and exemptions  
The Governor vetoed this bill. No action taken.
8. **SB 861** – Consumer affairs  
This bill was chaptered. The only change impacting the Board relates to the Section 8764.5 of the Professional Land Surveyors Act. A professional organization recognized that the section outlining the certification required for a Record of Survey which currently mandates a signature, seal, and date lacks a consistent requirement to include the date in the certification language. No action taken.

## **X. Executive Officer's Report**

### **A. Rulemaking Status Report**

Mr. Moore reviewed the Rulemaking Status Report, noting that the packages are currently listed in order of priority based on best recommendations. He encouraged anyone with suggestions for reprioritization to contact him directly.

#### **1. Fees**

He reported that this package is further along than anything else and noted that the proposed fees have been a priority over the last two years. It is moving well through the 45-day public comment period and very few comments have been received. He attributes the minimal feedback to the thorough public discussion held during previous Board meetings. He will present the received public comments and recommended responses at the

next meeting. At that time, the Board can approve the final rulemaking package, which will then proceed through DCA (Department of Consumer Affairs), the Governor's office, and OAL (Office of Administrative Law) for final approval. He is optimistic that this bill will become effective July 1, 2026, to align with the renewal period.

2. Experience Requirements

This package concerns legislative changes from several years ago, known as the Section 100 change, which involved renumbering paragraphs. He anticipates that it will pass through the process relatively quickly.

3. Definitions of Negligence and Incompetence and Responsible Charge Criteria for Professional Geologists and Professional Geophysicists

This package was elevated to 3 due to the level of completeness and need to be implemented.

4. Application, References, Computation of Qualifying Experience, and Schedule of Examinations

This is the rulemaking effort to revise the rules to align with transfer of former standalone application forms into the online Connect system.

5. Waiver of the First Division and a portion of Second Division Engineering Examinations

Mr. Moore believes it is crucial to prioritize item 4 ahead of 5, or run them concurrently, asserting that failing to do so will lead to unnecessary obstacles and extended timelines with item 5. There are currently approximately 3-4 chartered engineers in the UK who are interested in licensure in California and are awaiting the outcome of this rulemaking. He has informed these applicants that the full rulemaking process is still projected to take approximately two years.

B. Personnel

Mr. Moore reported that the Board has maintained one vacancy, the Senior Registrar Engineering position. They have received more applications/examinations for review and he and Ms. Criswell will review the available applications and are hopeful to interview for the position.

C. ABET

Ms. Wong shared her experience during her ABET accreditation visit and encourages others to participate. Senior Registrar Engineer Natalie King is also scheduled to attend an ABET visit.

D. Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG)

Mr. Moore, Ms. Mathieson, and Staff Registrar Geologist Joshua Goodwin, who is head of the ASBOG exam committee, attended the event in Salt Lake City, UT. Ms. Mathieson reported that ASBOG is well organized with a lot of



hardworking committees and as a result, by the time you attend the Annual Meeting there is not a lot of controversy. The largest consideration is that over the last two years they have been preparing for the retirement of their psychometrician. Now that he has retired, ASBOG retained a company in lieu of an individual to provide the same services and they were involved in the two-day council of examiners session. There were outside presentations from various organizations such as the American Geological Institute, the American Institute of Petroleum Geologists, and the Geological Society of America. There was a lot of discussion as to where geology licensing is headed. National security and public safety will be at the forefront. The new director of the Geological Society of America (GSA) is developing a certification/assessment. There are three different areas for student participation. One of the areas is Geology without Borders, Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and another regarding planetary geology. Those who will be participating in the program take an exam at the end and will be provided a certificate and a badge for their LinkedIn profile.

E. National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES)

Mr. Moore was notified that the Board will have to name 3 delegates for the 2026 Western Zone meeting by the end of January. This meeting will be held in Bend, OR. Neighboring states are more likely to be approved for out of state travel requests.

During Public Comment, Mr. Josephson said that the Structural Practice Task Force met for the second time. They have six charges; however, they were advised not to discuss the charges with the Board at this time. He is involved in one of charges that will be presented at the Western Zone meeting.

F. 2026 Board Meeting Schedule (**Possible Action**)

<b>MOTION:</b>	Mr. Hartley and Ms. D'Antonio moved to approve the 2026 Board meeting schedule.
<b>VOTE:</b>	12-0, motion carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Martinez	X				
Vice-President Ruffino	X				
Fel Amistad	X				
Alireza Asgari	X				
Rossana D'Antonio	X				
Desirea Haggard	X				
Tom Hallinan				X	
Michael Hartley	X				
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez	X				
Fermin Villegas	X				
Cliff Waldeck	X				

Christina Wong	X				
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G. Update on Outreach Efforts

Mr. Moore reviewed third Quarter outreach events and mentioned that outreach tends to be lighter during the summer months as students and universities are on break.

**XI. President's Report/Board Member Activities**

Mr. Ruffino presented Carl Josephson, former Board member and current leader of the Structural Engineering Association of California (SEAOC), a resolution from the State Treasurer for his outstanding commitment to the advancement of structural engineering and licensing.

Mr. Ruffino serves on the NCEES Western Zone leadership development committee.

Ms. Wong reported that she is the NCEES Western Zone nominating committee Chair and a member of the NCEES finance committee and she also attended an ABET accreditation visit.

Mr. Hartley and Staff Registrar Dallas Sweeney are scheduled to present at the Geomatics Engineering Conference at Fresno State in January 2026.

**XII. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Possible Action)**

A. Approval of September 18, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

<b>MOTION:</b>	Mr. Hartley and Ms. Haggard moved that the minutes of the September 18, 2025, board meeting be approved.
<b>VOTE:</b>	9-0-3, motion carried

Member Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
President Martinez	X				
Vice-President Ruffino			X		
Fel Amistad	X				
Alireza Asgari	X				
Rossana D'Antonio	X				
Desirea Haggard	X				
Tom Hallinan				X	
Michael Hartley	X				
Betsy Mathieson	X				
Wilfredo Sanchez			X		
Fermin Villegas			X		
Cliff Waldeck	X				
Christina Wong	X				

**V. Closed Session – The Board met in Closed Session to discuss, as needed:**

- A. Deliberate on a Decision(s) to be Reached in a Proceeding(s) Required to be Conducted Pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500), as Authorized by Government Code Section 11126(c)(3).
- B. Confer with, or Receive Advice from, Its Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1) and (2)(A), on the following matters:
  - 1. Crownholm et al. v. Moore, et al. No. 24-276, cert. pending (filed Sep. 9, 2024), Supreme Court of the United States, Crownholm, et al. v. Moore, et al. (No. 23-15138) (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. April 16, 2024)
  - 2. Shahrokh Esmaily-Radvar vs. Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 25STCP02175
  - 3. James MacGregor Renfrew, Jr. vs. Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. 25STCP02233

**XIII. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Craig Copelan, PECG

W. Keith Mack, Caltrans

Carl Josephson, SEAOC

Krystinne Mica, SEAOC



#### **XIV. Adjourn**

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