BEFORE THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation against:)
MARIUS EUGENE NELSEN)
21801 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 8	ý
Cupertino, CA 95014	Ĵ
Civil Engineer License No. C 20597,))
Respondent.)
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Case No. 930-A

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists as its Decision in the aboveentitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on April 29, 2011

IT IS SO ORDERED Mouch 24, 2011

Original Signed

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

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8	BEFORE THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND		
9	GEOLOGISTS		
10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 930-A		
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13	21801 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 7		
14	Civil Engineer License No. C 20597 STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER		
15	Respondent.		
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18	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public		
19	interest and the responsibility of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and		
20	Geologists of the Department of Consumer Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following		
21	Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order which will be submitted to the Board for approval		
22	and adoption as the final disposition of the Accusation.		
23	PARTIES		
24	1. Joanne Arnold (Complainant) is the Acting Executive Officer of the Board for		
25	Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists. Former Executive Officer David E.		
26	Brown brought this action solely in his official capacity. Complainant is represented in this		
27	matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael B. Franklin		
28	Deputy Attorney General.		
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1	STIPLI ATED SETTI EMENT (030 A)		

2. Respondent Marius Eugene Nelsen (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.

3. On or about April 26, 1971, the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors,
and Geologists issued Civil Engineer License No. C 20597 to Marius Eugene Nelsen
(Respondent). The Civil Engineer License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the
charges brought in Accusation No. 930-A and will expire on September 30, 2011, unless
renewed.

JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. 930-A was filed before the Board for Professional Engineers, Land
Surveyors, and Geologists (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending
against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly
served on Respondent on September 10, 2010. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense
contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 930-A is attached as exhibit A and
incorporated herein by reference.

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ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in
 Accusation No. 930-A. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this
 Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

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7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
27 every right set forth above.

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1	CULPABILITY	
2	8. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation	
3	No. 930-A, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Civil	
4	Engineer License.	
5	9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of	
6	further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual	
7	basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest	
8	those charges.	
9	10. Respondent agrees that his Civil Engineer License is subject to discipline and he	
10	agrees to be bound by the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists	
11	(Board)'s probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.	
12	RESERVATION	
13	11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this	
14	proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board for Professional Engineers, Land	
15	Surveyors, and Geologists or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be	
16	admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.	
17	CONTINGENCY	
18	12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board for Professional Engineers,	
19	Land Surveyors, and Geologists. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for	
20	Complainant and the staff of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and	
21	Geologists may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement,	
22	without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent	
23	understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation	
24	prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation	
25	as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or	
26	effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties,	
27	and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.	
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13. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement
 and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and
 effect as the originals.

14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an
integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement.
It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions,
negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a
writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.

10 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that
11 the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following
12 Disciplinary Order:

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DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Civil Engineer License No. C 20597 issued to Respondent
 Marius Eugene Nelsen (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and
 Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions.

Obey All Laws. The Respondent shall obey all laws and regulations related to the
 practices of professional engineering and professional land surveying.

Submit Reports. The Respondent shall submit such special reports as the Board may
 require.

3. Tolling of Probation. The period of probation shall be tolled during the time the
 Respondent is practicing exclusively outside the state of California. If, during the period of
 probation, the Respondent practices exclusively outside the state of California, the Respondent
 shall immediately notify the Board in writing.

4. Violation of Probation. If the Respondent violates the probationary conditions in
any respect, the Board, after giving the Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may
vacate the stay and reinstate the disciplinary order which was stayed. If, during the period of
probation, an accusation or petition to vacate stay is filed against the Respondent, or if the matter

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has been submitted to the Office of the Attorney General for the filing of such, the Board shall
 have continuing jurisdiction until all matters are final, and the period of probation shall be
 extended until all matters are final.

5. Completion of Probation. Upon successful completion of all of the probationary
conditions and the expiration of the period of probation, the Respondent's license shall be
unconditionally restored.

6. Cost Recovery. Within three and one-half (3 ½) years from the effective date of the
decision, the Respondent shall reimburse the Board for its costs of investigation and prosecution
of this matter in the amount of \$3,300.00. Said reimbursement may be made in installments.
Failure to reimburse the Board's cost of its investigation and prosecution shall constitute a
violation of the probation order, unless the Board agrees in writing to payment by an installment
plan because of financial hardship.

7. Examination. Within 60 days of the effective date of the decision, the Respondent
 shall successfully complete and pass the California Laws and Board Rules examination, as
 administered by the Board.

8. Ethics Course. Within three and one-half (3 ½) years of the effective date of the
decision, the respondent shall successfully complete and pass a course in professionalism and
ethics, approved in advance by the Board or its designee. The respondent shall provide the Board
with official proof of completion of the requisite course.

9. 20 Notification. Within 30 days of the effective date of the decision, the Respondent shall provide the Board with evidence that he has provided all persons or entities with whom he 21 has a contractual or employment relationship such that the relationship is in the area of practice of 22 professional engineering and/or professional land surveying in which the violation occurred with 23 a copy of the decision and order of the Board and shall provide the Board with the name and 24 business address of each person or entity required to be so notified. During the period of 25 26 probation, the Respondent may be required to provide the same notification of each new person or entity with whom he has a contractual or employment relationship such that the relationship is 27 in the area of practice of professional engineering and/or land surveying in which the violation 28

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occurred and shall report to the Board the name and address of each person or entity so notified.

10. Take And Pass Examinations. Within three and one-half (3 ½) years from the effective date of the decision, the Respondent shall successfully complete and pass, with a grade of "C" or better, one (1) college-level land surveying course, approved in advance by the Board or its designce. For purposes of this condition, "college-level course" shall mean a course offered by a community college or a four year university of three semester units or the equivalent; "college-level course" does not include seminars. The Respondent shall provide the Board with verifiable proof in the form of an official transcript of his completion of the required course; said proof shall be provided within sixty (60) days of the completion of the course.

Records. For the record of survey found not to have been filed and recorded, [Shafer 10 11. project] the respondent shall file or record, as appropriate, the required record with the 11 appropriate governmental agency within ninety (90) days from the effective date of the decision. 12 The respondent shall timely and appropriately respond to all comments, questions, and/or 13 concerns raised by the County Surveyor's Office regarding the record of survey during the review 14 and approval process. The respondent shall provide the Board with verifiable proof that the 15 required record have been filed or recorded, as appropriate, by the governmental agency within 16 thirty (30) days of such filing or recordation. The respondent shall bear all costs, including any 17 county checking and filing fees, for the filing and recordation of said record. 18

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ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the
stipulation and the effect it will have on my Civil Engineer License. I enter into this Stipulated
Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be
bound by the Decision and Order of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and
Geologists.

January 28, 2011

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Original Signed MARIUS EUGENE NELSEN Respondent

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	ENDORSEMENT			
2	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully			
	submitted for consideration by the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and			
•	Geologists of the Department of Consumer Affairs.			
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;	Dated: January 2, 2011		Respectfully submitted,	
,			KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California	
			Attorney General of California FRANK H. PACOE Supervising Deputy Attorney General	
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 930-A

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 930-A	
12 13	MARIUS EUGENE NELSEN 21801 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 8 Cupertino, CA 95014,A C C U S A T I O N	
14	Civil Engineer License No. C 20597,	
15	Respondent.	
16	Complainant alleges:	
17	PARTIES	
18	1. David E. Brown (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity	
19	as the Executive Officer of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors,	
20	Department of Consumer Affairs.	
21	2. On or about April 26, 1971, the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors	
22	issued Civil Engineer License Number C 20597 to Marius Eugene Nelsen (Respondent). The	
23	Civil Engineer License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought	
24	herein and will expire on September 30, 2011, unless renewed.	
25	JURISDICTION	
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board for Professional Engineers and Land	
27	Surveyors (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws.	
28	All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.	
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- 4. Section 8759 of the Code states:

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2	"(a) A licensed land surveyor or registered civil engineer authorized to practice land	
3	surveying shall use a written contract when contracting to provide professional services to a client	
4	pursuant to this chapter. The written contract shall be executed by the licensed land surveyor or	
5	registered civil engineer and the client, or his or her representative, prior to the licensed land	
6	surveyor or registered civil engineer commencing work, unless the client knowingly states in	
7	writing that work may be commenced before the contract is executed. The written contract shall	
8	include, but not be limited to, all of the following:	
9	(1) A description of the services to be provided to the client by the licensed land surveyor	
10	or registered civil engineer.	
11	(2) A description of any basis of compensation applicable to the contract, and the method of	
12	payment agreed upon by the parties.	
13	(3) The name, address, and license or certificate number of the licensed land surveyor or	
14	registered civil engineer, and the name and address of the client.	
15	(4) A description of the procedure that the licensed land surveyor or registered civil	
16	engineer and the client will use to accommodate additional services.	
17	(5) A description of the procedure to be used by any party to terminate the contract.	
18	(b) This section shall not apply to any of the following:	
19	(1) Professional land surveying services rendered by a licensed land surveyor or registered	
20	civil engineer for which the client will not pay compensation.	
21	(2) A licensed land surveyor or registered civil engineer who has a current or prior	
22	contractual relationship with the client to provide professional services pursuant to this chapter,	
23	and that client has paid the surveyor or engineer all of the fees that are due under the contract.	
24	(3) If the client knowingly states in writing after full disclosure of this section that a	
25	contract which complies with the requirements of this section is not required.	
26	(4) Professional services rendered by a licensed land surveyor or a registered civil engineer	
27	to any of the following:	
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1	(A) A professional engineer licensed or registered under Chapter 7 (commencing with	
2	Section 6700).	
3	(B) A land surveyor licensed under this chapter.	
4	(C) An architect licensed under Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 5500).	
5	(D) A contractor licensed under Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 7000).	
6	(E) A geologist or a geophysicist licensed under Chapter 12.5 (commencing with Section	
7	7800).	
8	(F) A manufacturing, mining, public utility, research and development, or other industrial	
9	corporation, if the services are provided in connection with or incidental to the products, systems	
10	or services of that corporation or its affiliates.	
11	(G) A public agency.	
12	(c) "Written contract" as used in this section includes a contract that is in electronic form	
13	5. Section 8762 of the Code states:	
14	"(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), after making a field survey in conformity with	
15	the practice of land surveying, the licensed surveyor or licensed civil engineer may file with the	
16	county surveyor in the county in which the field survey was made, a record of the survey.	
17	(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), after making a field survey in conformity with the	
18	practice of land surveying, the licensed land surveyor or licensed civil engineer shall file with the	
19	county surveyor in the county in which the field survey was made a record of the survey relating	
20	to land boundaries or property lines, if the field survey discloses any of the following:	
21	(1) Material evidence or physical change, which in whole or in part does not appear on any	
22	subdivision map, official map, or record of survey previously recorded or properly filed in the	
23	office of the county recorder or county surveying department, or map or survey record maintained	
24	by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States.	
25	(2) A material discrepancy with the information contained in any subdivision map, official	
26	map, or record of survey previously recorded or filed in the office of the county recorder or the	
27	county surveying department, or any map or survey record maintained by the Bureau of Land	
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Management of the United States. For purposes of this subdivision, a "material discrepancy" is limited to a material discrepancy in the position of points or lines, or in dimensions.

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(3) Evidence that, by reasonable analysis, might result in materially alternate positions of lines or points, shown on any subdivision map, official map, or record of survey previously recorded or filed in the office of the county recorder or the county surveying department, or any map or survey record maintained by the Bureau of Land Management of the United States.

(4) The establishment of one or more points or lines not shown on any subdivision map,
official map, or record of survey, the positions of which are not ascertainable from an inspection
of the subdivision map, official map, or record of survey.

(5) The points or lines set during the performance of a field survey of any parcel described
in any deed or other instrument of title recorded in the county recorder's office are not shown on
any subdivision map, official map, or record of survey.

(c) The record of survey required to be filed pursuant to this section shall be filed within 90
days after the setting of boundary monuments during the performance of a field survey or within
90 days after completion of a field survey, whichever occurs first.

(d)(1) If the 90-day time limit contained in subdivision (c) cannot be complied with for 16 reasons beyond the control of the licensed land surveyor or licensed civil engineer, the 90-day 17 18 time period shall be extended until the time at which the reasons for delay are eliminated. If the licensed land surveyor or licensed civil engineer cannot comply with the 90-day time limit, he or 19 she shall, prior to the expiration of the 90-day time limit, provide the county surveyor with a letter 20 stating that he or she is unable to comply. The letter shall provide an estimate of the date for 21 completion of the record of survey, the reasons for the delay, and a general statement as to the 22 23 location of the survey, including the assessor's parcel number or numbers.

(2) The licensed land surveyor or licensed civil engineer shall not initially be required to
provide specific details of the survey. However, if other surveys at the same location are
performed by others which may affect or be affected by the survey, the licensed land surveyor or
licensed civil engineer shall then provide information requested by the county surveyor without
unreasonable delay.

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(e) Any record of survey filed with the county surveyor shall, after being examined by him or her, be filed with the county recorder.

(f) If the preparer of the record of survey provides a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope or postcard with the filing of the record of survey, the county recorder shall return the postagepaid, self-addressed envelope or postcard to the preparer of the record of survey with the filing data within 10 days of final filing. For the purposes of this subdivision, "filing data" includes the date, the book or volume, and the page at which the record of survey is filed with the county recorder."

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6. Section 8780 of the Code states:

"The board may receive and investigate complaints against licensed land surveyors and
registered civil engineers, and make findings thereon.

By a majority vote, the board may reprove, suspend for a period not to exceed two years, or revoke the license or certificate of any licensed land surveyor or registered civil engineer, respectively, licensed under this chapter or registered under the provisions of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 6700), whom it finds to be guilty of:

(a) Any fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in his or her practice of land surveying.

(b) Any negligence or incompetence in his or her practice of land surveying.

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(d) Any violation of any provision of this chapter or of any other law relating to orinvolving the practice of land surveying.

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(g) A breach or violation of a contract to provide land surveying services.

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24 7. Section 6775 of the Code states, in pertinent part, that "[T]he board may reprove,
25 suspend for a period not to exceed two years, or revoke the certificate of any professional
26 engineer registered under this chapter:

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(c) Who has been found guilty by the board of negligence or incompetence in his or her 1 2 practice. (d) Who has been found guilty by the board of any breach or violation of a contract to 3 provide professional engineering services. 4

"(h) Who violates any provision of this chapter."

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8. Section 6735 of the Code states:

"(a) All civil (including structural and geotechnical) engineering plans, calculations, 8 specifications, and reports (hereinafter referred to as "documents") shall be prepared by, or 9 under the responsible charge of, a licensed civil engineer and shall include his or her name 10 and license number. Interim documents shall include a notation as to the intended purpose of the document, such as "preliminary," "not for construction," "for plan check only," or 12 "for review only." All civil engineering plans and specifications that are permitted or that are to be released for construction shall bear the signature and seal or stamp of the licensee and the date of signing and sealing or stamping. All final civil engineering calculations and reports shall bear the signature and seal or stamp of the licensee, and the date of signing and 16 sealing or stamping. If civil engineering plans are required to be signed and sealed or 17 stamped and have multiple sheets, the signature, seal or stamp, and date of signing and sealing or stamping shall appear on each sheet of the plans. If civil engineering specifications, calculations, and reports are required to be signed and sealed or stamped and have multiple pages, the signature, seal or stamp, and date of signing and sealing or stamping shall appear at a minimum on the title sheet, cover sheet, or signature sheet. . . . "

> 9. Section 6749 of the Code states:

"(a) A professional engineer shall use a written contract when contracting to provide professional engineering services to a client pursuant to this chapter. The written contract shall be executed by the professional engineer and the client, or his or her representative, prior to the professional engineer commencing work, unless the client knowingly states in

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1	writing that work may be commenced before the contract is executed. The written contract	
2	shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:	
3	(1) A description of the services to be provided to the client by the professional engineer.	
4	(2) A description of any basis of compensation applicable to the contract, and the method of	
5	payment agreed upon by the parties.	
6	(3) The name, address, and license or certificate number of the professional engineer, and	
7	the name and address of the client.	
8	(4) A description of the procedure that the professional engineer and the client will use to	
9	accommodate additional services.	
10	(5) A description of the procedure to be used by any party to terminate the contract.	
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12	10. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the board may request the	
13	administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of	
14	the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and	
15	enforcement of the case.	
16	SHAFER PROJECT	
17	11. On or about February 22, 2006, Robert Shaffer hired Nelson Engineering, Marius E.	
18	Nelson (Respondent), President, to perform land surveying services at property identified as	
19	20425 Iron Springs Road, Los Gatos, California (hereinafter "Shafer project"). Respondent's	
20	proposal included the following services:	
21	a. Obtain field data to prepare a topographic map of the future leaching area (including	
22	the middle parking pad) at the subject property.	
23	b. Obtain field data to prepare a topographic map of the upper building site at the	
24	subject property.	
25	c. Obtain field data to verify the locations of the iron pipes at the property corners at the	
26	subject property.	
27	In March, June and September 2006, Respondent prepared the Maps entitled Lands of	
28	Shafer, APN 544-34-033, County of Santa Clara, California (hereinafter "Shafer Maps") based on	
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field surveys that were performed in March, June and September 2006. The Shafer Maps depict 1 the parcel and topographic data located in the field. The Shafer Maps also show control points, 2 the benchmark, bearings and distances on the boundary lines, monuments and notes regarding the 3 relationship of the boundary lines and corners to the found monuments with a tie to the 4 monuments by bearing and distance from the property corners. The boundary lines appeared to 5 have been based on the Record of Survey and Corner Record dated June 2002, but there was no 6 indication of these documents on the Shafer Maps. 7 FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 8 9 (Incompetence and Negligence) Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 8780(b) in that Respondent 12. 10 failed to depict and annotate the record and non-record monument data found in the field, and 11 based on the Record of Survey and Corner Record, on the Shafer Maps. Respondent should have 12 shown the basis of establishment of the boundary lines on the Shafer Maps. This information is 13 also necessary if questions arise regarding the survey of the boundary lines shown on the Shafer 14 Maps. Failure to provide this information demonstrates incompetence and/or negligence in the 15 practice of land surveying. 16 SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE 17 (Incompetence and Negligence) 18 19 13. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 8780(b) in that Respondent failed to prepare and file a Record of Survey as required by section 8762(b)(5). The boundary 20 lines and monuments established and shown on the Shafer Maps required preparing and filing a 21 22 Record of Survey since the parcel is described in a deed and is not shown on a map of record and material discrepancies exist with the information contained in the record deed and the information 23 shown on the Shafer Maps. This conduct demonstrates incompetence and/or negligence in the 24 practice of land surveying. 25 111 26 27 111 111 28 8

1	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
2	(Negligence/Breach of Contract)	
3	14. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 8780(b) and/or 8780(g) in	
4	that Respondent failed to address, check and verify Mr. Shafer's questions and concerns	
5	regarding the topographic data shown on the Shafer Maps following Respondent's completion of	
6	the maps. This conduct demonstrates negligence and/or a breach of contractual obligations.	
7	FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
8	(Incompetent and Negligent and Misrepresentation)	
9	15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 8780(b) and/or 8780(a) in	
10	that Respondent failed to show any notes regarding the establishment of the survey of the	
11	boundary lines of the parcel as shown on the Shafer Maps and failed to show any references to	
12	the reference documents upon which they were based. In addition, Respondent failed to include	
13	any disclaimers on the Shafer Maps regarding the boundary lines he represented to his client and	
14	the basis of the boundary lines shown thereon, such as "the information shown on this map does	
15	not represent a boundary survey of the lands shown hereon," if a boundary survey was not	
16	intended to be shown on the map. This failure amounts to a misrepresentation of the purpose of	
17	the map and the survey shown on it by any person using these Shafer Maps. This conduct	
18	demonstrates incompetence and/or negligence and/or misrepresentation in the practice of land	
19	surveying.	
20	FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
21	(Unprofessional Conduct)	
22	16. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 8780(d), in that	
23	Respondent's contract with Robert Shafer failed to describe the procedure to be used by the	
24	parties to terminate the contract, in violation of sections 8759(a)(5).	
25	<u>COX PROJECT</u>	
26	17. Warren Cox owned six vacant residential parcels ("Cox Parcels") in the city of	
27	Morgan Hill. Mr. Cox sought to reconfigure and develop the Cox Parcels. On or about January	
28	15, 2006, Mr. Cox entered into a contract with Respondent to obtain topographic data and to	
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1	prepare improvement plans for the Cox Parcels. Later Mr. Cox and Respondent verbally agreed	
2	that Respondent would prepare a Parcel Map for the Cox Parcels.	
3	Respondent prepared a number of maps and improvement plans, including the following:	
4	(1) A Lot Line Adjustment Parcel Map prepared in December 2006 which dealt with four of the	
5	six Cox Parcels; (2) a draft Parcel Map prepared on or about September 11, 2007; and (3) a draft	
6	improvement plan prepared September 27, 2007, which involved all six of the Cox Parcels.	
7	SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
8	(Unprofessional Conduct)	
9	18. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 6775(h), in that Respondent	
10	failed to comply with sections 6749(a)(5) in that Respondent's contract with Mr. Cox dated	
11	January 15, 2006, failed to describe the procedure to be used by the parties to terminate the	
12	contract.	
13	SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
14	(Unprofessional Conduct)	
15	19. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 6775(h), in that Respondent	
16	failed to comply with sections 6735(a) in that Respondent's draft improvement plan prepared	
17	September 27, 2007, failed to contain Respondent's Registered Civil Engineer (RCE) license	
18	number as required.	
19	EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE	
20	(Negligence)	
21	20. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 8780(c) in that Respondent	
22	did not use the care ordinarily exercised in like cases by duly licensed professional engineers in	
23	the practice of land surveying as follows:	
24	a. Respondent's Lot Line Adjustment Parcel Map prepared in December 2006 failed to	
25	analytically resolve boundary discrepancies. Respondent's boundary solution relied exclusively	
26	upon two found centerline monuments in Paloma Drive. Iron pins stamped RCE 13173	
27	("Mulberg Pins") were called off by 1.9 feet. Respondent failed to locate any additional control,	
28	failed to conduct a thorough office and field search for record monuments for adjoining parcels	
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1	and failed to incorporate any resulting information into his boundary resolutions for the Cox		
2	2 Parcels and related easements.		
3	3 NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE		
4	4 (Unprofessional Conduct)		
5	5 21. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 6775(d) a	and/or section	
6	6 8780(g), in that Respondent breached his verbal contract with Mr. Cox to prepa	are a Parcel Map.	
7	7 Respondent failed to complete and deliver this work product to Mr. Cox.		
8	8 PRAYER		
9	9 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matte	ers herein alleged,	
10	and that following the hearing, the Board for Professional Engineers and Land	and that following the hearing, the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors issue a	
11	1 decision:		
12	2 1. Revoking or suspending Civil Engineer License Number C 20597,	issued to Marius	
13	3 Eugene Nelsen;		
14	2. Ordering Marius Eugene Nelsen to pay the Board for Professional	Engineers and	
15	5 Land Surveyors the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of th	is case, pursuant to	
16	6 Business and Professions Code section 125.3;		
17	7 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and prop	ber.	
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