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Mud Creek Landslide: Board Licensees in Action, Part 1

Brooke Phayer, Editor

Editor's Note: This article is the first in a three-part series focusing on the May 20 landslide at Big Sur's Mud Creek; the landslide was the largest in California's recorded history.

Board-licensed engineers, land surveyors, and geologists are central to resolving the numerous problems presented by the landslide, including the repair of Highway 1, which controls access to the Big Sur area. The series will highlight those professionals and the work involved.

To learn more about the landslide, read our "Get to Know Our Licensees" article (page 4), which features an interview with Stacey Meacham, PLS, a Caltrans land surveyor who is heavily involved in the project.

Watch for our next two Board Bulletins, which will feature engineers and geologists involved in the Big Sur landslide project.

Big Sur's Mud Creek landslide dumped 5 million cubic yards of rock, dirt, and debris, reshaping the California coastline by burying a quarter mile of Highway 1, dumping slide material 600 feet out into the Pacific Ocean, and creating 15 acres of new land. At this point, it is still unclear how much of the debris Caltrans will haul away.



Big Sur's Mud Creek landslide, significantly covering Highway 1.

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The enormity and scale of the landslide can be understood by looking at the trucks on Highway 1.

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The landslide from a sideview perspective.

Caltrans officials announced that they have come up with a solution to rebuilding the affected portion of the highway—and it’s far simpler and less expensive than several of the alternatives they considered. The plan is to rebuild the highway where it was, on the same ground that was covered by the slide, while buttressing the new road with a series of embankments, berms, rocks, netting, culverts, and other stabilizing materials.

“It will look pretty much the same, just that it will be located slightly west of the current highway,” Caltrans spokesman Jim Shivers said in a written statement.

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“We want to be sensitive to overall geography and natural landscape, and try to develop a project that doesn’t change historical features.” Mr. Shivers also stated that the agency’s highly experienced team of geotechnical and engineering personnel has studied the radar assessments and other data to find the correct path to replacing the section of Highway 1 at the slide site.

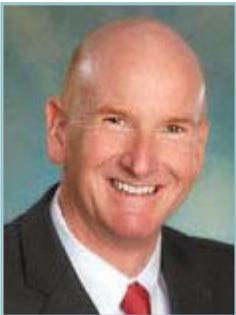
The colossal slide is located just south of the town of Gorda, about nine miles north of the San Luis Obispo/ Monterey County line, where Caltrans engineers, land surveyors, and geologists teamed to use drones, soil samples, and motion-sensing radar in June and July to determine the stability of the area.

Officials say the decision to rebuild the road will save time and money over other alternatives, which included building a tunnel through very unstable soil or a costly bridge.

Mr. Shivers said building a bridge wouldn’t be feasible, because there’s not sufficient room for it or enough bedrock to support the necessary abutments. Caltrans also ruled out a mile-long tunnel, because it could take years to get the plans through the environmental review process—not only delaying the reopening of the scenic highway but adding considerable cost. Building a bridge or a tunnel would also require that more of the debris be pushed into the Pacific Ocean, something that Caltrans wanted to minimize.

Look for Part 2 of this article in the next edition of the Bulletin.

Board News



*Board President
Eric Johnson, P.E.*



*Board Vice President
Elizabeth Mathieson,
P.G., CEG*

Congratulations!

Effective July 1, Eric Johnson, P.E., the electrical engineer Board member, was nominated and elected as Board President for Fiscal Year 2017–18. In addition, Elizabeth (Betsy) Mathieson, P.G., CEG, the professional geologist Board member, was nominated and elected as Board Vice President.

In Remembrance

In other news, we are saddened to hear of the passing of former Board member Michael Welch, PLS. Mr. Welch served on the Board as the professional land surveyor member from April 18, 2002, to December 21, 2005.

Thank You!

Much appreciation to Coby King, Esq., and Mohammad (Dr. Q) Qureshi, P.E., Ph.D., for serving as Board President and Vice President, respectively, for Fiscal Year 2016–17. We greatly appreciate the expertise and perspectives they brought to their positions.

Coby and Dr. Q will continue serving on the Board as a public member and professional member, respectively.



*Professional land surveyor and former Board member
Michael Welch, PLS.*

Get to Know Our Licensees



Meet Stacey Meacham, PLS (L 7186), Land Surveyor Working Mud Creek's Big Sur Landslide Project

What attracted you to the land surveyor field, and what positions have you held as you advanced your career?

While attending junior college, I took drafting and engineering classes and was exposed to land surveying. My professor recommended I check out Fresno State [University]. During college, I worked for several private land surveying firms as both a chainman and party chief. I also served as a student assistant for Caltrans and BLM [Bureau of Land Management] Alaska.

After graduating and receiving a B.S. degree in surveying engineering, I worked in the private industry as a party chief prior to accepting a position with the state of California. Upon attaining licensure, I was promoted to Associate Land Surveyor, then to Transportation Surveyor Party Chief, and now, Senior Transportation Surveyor.

Do you have any family members in your field?

No. However, for a short period of time, my father worked on a survey crew for the USGS [U.S. Geological Survey] during the 1940s, before returning to the army.

What value does your professional license represent?

In the field of land surveying, there is no way to advance without a license.

You currently work at Caltrans. What are your responsibilities in your current position?

Primarily, I supervise a dozen or so field and office surveyors daily, but still enjoy going into the field to

perform surveys with my crews, as well as planning GPS and mobile LIDAR surveys.

Regarding the Mud Creek slide, what are your responsibilities?

My responsibilities include the scheduling, planning, and execution of surveys at Mud Creek. We began with the establishment of new geodetic control using our RTN [real time network] and recovered existing monumentation for boundary determination and perpetuation purposes. Ground topographic surveys were performed to augment the DTM [digital terrain model] generated by our contractor, using aerial LIDAR. After the preliminary engineering surveys were complete and a design evolved, we began the layout of the new roadway. Additionally, surveying services were required for worker safety projects within the slide area. An array of monitoring points were positioned within the slide area and are measured periodically to augment the slope monitoring radar system used by our contractor.

Briefly discuss the biggest challenges you face as a land surveyor regarding the Mud Creek slide.

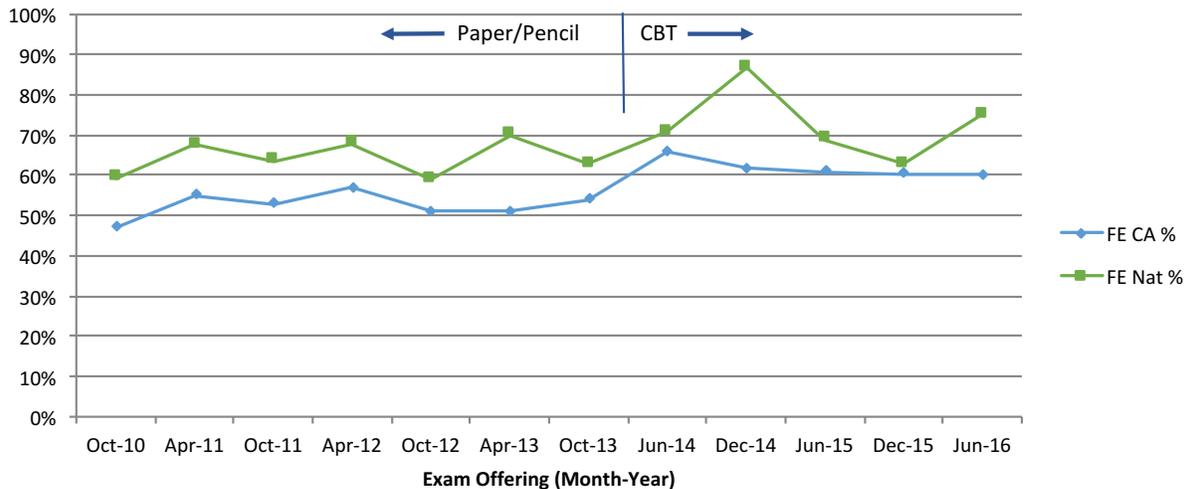
The Mud Creek slide is no different than any other highway mapping and construction project, as far as land surveying. The project entails the same components as any other, but at an accelerated pace. However, during the same time as the event at Mud Creek, our district's surveyors were also tasked with responding to the mapping needs of multiple storm damage projects along the Big Sur coast and Santa Cruz mountains.

Look for the "Get to Know Our Licensees" article in the winter Bulletin that will include an interview with a professional geologist.

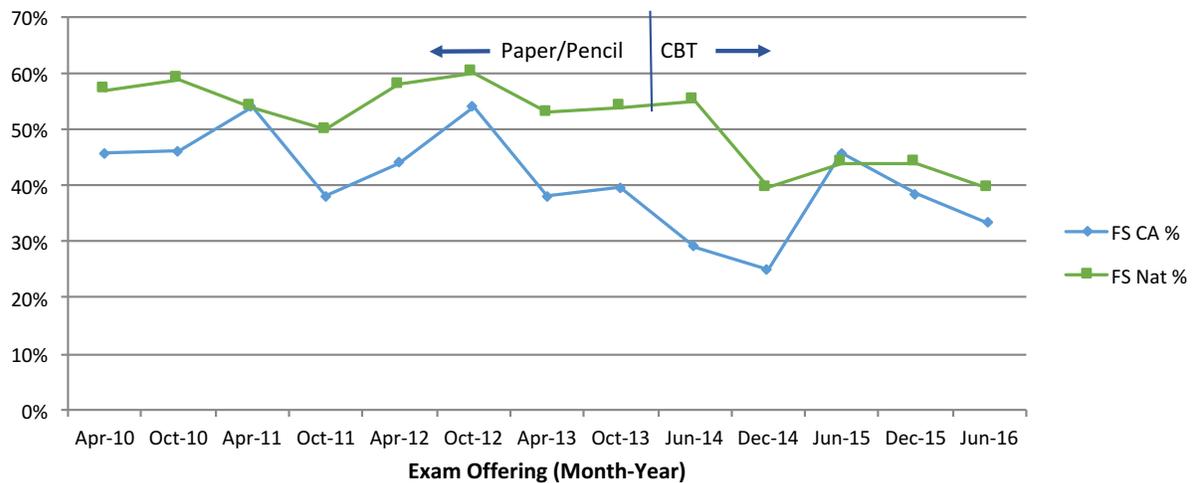
Digging Deeper: Understanding Our Certificate Holders and Licensees

Staff continually tracks, researches, and analyzes trends and changes in our applicant and licensing population to examine growth and achievement. Each year, our fall *Bulletin* focuses on this research. This year, we'd like to share some information regarding our in-training certificate holders and licensees. The charts identify the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) pass rates for California test takers versus the national average. Beginning January 2014, all FE and FS examinations were converted to computer-based tests (CBT) as identified by the line break on the chart. The information in the charts dates back to 2010 and extends to June 2016.

FE Pass Rates (CA v. National)



FS Pass Rates (CA v. National)



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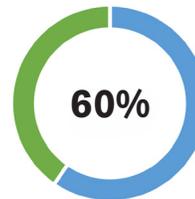
NCEES Exams Stats

Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams are crucial components of the initial licensing process. Passing these exams puts one on the path toward professional licensure. The charts below provide data from the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) website (www.ncees.org), describing California examinees who took the exams in 2016. After passing the exam, individuals seeking to continue on to licensure apply to the Board for an Engineer-in-Training (EIT) or Land Surveyor-in-Training (LSIT) certificate.

FE 2016 Data (California)



5,879 Total
number of examinees tested



PASS RATE
of all FE examinees



3,506 Total
number of examinees passed



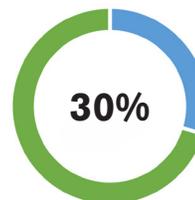
3,082 Total
number of certificates issued

52% tested and received certification at an Engineer-in-Training (CA)

FS 2016 Data (California)



196 Total
number of examinees tested



PASS RATE
of all FS examinees



58 Total
number of examinees passed



60 Total
number of certificates issued

31% tested and received certification as a Land-Surveyor-in-Training (CA)

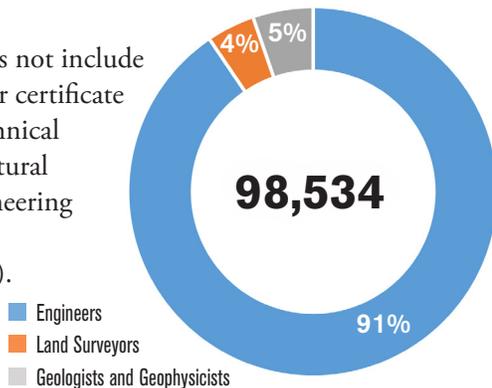
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Total Active Licensees

California has the largest population of licensed engineers, land surveyors, geologists, and geophysicists compared to every other state, commonwealth, or territory. Let's take a closer look at this population and number of professionals in the state.

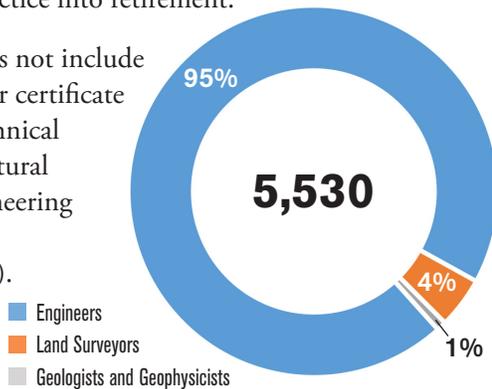
Note: Total does not include title authority or certificate holders (geotechnical engineers, structural engineers, engineering geologists, and hydrogeologists).



Total Retired Licensees

Our retired population has grown over the past years as many in the profession have moved on from professional practice into retirement.

Note: Total does not include title authority or certificate holders (geotechnical engineers, structural engineers, engineering geologists, and hydrogeologists).



LICENSE TYPE	ACTIVE
Engineers	
Civil	56,246
Mechanical	15,336
Electrical	9,952
Chemical	1,953
Traffic	1,526
Control Systems	946
Fire Protection	787
Nuclear	356
Quality	348
Petroleum	324
Safety	309
Manufacturing	291
Industrial	289
Mettalurgical	210
Corrosion	181
Agricultural	133
Consulting	4
Photo Surveyor	1
Total	89,192
Land Surveyors	
Land Surveyor	4,149
Total	4,149
Geologists and Geophysicists	
Geologist	5,039
Geophysicist	154
Total	5,193
Grand Total	98,534

LICENSE TYPE	RETIRED
Engineers	
Civil	2,095
Mechanical	879
Electrical	573
Chemical	114
Traffic	126
Control Systems	304
Fire Protection	66
Nuclear	147
Quality	268
Petroleum	27
Safety	152
Manufacturing	202
Industrial	151
Mettalurgical	49
Corrosion	41
Agricultural	37
Consulting	5
Photo Surveyor	1
Total	5,237
Land Surveyors	
Land Surveyor	247
Total	247
Geologists and Geophysicists	
Geologist	41
Geophysicist	5
Total	46
Grand Total	5,530

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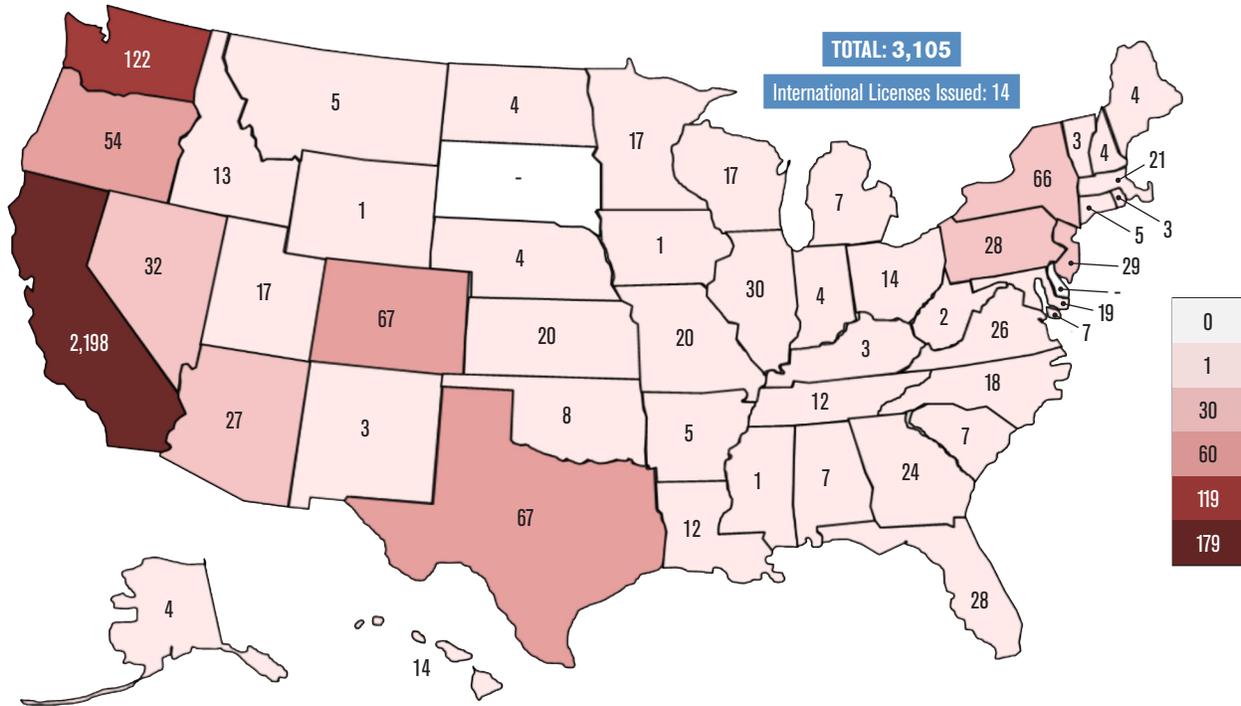


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California Licensees by State

The data below identify the total number of licenses issued in 2016 and the locations of the licensees who applied and received a California license.



Years of Service Among Active Licensees

Our experienced licensees offer a wealth of knowledge in all areas of practice and serve as mentors for future licensees. Although we are seeing a decrease among our experienced licensees from 2015, new licensees' numbers are healthy and growing.

YEARS OF SERVICE: JANUARY–DECEMBER 2016							
	0–10	11–20	21–30	31–40	41–50	51–60	61+
GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS	1,269	1,478	1,821	422	203	0	0
LAND SURVEYORS	1,234	777	1,157	733	214	31	3
ENGINEERS	27,798	19,516	19,328	15,980	5,315	1,108	147

CHANGE IN LICENSE NUMBERS: 2015–2016							
	0–10	11–20	21–30	31–40	41–50	51–60	61+
GEOLOGISTS AND GEOPHYSICISTS	5	-12	-13	-49	-37	0	0
LAND SURVEYORS	38	-2	-26	-22	3	-1	-1
ENGINEERS	2,257	29	-930	-476	-190	-242	-66

OUTREACH EVENTS: April–June 2017

April 12: California State University, San Diego

Staff Senior Registrar Laurie Racca, P.G., gave a presentation to educate students and faculty regarding professional licensing requirements for geologists. Students were encouraged to obtain their Geologist-in-Training certificate by taking the national Fundamentals of Geology examination as soon as they are qualified. The presentation encouraged students to take control of their future careers by understanding licensing requirements and keeping up to date with Board activities.

April 17 and 18: University of Southern California (USC)

Board Outreach Coordinator Brooke Phayer participated in the April 17 presentation sponsored by National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying about professional licensing requirements. On April 18, Mr. Phayer and Staff Senior Registrars for Engineering Susan Christ, P.E., and Mike Donelson, P.E., gave the presentation, “Path to Professional Licensure.”

April 24: California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Sacramento

Staff Senior Registrar Laurie Racca, P.G., conducted a workshop for DWR staff explaining the licensing application process and qualification requirements.

May 6: University of the Pacific (UOP), Stockton

Staff Senior Registrars Mike Donelson, P.E., and Laurie Racca, P.G., represented the Board at the Senior Project Review held at UOP.

May 10: Monterey Area Engineers and Surveyors

Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS, participated in a joint meeting of the California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA) and American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Chapters in the Monterey Bay region. Steve Wilson, PLS, P.E., and Mohammad Qureshi, P.E., Ph.D., attended as Board representatives.

May 16: Caltrans District 10 Headquarters, Stockton

Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS, and Senior Registrar Dallas Sweeney, PLS, attended the Caltrans District 10 executive staff meeting to support the District surveyors in their efforts to ensure compliance with monument preservation.

May 17: American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Sacramento Section, Capitol Branch

Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS, represented the Board at a Legislative Day event hosted annually by the Sacramento Section, Capitol Branch of ASCE.

May 19: University of California (UC), Irvine

Outreach Coordinator Brooke Phayer gave the presentation, “Path to Professional Licensure,” to UC Irvine students and faculty.

May 31: Humboldt County Surveyors and Engineers

Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS; Senior Registrar Dallas Sweeney, PLS; Senior Registrar Laurie Racca, P.G.; and several Board members participated in a joint meeting of CLSA and ACEC Chapters in the Humboldt County region to promote Board news and efforts.

June 1 and 2: Board Meeting in Eureka



Board members and senior staff on a break from the Board meeting in Eureka.

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Board members and senior staff on an excursion to an “Initial Point” in Humboldt County.

June 9: UC Davis

Staff Senior Registrars Mike Donelson, P.E., and Laurie Racca, P.G., represented the Board at the UC Davis Engineering Department’s Dean’s Luncheon and at the Senior Project Review.

June 15: Camp Pendleton

Staff Senior Registrar Mike Donelson, P.E., represented the Board at the Military Engineers Day event held on Camp Pendleton’s grounds to help military engineers in their transition to civilian life.

June 21: San Diego

Senior Registrar Dallas Sweeney, PLS, met with San Diego County Surveyor’s office and City of San Diego’s Surveyor’s office. Also, Mr. Sweeney was the speaker at the San Diego Chapter of CLSA.



Senior Registrar Dallas Sweeney, PLS, speaking to San Diego Chapter of CLSA.



Enforcement Actions

Citations Issued to Licensees: Fiscal Year 2016–2017 (April–June)

Citations are issued to licensed engineers, land surveyors, geologists, and geophysicists when the severity of a violation may not warrant suspension or revocation of the licensee’s right to practice. When a fine is levied with a citation, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of any violations charged but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter, pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.9(d). Code sections numbered in the 6700s, 7800s, and 8700s refer to the Business and Professions Code; those numbered in the 400s and 3000s refer to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. You can read the laws on the Board’s website, www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml. All final citations are matters of public record. For a copy of the final citation order or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board’s Enforcement Unit at BPELSG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov or (916) 263-2284. Please include the name of the cited person and the citation number in your request.

Cited Person	Citation No.	Violation Code Section(s)	Date Final	Fine Amount	Status of Fine
ASSADI, HAMID	10573-L	6749(a)(3),(5); 8792(a)	6/26/2017	\$1,250	Paid
BEIZAI, VAHID	10513-L	6735(a); 6749(a)(5); 6775(c),(h)	6/9/2017	\$1,000	
BURRATI, CARL	10575-L	6735.3; 6738(i); 6749(a)	4/26/2017	\$2,000	Paid
BYRD, AARON	10569-L	8762; 8780(b),(d); 404.2	4/20/2017	\$3,500	
CAMPOS, RONALD	10554-L	8792(a),(i)	6/9/2017	\$1,000	Paid
CRANSTON, IVAN RAY JR.	10570-L	6775(c)	4/20/2017	\$1,500	Paid
DEVINE, MICHAEL	10566-L	6749(a); 6775(d)	6/12/2017	\$1,250	
GHANBARI, MANOUCHER	10544-L	6749(a); 6775(d)	4/26/2017	\$2,500	
HOLT, ROBERT KARL	10546-L	6738(i); 6775.2	4/27/2017	\$500	Paid
MAYER, BERNHARD	10370-L	8759(a); 8762(b)(4); 8771(a); 8780(b)	5/19/2017	\$500	
MELL, DALE	10576-L	8759(a); 8759(a)(4),(5); 6787(a)	5/18/2017	\$5,000	
RIDDLE, LORI	10574-L	6735(a); 6749(a)(3); 6775(d)	4/26/2017	\$500	
SLATTEN, MARK HOWARD	CG 2015-15	7860(c)(2); 3065(b),(c),(f)	5/18/2017	\$2,500	Paid
STONEBURNER, REED	10586-L	6735.3(a); 6749(a); 6775(f)	6/25/2017	\$2,500	Paid
TOMA, CIRO	10583-L	8759(a); 8759(a)(3)	6/8/2017	\$1,000	Paid

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Citations Issued to Unlicensed Individuals: Fiscal Year 2016–2017 (April–June)

Citations are an alternative to criminal prosecutions that the Board can use to enforce the laws prohibiting the unlicensed practice of engineering, land surveying, geology, and geophysics, or other activities for which a license is required. When a fine is levied with a citation, payment of the fine does not constitute admission of any violations charged but represents a satisfactory resolution of the matter pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 125.9(d). Code sections numbered in the 6700s, 7800s, and 8700s refer to the Business and Professions Code; those numbered in the 400s and 3000s refer to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations. You can look up the code sections and read the laws on the Board’s website, www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml. All final citations are matters of public record. For a copy of the final citation order or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board’s Enforcement Unit at BPESLG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov or (916) 263-2284. Please include the name of the cited person and the citation number in your request.

Cited Person	Citation No.	Violation Code Section(s)	Date Final	Fine Amount	Status of Fine
CARDENAS, MOISES	10540-U	6787(a),(g)	4/26/2017	\$2,500	Paid
KANAGY, CHRIS	10578-U	8792(a)	6/12/2017	\$2,000	
McFARLAND, ANDY	10400-U	6787(a),(g); 8792(a),(i)	5/19/2017	\$5,000	Paid
NUNEZ, FERNANDO	10313-U	8792(a),(f),(g),(i),(j); 8729(a)(1),(3)	5/19/2017	\$7,000	
NUNEZ, FERNANDO	10312-U	6787(a),(f),(g),(i); 6738(a)(1),(3)	5/19/2017	\$6,000	
PRESTA, ROBERT	CG 2015-12	6738(a)(1); 6787(a),(g); 7833; 7872(a),(g)	4/20/2017	\$0	N/A
REEVES, RUSSELL	10587-U	6787(a),(g)	6/25/2017	\$5,000	Paid
ROSENDALE, JEFF	10549-U	879(a),(i)	6/30/2017	\$0	N/A
SHAW, STEVE	CG 2015-02	7833; 7872(a),(g),(h)	5/24/2017	\$500	Paid
SULLIVAN, JAMES	CG 2015-05	7833; 7872(a),(g),(h)	5/24/2017	\$0	N/A
THOMAS, PAUL	10376-U	8792(a),(i)	5/19/2017	\$4,000	Paid

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Formal Administrative Disciplinary Decisions: Fiscal Year 2016–2017 (April–June)

A formal disciplinary decision is considered formal administrative disciplinary action against a licensee. It results from the Board’s adoption of a proposed decision prepared by an administrative law judge following a hearing, a stipulated settlement agreement, or a default decision following a full investigation and the filing of an accusation. An accusation is a formal legal document that notifies a licensee of the Board’s charges and allegations of violations against the licensee and that requests a disciplinary order be issued. The licensee is entitled to contest the charges at a formal hearing before an administrative law judge or to agree to a stipulated settlement. A final disciplinary decision contains findings and determinations or statements of advisements, waivers, and culpability and a disciplinary order. If there are findings of violations, the order may include revocation or suspension of the license, a stayed revocation or suspension of the license with a probationary period and terms and conditions of probation, or a public reproof. In the alternative, the decision may find that no violations or violations of a de minimus nature occurred and order the dismissal of the accusation. All final disciplinary decisions are matters of public record. For a copy of the final decision or if you have any questions, you may contact the Board’s Enforcement Unit at BPESLG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov or (916) 263-2284. Please include the name of the respondent and the case number in your request.

Respondent	Case Number	Effective Date	Disciplinary Order
COPSEY, KIRK	1122-A	5/19/2017	Revocation, stayed; probation
CURRY, WILLIAM	1003-A	6/30/2017	Revocation of license
DELANEY, WILLIAM	1144-A	6/30/2017	Revocation, stayed; probation
EMBREE, GREG	1124-A	5/19/2017	Revocation, stayed; probation
LEE, ELLEN	1093-A	5/19/2017	Revocation, stayed; probation
PRICE, KENDALL	01-2004-22	5/19/2017	Revocation, stayed; probation
PURI, UMESH	1148-A	6/30/2017	Revocation of license
ROSECRANS, GENE	1119-A	6/30/2017	Revocation of license
SANDSTROM, MARK	1134-A	5/19/2017	Revocation, stayed; probation
SHEN, ENGLIS	853-A	5/19/2017	Revocation, stayed; probation
TON, THIEU THAT	1091-A	5/19/2017	Voluntary surrender of license

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Definitions: Outcomes of Formal Administrative Disciplinary Decisions

Public Reproval: The licensee is sent a letter of public reproval advising him or her of the violations. The letter is a matter of public record, and a copy will be provided upon request. There are no restrictions on the right to practice, nor is the licensee on probation. This action constitutes formal administrative disciplinary action against the license (and is not the same as a citation).

Revocation, Stayed; Probation: The order of revocation of the license has been stayed (put on hold), and the licensee has been placed on probation for a specified period of time with terms and conditions. If probation is successfully completed, the license will be fully restored. If the probation is violated, the Board can pursue further action to terminate the stay and impose the order of revocation.

Revoked or Revocation of License: The license is terminated, and the right to practice is ended.

Suspended: The licensee is prohibited from practicing for a specific period of time.

Voluntary Surrender or Surrender of License: The license has been voluntarily returned to the Board, and the right to practice has ended. This action constitutes formal administrative disciplinary action against the license.

In Memoriam

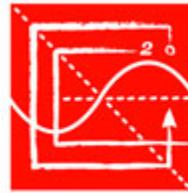
In celebration of the lives and contributions of the following professionals, the Board would like to recognize professionals licensed as engineers, land surveyors, or geologists who recently passed away. Below is a list of individuals who have departed between April and June 2017. This list may not include all those who have recently passed away as we rely on information from the public, other licensees, and family members. Please contact the Board regarding individuals who have recently passed.

Name	License Number	Years of Service
Engineer		
Frank Joseph Addiego	C 18464	48
Robert Belt	C 36139	34
Martin Matthew Braun	E 17619	12
Albert O. Cota	QU 3229	39
Charles Joseph D'errico	M 24883	29
Jacob Dekema	C 5702	75
Roy W. Fowler Jr.	C 13315	55
Bruce Harold Mattson	E 12954	28
John Joseph Paul	CS 656	41
Paul Oliver Petersen	M 21529	35
Charles E. Phillips	M 13045	30
John Susnir	C 18224	49
Milford Spalding Terrass	NU 739	41
Land Surveyor		
Ronald Leroy Cooper	L 4260	42
Robert W. Neill	L 3122	57
William M. Rastocky	L 5010	35
Multiple Licenses		
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National Association News

NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing professional licensure for engineers and surveyors. It develops, administers, and scores the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure in the United States. To learn more about NCEES, visit <http://ncees.org/about-ncees/>.



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Congratulations to former Board member Patrick Tami, PLS.

Former Board member Patrick Tami, PLS, was formally installed as the new NCEES President at the NCEES Annual Meeting held August 23–26, in Miami Beach. Mr. Tami, who has been a professional land surveyor for more than 30 years, was a member of the California Board from 2006–2016. He previously served as NCEES Western Zone Vice President for the 2008–2010 and 2014–2016 terms. In the 96-year history of NCEES, Mr. Tami is only the fourth representative from California to serve as president and only the fourth licensed land surveyor!



Four current Board members—Robert Stockton, P.E.; Dr. Mohammad Qureshi, P.E.; Steven Wilson, PLS, P.E.; and Fel Amistad—attended the NCEES 96th Annual Meeting as Board delegates.



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Legislation and Regulation News and Updates

Every legislative session, the Board tracks and analyzes bills that potentially impact the Board's operations, the licensed professions the Board regulates, and the statutes that determine that authority. We consistently strive to identify, analyze, and advertise at public Board meetings the bills introduced that may change the landscape of our statutory authority. For more information on upcoming Board meetings and to download meeting materials, go to www.bpelsg.ca.gov/about_us/meetings/index.shtml.

The following is a summary of legislation tracked by the Board this session and current regulatory (rulemaking) proposals:

Legislation

Assembly Bill 703 – Professions and vocations: licenses: fee waivers (military spouses) http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB703

Assembly Bill 710 – Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: meetings http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB710

Assembly Bill 1005 – Professions and vocations: fines: relief http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1005

Assembly Bill 1190 – Department of Consumer Affairs: BreEZe system: annual report http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1190

Senate Bill 27 – Professions and vocations: licenses: military service http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB27

Regulations

The Board submitted a rulemaking proposal to amend Section 425 of Title 16, Division 5 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) regarding reasonable educational or experience requirements necessary to qualify for the professional land surveyor license. The proposal was approved by the Office of Administrative Law, and the amendments will become effective on October 1, 2017.

The Board submitted a rulemaking proposal to repeal Sections 3036.1, 3036.2, 3037.1, and 3037.2 of Title 16, Division 29 of the CCR relating to examination appeals for geophysicists, specialty geologists, and geophysicists. The proposal was approved by the Office of Administrative Law, and these sections were repealed as of July 1, 2017.

All information pertaining to these rulemaking proposals can be found on the Board's website at www.bpelsg.ca.gov/about_us/rulemaking.shtml.



Board Speakers Available

The Board continues in its efforts to reach out to groups interested in any of the broad array of Board functions. As part of this outreach effort, we have speakers available to present at meetings and events; speakers include Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS; Assistant Executive Officer Nancy Eissler; Enforcement Manager Tiffany Criswell; Senior Registrar Susan Christ, P.E.; Senior Registrar Mike Donelson, P.E.; Senior Land Surveyor Registrar Dallas Sweeney, PLS; and Senior Registrar for Geologists and Geophysicists Laurie Racca, P.G.

Our Enforcement, Licensing, Examination, and Outreach Units all have speakers authorized to represent the Board. To request a speaker, we will need the following information: size of group, location, time, length and type of presentation, and proposed subject matter. Appropriate advance notice is always appreciated. Current and former Board members may also appear on the Board's behalf, depending on availability.

For more information, contact the Outreach Administrator at the Board, Brooke Phayer, at Brooke.Phayer@dca.ca.gov or (916) 263-2239.

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Board Calendar

OCTOBER

- 10/6: Geology ASBOG Exams
- 10/10: CA CSE PG Exam
- 10/11: CA PGp, CEG, and CHG Exams
- 10/19–11/9: CA Civil: Seismic Principles Exam and Engineering Surveying Exam
- 10/26: CA Traffic Exam
- 10/27–28: NCEES PE and SE Exams
- 10/31: CA PLS Exam

NOVEMBER

- 11/6: Final Filing Date for New Applications
- 11/6–7: Board Meeting
- 11/10: Veteran's Day–Board Office Closed
- 11/23–24: Thanksgiving Holidays –Board Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 12/25: Christmas Day–Board Office Closed

Continuous Testing Exams:

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Social Media: Board Facebook and Twitter Pages

The Board is asking for your help in getting the word out regarding the launch of its Facebook and Twitter pages. The Board is now posting information of interest to postsecondary institutions and students on a regular basis. This information includes regulatory changes, updates to our website, interesting articles, useful resources, and a host of other Board-related data.

For those institutions that communicate with students through e-mail or some other means, we invite you to share this information with them. The Board is anxious to use these social media outlets as an ongoing way to reach our stakeholders. Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word.

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