

SUMMER 2026

BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS

BULLETIN

This is Our Enforcement Statistics Issue

As stated in the Board's Mission and Vision statements, to effectively protect the public, we strive to regulate our licensed professions as efficiently as possible:

- **Mission:** We protect the public's safety and property by promoting standards for competence and integrity through licensing and regulating the Board's professions.
- **Vision:** A California that leads the nation in protecting the public and environment with competent and ethical professional services by the Board's licensees.

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Executive Officer's Message

Richard B. Moore, PLS

By the time this edition of the *Bulletin* is published, summer might be over for many readers. The Board relies heavily on services provided by the Department of Consumer Affairs for many things, including a long history of excellent assistance with our publication needs. Due to recent staff changes at the Board, we are adjusting our internal time frames to better prepare our information and work more collaboratively and efficiently with the Department's publications team.

Speaking of long time frames, application review time frame statistics dating back to the spring are reflecting the extra effort made by Board staff in adjusting to the "new normal" in terms of reducing backlogs due to application volumes and submitted complaints. This is especially true for civil engineer licenses and complaint investigations. Staff have critiqued the processes, identified ways to improve and adjust, and have implemented new ideas. Thank you all for doing what I always believed you could do.

July saw the Board implementing new application and licensing fees along with the License Renewal Assessment. Staff is actively monitoring progress on both and I look forward to seeing what impact the assessment will have on our licensing numbers and, eventually, the number of licensee violations. I believe I speak for all staff and the Board in that we are hoping to see a reduction in common violations by licensees.

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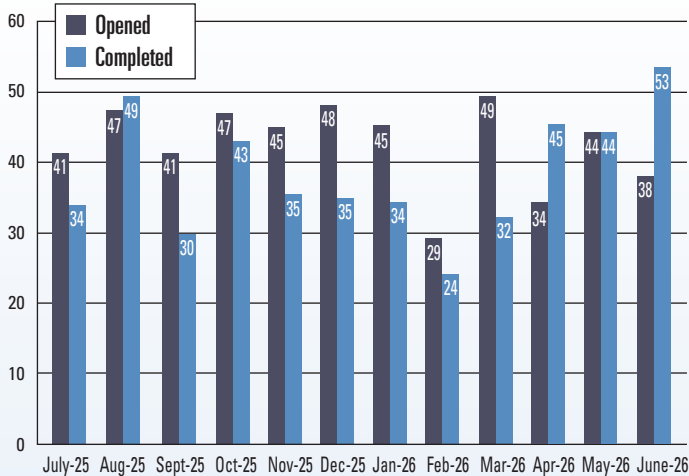


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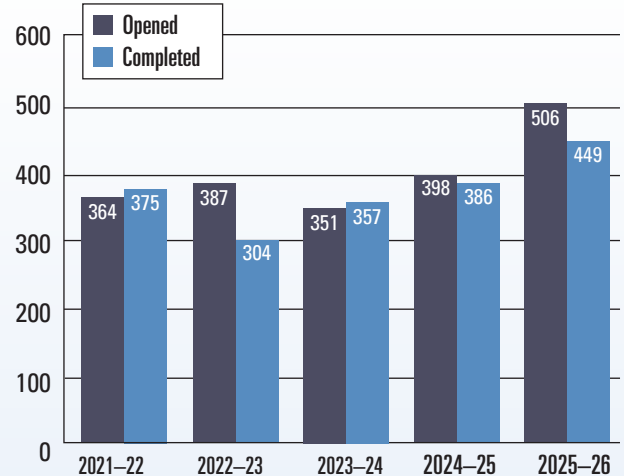
ENFORCEMENT UNIT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

This edition of the Board's *Bulletin* includes the annual update on the Board's enforcement-related actions throughout the past year. While the Board publishes enforcement actions quarterly in every edition of the *Bulletin*, and current case load regularly in the Board's meeting materials, we hope this annual update provides another perspective that may be beneficial to our readers.

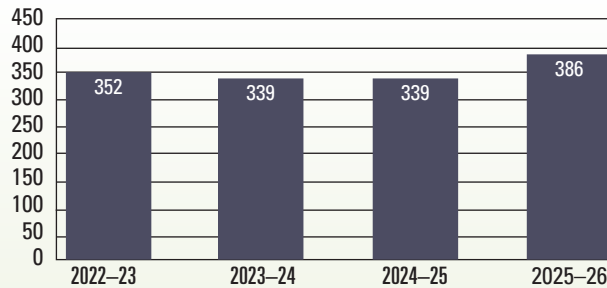
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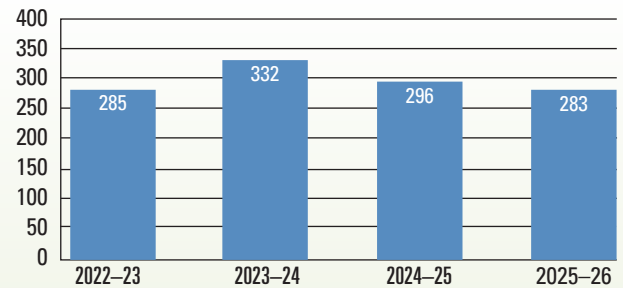
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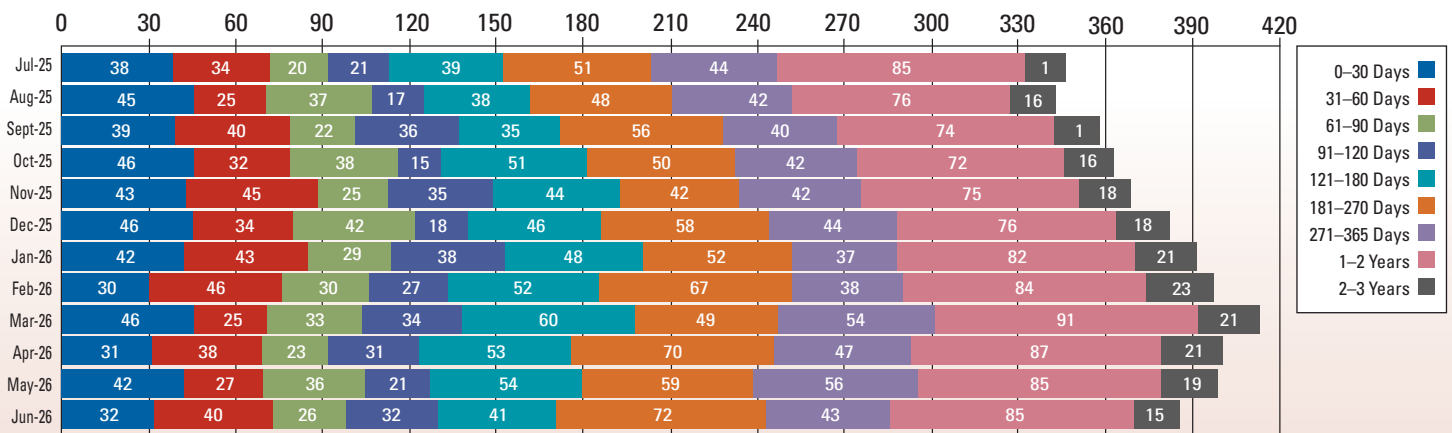
NUMBER OF OPEN (PENDING) COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS



AVERAGE DAYS FROM OPENING OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION TO COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION



COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION PHASE Age of Open (Pending) Complaint Investigation Cases – 12-Month Cycle



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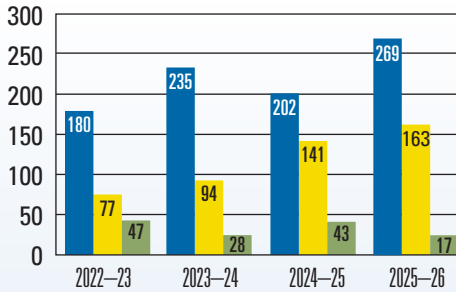
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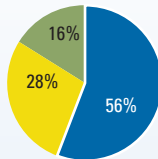
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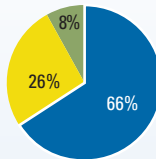
OUTCOME OF COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS



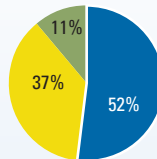
FY 2022-23
TOTAL: 304



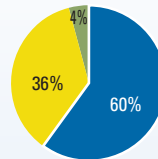
FY 2023-24
TOTAL: 357



FY 2024-25
TOTAL: 386



FY 2025-26
TOTAL: 449



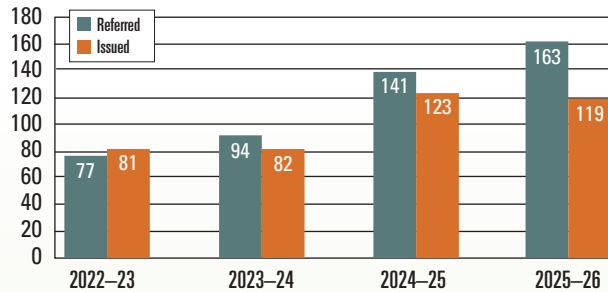
Closed Closed with No Action Taken, includes the No Violation/Insufficient Evidence; Compliance Obtained; Warning Letter; Other Reason for Closing Without Action (e.g., subject deceased); Resolved After Initial Notification; Referred to District Attorney with Request to File Criminal Charges; and Mediated.

Cite Referred for Issuance of Citation.

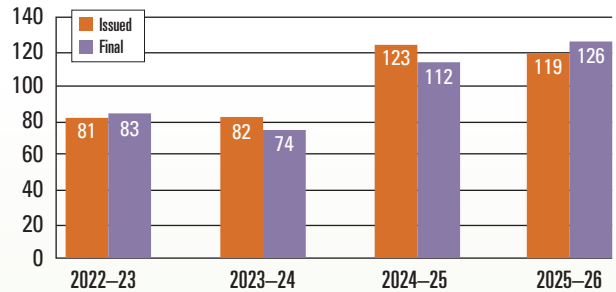
FDA Referred for Formal Disciplinary Action.

CITATIONS (INFORMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS)

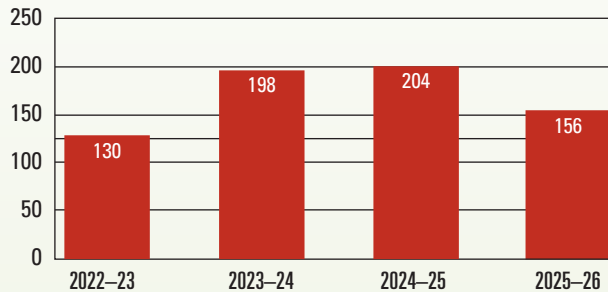
NUMBER OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REFERRED AND NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED



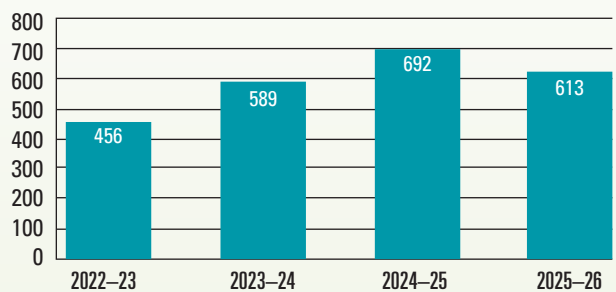
NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED AND FINAL



AVERAGE DAYS BETWEEN DATE OF ISSUANCE OF CITATION AND DATE CITATION BECOMES FINAL

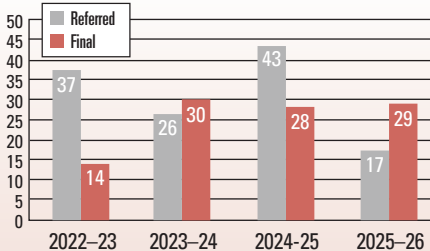


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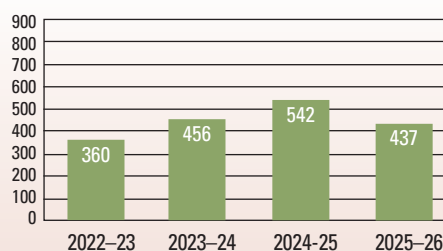


FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST LICENSEES

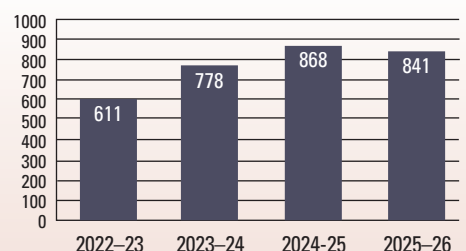
NUMBER OF LICENSEES REFERRED FOR FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND NUMBER OF FINAL DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS



AVERAGE DAYS FROM REFERRAL FOR FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL DECISION



AVERAGE DAYS FROM OPENING OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF FINAL DECISION



NOTE: Fiscal year 2025-26 statistics are through June 30, 2026.

Board News

Renewal Assessment Successfully Implemented

The Board has successfully implemented the new Renewal Assessment. This milestone marks a significant step forward in the Board's efforts to reinforce licensees' knowledge of state laws and the Board's rules and regulations. More information about the Renewal Assessment can be found on the Board's website.

A key requirement for completing the Renewal Assessment is the creation of a BPELSG Connect account. BPELSG Connect serves as the Board's comprehensive application, licensing, and enforcement platform. Since the launch of online renewals in BPELSG Connect on January 1, 2021, licensees have steadily adopted the system. Last fiscal year, 92% of all renewals were completed online, demonstrating both convenience for licensees and efficiency gains for the Board.

A valuable feature of BPELSG Connect is its automated email renewal reminders, which help licensees stay informed and up to date on their renewal obligations.

Beginning August 2026, the Board will enhance these efficiencies further by phasing out printed renewal reminder notices for licensees who have BPELSG Connect accounts. Printed notices will continue to be mailed only to those who have not yet created an account. This transition supports two important Board priorities:

- **Cost Savings:** Reducing printing and postage expenses allows the Board to allocate resources more effectively.
- **Environmental Responsibility:** Decreasing paper use aligns with the Board's commitment to environmentally responsible operational practices.

Licensees may still choose to submit renewal payments by mail. However, all licensees must create and maintain a BPELSG Connect account to access the online Renewal Assessment, which is a required component of the renewal process.

The Board encourages all licensees to establish their BPELSG Connect accounts as soon as possible for timely access to renewal tools and reminders.

In Memoriam

In celebration of their lives and contributions, the Board would like to recognize professionals licensed as engineers, land surveyors, or geologists who recently passed away.

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.



4 TH QUARTER APRIL–JUNE		
Name	License Number	Years of Service
Engineers		
Alain Daniel Littee	M 17635	50 yrs
Michael Lowell	C 75642	16 yrs
Reed Ryberg Stout	E 10752	45 yrs
Garry Richard Thomas	NU 1862	49 yrs
Land Surveyors		
Steven F. Rey	L 8047	21 yrs
Multiple Licenses		
John Francis O'Brien	C 27211	50 yrs
John Francis O'Brien	GE 651	39 yrs

OUTREACH EVENTS: APRIL, MAY, JUNE

All events were in person unless marked "virtual."

KEY:

AEG—Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists
APWA—American Public Works Association
ASCE—American Society of Civil Engineers
ACEC—American Council of Engineering
ERG—Employee Resources Group
LCSO—The League of California Surveying Organizations
YMF—Young Members Forum

APRIL

April 3	Caltrans District 4, Division of Construction, Richmond. "New Professional Engineer Renewal Assessment for PE Licensing" N. King, PE (virtual)
April 6	Michael Baker Int'l., San Diego/Carlsbad. "Early Career Professional Presentation – CA PE Licensure Path" N. King, PE
April 7	AEG Student Night, "Pathway to GIT and PG licensure." Sacramento. J. Goodwin, PG, CEG
April 9	Parsons Corp., San Diego. "Lunch & Learn – Navigating the PE Licensure Process with BPELSG" N. King, PE
April 13	UC San Francisco, ENGR 102. "PE Licensure in California" N. King, PE (virtual)
April 15	ASCE Orange County YMF. "PE Licensure in California" N. King, PE (virtual)
April 16	University of Pennsylvania – Professional Geologist Licensure in the United States J. Goodwin, PG, CEG (virtual)
April 17	University of North Dakota – Professional Geologist Licensure in the United States J. Goodwin, PG, CEG (virtual)
April 21	ENGEO, Inc., San Ramon, CA. "Professional Licensure in California" N. King, PE & J. Goodwin, PG, CEG
April 27	Cal Geo Regional Meeting. "Professional Licensure in California" N. King, PE & J. Goodwin, PG, CEG

MAY

May 4	CSU Fullerton, Senior Seminar. "Professional Engineering in California" N. King, PE (virtual)
May 5	Inland Geological Society meeting, Colton, "Understanding Geology Licensure in California: PG, CEG, CHg, and PGp: How to Apply, Serve as a Reference, and Avoid Common Violations." J. Goodwin, PG, CEG
May 21	ASCE San Jose YMF. "Professional Engineering in California" N. King, PE
May 21	Caltrans Survey Management Board, San Luis Obispo. R. Moore, PLS & D. Sweeney, PLS
May 21	LCSO Geospatial Symposium 2026 D. Sweeney, PLS (virtual)
May 22	Sonoma County Surveyor and Deputy CS meeting about their Statutory and Regulatory requirements under the PLS Act. D. Sweeney, PLS (virtual)

JUNE

June 4	APWA SoCal Young Professionals. "PE Licensing Information Session" N. King, PE (virtual)
June 4	ACEC California PLS committee call. D. Sweeney, PLS (virtual)
June 11	LCSO monthly meeting. R. Moore, PLS and D. Sweeney, PLS (virtual)
June 24	BKF Engineers Early Professionals ERG. "Annual BPELSG PE and PLS Licensure Presentation" N. King, PE & D. Sweeney, PLS (virtual)
June 26	NSPE-CA Annual Conference. "BPELSG Licensure Enforcement Issues" N. King, PE

Enforcement Actions

Citations Final: April–June 2026

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. Citations are also issued as an alternative to criminal prosecutions to enforce the laws prohibiting unlicensed practice. You may look up the Code Sections violated on the Board's website at www.bpelsg.ca.gov/laws/index.shtml.

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).

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) 999-3593. Please include the name of the cited person and the citation number in your request.

Cited Person	Citation No.	Violation Code Sections	Date Final	Fine Amount	Status of Fine
CROWNHOLM, RYAN	20095	8792(a)(i)	6/17/2026	\$2,000	
LAWSON, ROBERT	20140	6749(a);6749(a)(3);6775(d);6787(a)(e)	6/17/2026	\$1,500	
HALLBERG, JAMES	20146	8780(b)	6/17/2026	\$3,500	PAID
GAO, ZHENGBOYANG	20175	6775(c)	6/17/2026	\$1,500	
ROBLES, LUIS	20186	7872(a);8792(a)	6/29/2026	\$250	
NAVICKAS, ERROL	20197	8792(a)(i)	5/27/2026	\$1,000	
SHIRAZI, ALI	20329	8792(a)(j)	4/20/2026	\$0	PAID
ZHU, SHUJIN	20330	6787(a)	4/20/2026	\$500	PAID
KUSHKAKI, HAMID	20340	6787(a)(g)	4/27/2026	\$0	PAID
KASTURI, PRASAD	20357	6749(a)(3)(f)	4/23/2026	\$1,000	
BURNS, BRIAN	20358	8792(a)(j)	4/24/2026	\$3,000	PAID
PASCUAL, ALEJO	20359	8762(b)(5)	4/24/2026	\$1,000	
SHAHET, ALEXANDRA	20361	6787(a)(d)	4/27/2026	\$1,500	PAID
SAFAVIAN, SEYED	20362	6787(a)	4/27/2026	\$1,500	
KILARU, CHANDRA	20364	8792(e)	6/15/2026	\$1,000	
SULLAWAY, MICHAEL	20365	6735(a);6749(a);6775(c)	6/15/2026	\$2,500	
JASPER, NICHOLAS	20366	6749(a);6749(a)(2)(3)(4)(5);6775(c)	6/18/2026	\$2,500	PAID
CHANEY, KENNETH	20367	6775(c)	6/18/2026	\$1,000	PAID
HABIB, AHSAN	20368	6749(a)(3)(4)(5)	6/18/2026	\$750	
CHAVEZ, EDUARDO	20370	6775(f)	6/19/2026	\$1,500	PAID
BOWERS, ERIK	20376	8780(b)(2)	6/22/2026	\$500	PAID
SMITH, KEVIN	20377	8759(a)(4)(5);8762(b)(5);8771;8772;8780(b)(1)(2)	6/26/2026	\$4,000	
BEKEY, PETER	20378	6749(a)(2)(3)(5);8759(a)(2)(3)(5);8765(d);8771(a);8772;8780(b)(8)	6/26/2026	\$1,500	PAID

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Enforcement Actions (continued from page 6)

Formal Disciplinary Decisions: April–June 2026

Formal disciplinary action against a licensee 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 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 containing findings of violations may include an order for revocation or suspension of the license, a voluntary surrender, a stayed revocation or suspension of the license with a probationary period and terms and conditions of probation, or a public reproof. 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 **BPELSG.Enforcement.Information@dca.ca.gov** or (916) 999-3593. Please include the name of the respondent and the case number in your request.

Respondent	Case Number	Effective Date	Disciplinary Order
ABBOTT, DAVID	1339-A	4/8/2026	Revocation
BLEW, BUCKLEY	1354-A	4/8/2026	Revocation
KELLY, HARLAN	1353-A	4/8/2026	Revocation
SOBECKI, FRANK	1337-A	4/8/2026	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
COOKE, CONWAY	1350-A	6/17/2026	Revocation
KYUPELYAN, EMIL	1334-A	6/17/2026	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
SANATKHANI, MAHMOUD	1330-A	6/17/2026	Public Reproof
WELSH, PAUL	1362-A	6/17/2026	Revocation



Board Speakers Available

The Board continues 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.

Potential speakers include Executive Officer Ric Moore, PLS; Assistant Executive Officer Tiffany Criswell; Senior Engineering Registrar Natalie King, PE; Senior Engineering Registrar Bruce Locken, PE; Senior Land Surveyor Registrar Dallas Sweeney, PLS; and Senior Geologist Registrar Josh Goodwin, PG, CEG.

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, 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 Board outreach coordinator Brooke Phayer at **Brooke.Phayer@dca.ca.gov**.

Contact Us

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ADMINISTRATION

Executive Officer	Ric Moore, PLS	(916) 999-3600
Assistant Executive Officer	Tiffany Criswell	(916) 999-3600

ENFORCEMENT, COMPLAINTS, AND QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LAWS	(916) 999-3593
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FINGERPRINTING	(916) 999-3625
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EXAMINATION QUESTIONS REGARDING SCHEDULING, RESULTS, AND POSTPONEMENT	(916) 999-3644
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LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS (ALL TYPES)	(916) 999-3635
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LICENSE RENEWAL	Vicki Kereszt	(916) 999-3612
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OUTREACH	Brooke Phayer	brooke.phayer@dca.ca.gov
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SENIOR REGISTRARS (FOR PROFESSIONAL LICENSES)

Engineers (Civil, Structural, Traffic, and Geotechnical)	Natalie King, PE	(916) 999-3637
Engineers (Other Than Civil, Structural, Traffic, and Geotechnical)	Bruce Locken, PE	(916) 999-3636
Geologists and Geophysicists	Josh Goodwin, PG, CEG	(916) 999-3638
Land Surveyors	Dallas Sweeney, PLS	(916) 999-3639

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1. Visit the Board's website at **www.bpelsg.ca.gov**.
2. Click on "Subscribe to the Board's Email List" in the "Quick Hits" section.
3. Enter your email address and the specified text or audio link to validate submission of your data.
4. Click on "Submit" and you will receive a confirmation email.



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Board Calendar

Remaining State Holidays (State Offices Closed)

Monday, September 7—**Labor Day**

Wednesday, November 11—**Veterans Day**

Thursday, November 26—**Thanksgiving Day**

Friday, November 27—**Day after Thanksgiving**

Friday, December 25—**Christmas Day**

Remaining Board Meetings

September 10-11—**Board Meeting**

4050 Taylor St., Garcia Room

San Diego, CA 92110

November 5-6—**Board Meeting**

Location TBD

Continuous Testing Exams:

CA Civil: Seismic Principles Exam and Engineering Surveying Exam; NCEES Civil, Chemical, Electrical, Mechanical, PS

Social Media: Board Facebook, X, and LinkedIn Pages

The Board is asking for your help in getting the word out regarding its Facebook, X, and LinkedIn pages. The Board is 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 email or some other means, we invite you to share this information with them. The Board will 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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 **X**—x.com/CA_Engineers

 **LinkedIn**—www.linkedin.com/company/california-board-for-professional-engineers-land-surveyors-and-geologists



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