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BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, LAND SURVEYORS, AND GEOLOGISTS

BULLETIN

THE THIRD PHASE OF THE BOARD'S NEW APPLICATION/LICENSING PORTAL IS LIVE, AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGH THE BOARD'S WEBSITE. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER MESSAGE AND FAQs ABOUT THE NEW LIVE PORTAL ARE FEATURED IN THIS *BULLETIN*.

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Executive Officer's Report

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Did you know that the Board did not always collect birthdates for applicants and licensees? I had heard this mentioned previously but was not aware when that occurred or paid that close attention as to when. Observing a small portion of the licensee population encountering issues with linking to their current license upon attempting to renew initially in **BPELSG Connect** over the last several

months has brought this topic to the forefront of my thoughts. It appears that if an individual was licensed prior to the Board collecting full birthdates, then the birthdates assigned to licensees (already licensed at that time) were generally set to one of several assumed default values during the implementation of older legacy systems. This is also a contributing reason why the Board is hesitant to provide definitive demographic data about our licensees related to age, since there is still a significant enough portion of the population with inaccurate birthdates to cause concerns with reporting those demographics.

Fortunately for both the Board and the licensee population, **BPELSG Connect** users will soon have a way to self-resolve this and the Board will have a path forward to improve the accuracy of that data. For those who have already established a user profile in **BPELSG Connect**, you may recall that when first setting up the profile, the user needed to provide some basic information (i.e., name, birthdate, last four characters of social security number, email address, and a phone number) during the profile registration process. And there was an option to link to an existing license in the Board's legacy database records. This linking is necessary to achieve an accurate linking for license renewal notices and history. If the user is one of the 'lucky' few who had a default birthdate value assigned in prior years, then an error message likely appeared interrupting the license validation, and communication with the Board was required to resolve the issue. Coming soon in **BPELSG Connect**, these people will now be prompted with a secondary validation page requesting additional information that may assist the user with resolving the validation in a more expedient manner. It is anticipated this will help in resolving the linking issue for many of the users who encounter this issue with a lesser number requiring personal assistance from Board staff to resolve.

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By the time this edition is published, the third release of **BPELSG Connect**, the Board's new application/licensing portal, will be available online through the Board's website. This release adds the first round of professional-level applications by providing the ability for applicants seeking licensure in the disciplines of agricultural, chemical, control system, electrical, fire protection, industrial, mechanical, metallurgical, nuclear, and petroleum engineering to now complete/submit their application online and monitor the status of that application as it moves through the review process. Initially, only those Professional Engineer licenses that do NOT require a state-specific examination will be able to use this new process.

It is anticipated that the remainder of the professional-level applications (i.e., Civil Engineer, Professional Geologist, Professional Geophysicist, Professional Land Surveyor, etc.)—those license types that require a state-specific examination or some combination of state and national examinations—will be included in a future release of **BPELSG Connect**, currently slated for fall of 2021.

Additionally, in this *Bulletin*, there are Frequently Asked Questions related to **BPELSG Connect**, how to register, and how to renew a license.

The Board looks forward to continuing the progress made so far with this new applicant/license management system throughout 2021 and appreciate any feedback received from users of the system.

FAQs About the BPELSG Connect System (Reprinted from Winter 2020 *Bulletin*; updated July 1, 2021)

Q: How do I access BPELSG Connect?

A: Applicants and licensees seeking access to BPELSG Connect can visit <https://connect.bpelsg.ca.gov/>.

Q: What can I do in BPELSG Connect?

A: BPELSG Connect is being released in phases. Phase one allowed applicants for EIT or LSIT to register online. Phase two allowed for all license types to renew online. Phase three, which is available now, allows professional engineer (P.E.) applicants who do NOT require a state-specific examination to submit initial applications through Connect for P.E. licenses. The fall 2021 release is expected to include additional initial online professional-level applications.

Q: When will I be able to renew my license(s) through BPELSG Connect?

A: In January 2021, the second phase of BPELSG Connect launched allowing all license types to renew and manage their license(s) online.

Q: How will I know if my license(s) is eligible for renewal?

A: Generally, your first indication will be the notification that is mailed to your address of record on file with the Board. Additionally, once you have created a profile, logged into BPELSG Connect, and linked your profile to all current licenses, an expiration date for each eligible

license will be shown on your dashboard along with a button to renew each eligible license.

Q: Prior communication from the Board stated that renewal notifications by mail will discontinue in 2021. How will I receive my renewal notice every two years?

A: On December 1, 2020, the Board posted a message on its website alerting current licensees that the state agency that prints and mails the Board's current renewal notifications will cease to perform those services sometime in 2021. The Board (along with many other boards and bureaus) is working closely with the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to assume the production and distribution of printing services, which is anticipated to occur later in 2021. In the meantime, current renewal notifications will continue to be sent out in the same manner through June 2021.

Q: What information will I need to have ready to renew my license(s) through BPELSG Connect?

A: You will need to know which license type, license number, and how you wish to submit payment.

Q: How will I renew my license(s) in BPELSG Connect?

A: If it's your first time accessing BPELSG Connect:

- 1) You will begin by registering a user profile in the system using a preferred email address as your user name. Once you have registered, you will receive an

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email with a temporary password to confirm your registration and to establish a personalized password. (If during the registration process you did not opt out of receiving SMS (text) messages, you will also receive an SMS message alerting you that you have received a new email from the Connect system.)

***PLEASE NOTE:** Your personal information, such as the last four digits of your social security number and birth date, is only required when first registering within the system and is not accessible through BPELSG Connect. Once registered, it is anticipated that you will not be asked to provide that information again.*

- 2) Upon confirming the registration with a personalized password, you will be asked if you have a current license(s) with the Board. If you answer “yes,” you will be presented with the opportunity to link each license that is in good standing in your name. (You will need to know the license type and license number to successfully link a license.) Also, do not worry if you miss this opportunity or do not link all your active licenses during this step; once you are logged into your profile, there will be the ability to link a license on your dashboard.

Once you have successfully created your profile and logged into the BPELSG Connect system:

- 3) If you have not already done so, you should first confirm all your contact information, especially your address of record. If necessary, you will need to either enter your preferred address of record or confirm that what is currently shown is accurate.
- 4) Your dashboard will display any current licenses with a button choice to renew your license(s).

Q: What if I have more than one license?

A: BPELSG Connect will allow you to link to all your current licenses in good standing and allow you to renew each license as they become eligible for renewal.

Q: What if I have a license that is dependent upon another license to practice (Structural Engineer requires a Civil Engineer license; Certified Engineering Geologist requires a Professional Geologist license, etc.)?

A: If you have a license that requires a “base license” (i.e., Civil Engineer or Professional Geologist), you

will need to ensure that you link all licenses before submitting a renewal. BPELSG Connect will not allow you to renew a dependent license (i.e., Geotechnical Engineer or Certified Hydrogeologist) without first (or simultaneously) renewing the base license.

Q: What options do I have to pay for my license renewal(s)?

A: Once you have confirmed your contact information and chosen which license(s) you wish to renew, you will certify to that information and be presented with an option to process a payment by credit card, debit card, personal check, or money order.

- If you choose credit card or debit card, you will enter the required card information and the payment will process online by electronic means.
- If you choose any other method for payment, the system will provide you with a confirmation document for you to print and mail to the Board with payment.

Q: How will I know that my payment was received and processed?

A: Upon payment choice and submittal, you will be returned to your dashboard, where you can see the current status of your license(s) that was renewed. You will also have the opportunity to view/download/print any notifications related to your renewal submittal such as a confirmation approval and, if paid by electronic means, a payment processed confirmation receipt.

Q: How long will it take for my license to renew?

A: For licenses that are submitted using online electronic payment, the renewal will reflect in your BPELSG Connect profile dashboard immediately upon confirmation that your electronic payment was processed (this may take as long as 24 hours to appear after submittal). If you submitted payment by any other means, the processing timeline is dependent upon when your payment is received by the Postal Service and your payment is received by the Board.

Q: Will I be able to print or download my confirmation notice so I can provide it to my employer prior to making a payment?

A: Yes. If you wish to have your employer pay for your license renewal directly, you can choose any payment

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method other than electronic payment, and print/download your confirmation notice to give to your employer. Then your employer can submit payment by mail to the Board office.

Q: Can my employer renew my license directly online using an electronic method of payment?

A: That depends on how secure you wish to maintain your licensee profile in BPELSG Connect. In some cases, the licensee may feel comfortable in sharing their profile login information with their employer for renewal purposes. In other cases, that may not be advantageous to the licensee in terms of protecting their online profile information or disclosing any other license status (i.e., delinquency periods/fees, fines associated with administrative citations or disciplinary decisions, etc.) to their employer. Access to your profile in BPELSG Connect allows all your licensing information to be accessible to anyone you share your login information with.

Q: What happens if I process my license renewal through BPELSG Connect, choose to mail in payment by check, and forget to mail the check?

A: A license is not considered as renewed until payment is received and confirmed by the Board. For licensees who choose not to pay by electronic payment means, you will not be able to practice, offer to practice, or use any of the restricted titles until payment for each license is received and confirmed by the Board. It is your responsibility as the license holder to ensure that your renewal payment is submitted to the Board prior to the expiration date.

Q: What happens if I process my license renewal through BPELSG Connect, choose to provide my employer with the confirmation notice, and my employer fails to properly submit payment for my renewal?

A: You cannot legally practice under your license until proper payment is received and processed at the Board office.

Q: Will I still receive a new renewal certificate by mail like I always did?

A: Yes.

Q: Will I have the option to receive notifications solely by electronic means?

A: While licensees are required to provide the Board with a physical address of record, and keep the Board informed of any changes to it, there may be an option in future releases of BPELSG Connect for licensees to choose to opt out of receiving future renewal notifications by any method other than electronically.

Q: Will the Board still allow renewal payments to be made by visiting the Board office and paying in cash or by check?

A: The Board has plans to set up a computer kiosk in the office lobby specifically to allow licensees to process license renewal payments and provide a payment to staff at the front desk if not paying by electronic means. The Board will also accept drop-off payments if the licensee processes the license renewal online prior to arrival and bring in a copy of the confirmation notice and payment to the Board office.

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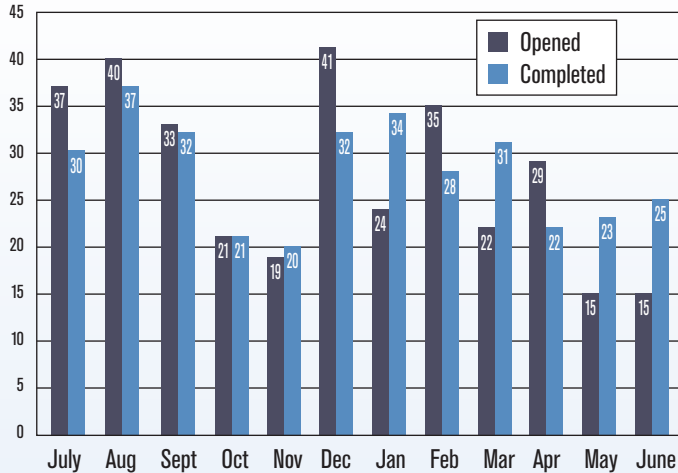
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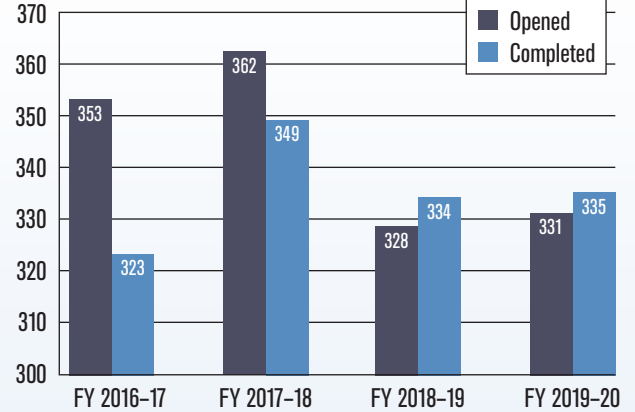
ENFORCEMENT UNIT REPORTS AND INFORMATION

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

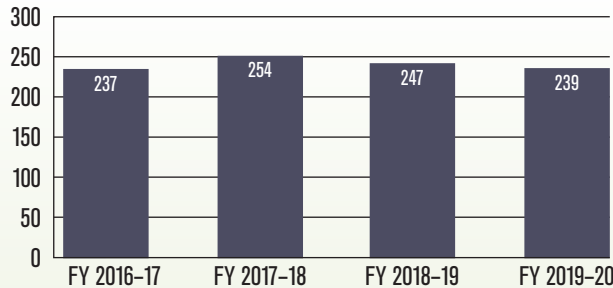
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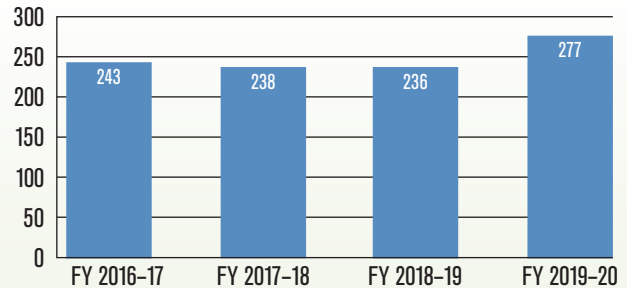
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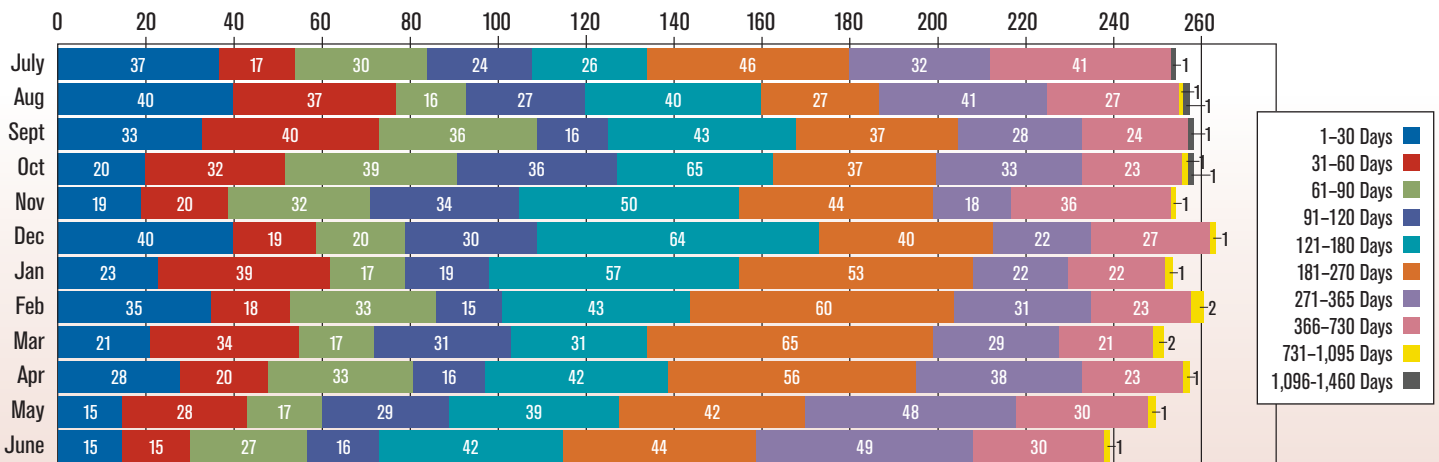
NUMBER OF OPEN (PENDING) COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS
(at end of FY or month for current FY)



AVERAGE DAYS FROM OPENING OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION TO COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION



AGING OF OPEN (PENDING) COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION CASES (fiscal year 2019-20)



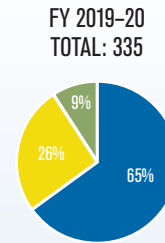
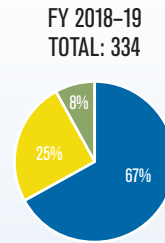
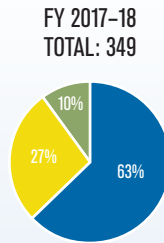
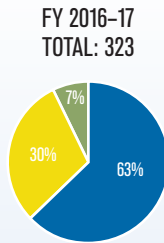
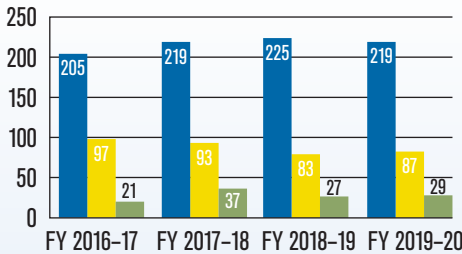
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OUTCOME OF COMPLETED INVESTIGATIONS



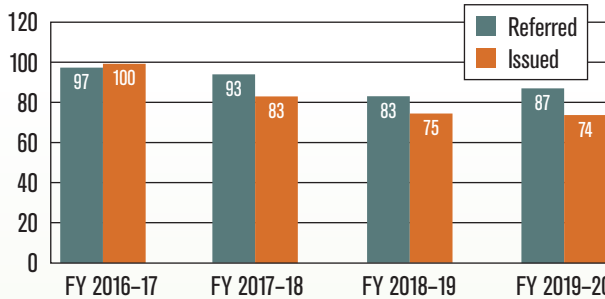
Closed (Closed with no action taken. Includes no violation/insufficient evidence; compliance obtained; warning letter; other reason for closing without action (e.g., subject deceased); resolved after initial notification; referred to district attorney with request to file criminal charges; and mediated.)

Cite (Referred for issuance of citation.)

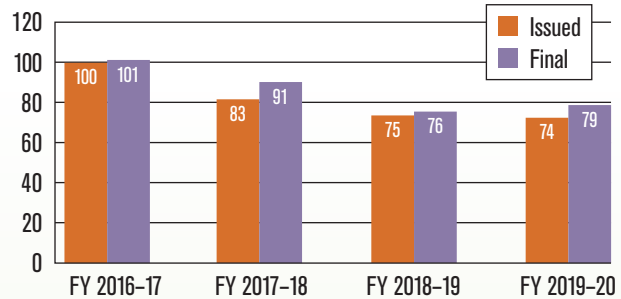
FDA (Referred for formal disciplinary action.)

CITATIONS (INFORMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS)

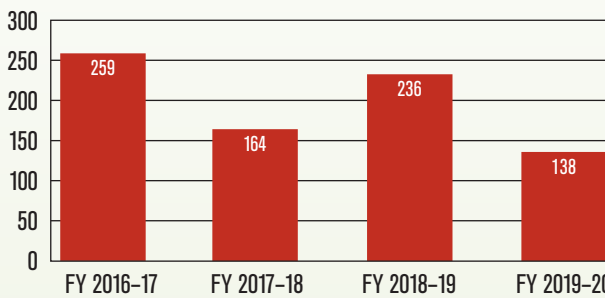
NUMBER OF COMPLAINT INVESTIGATIONS REFERRED AND NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED



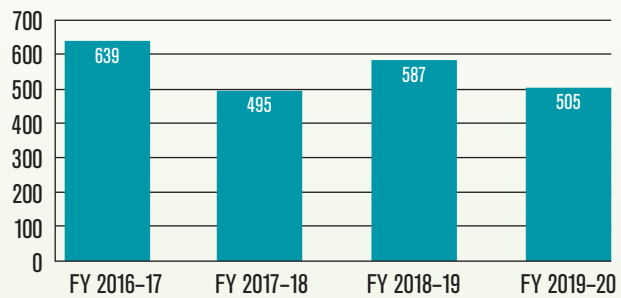
NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED AND FINAL



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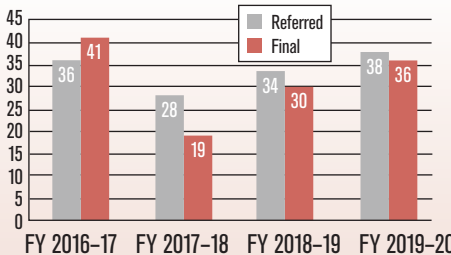


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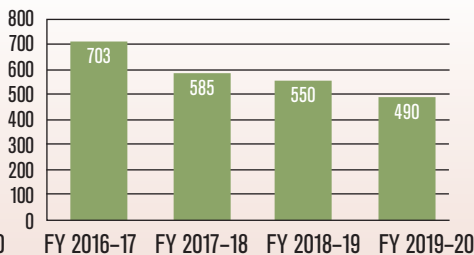


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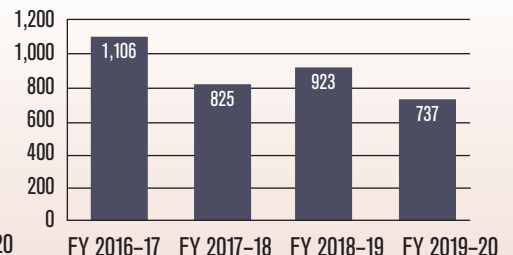
NUMBER OF LICENSEES REFERRED FOR FORMAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND NUMBER OF FINAL DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS



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 2019-20 statistics are through June 30, 2020.

Get to Know Our Team Members

*Jeff Alameida, DCA Project Management Office;
(Former BPELSG Administrative Services
Unit Manager)*

What was the initial purpose of the BPELSG Connect platform? Was that purpose expanded/modified in the development process? How did it change?

The initial purpose, or vision, for this project, formally known as Business Modernization Cohort 1 (BMC 1) was to provide customers access to a more robust online presence including application submission, license renewal, license maintenance functions via a user profile and active dashboard, online payment, enforcement capabilities, accessible data and reporting, and a productive back-office environment to process online requests. The purpose for the platform has not deviated from the original project objectives: licensing, enforcement, a stakeholder and customer service solution, and implementing emerging technologies. The platform has been modified during the development process to meet the specific needs of each Department of Consumer Affairs program involved but has maintained the original objectives. Participating programs include the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, the California Acupuncture Board, and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

What was your role at BPELSG generally and in relation to the new platform?

As the Administrative Services manager at the Board, I was the product owner for BMC 1. The role can be summarized as being the voice of the customer and being responsible for delivering a user-focused product that meets the Board's legislative and regulatory needs. Specific responsibilities included developing and prioritizing the product roadmap and product backlog, acting as the voice for the external and internal stakeholders, working with the project team to set goals for development, continuously reviewing and re-prioritizing product backlog, developing and refining user stories, collecting artifacts, and testing user stories for quality and scope validation.

What is your role now?

I am a part of the project development team for BMC 1 assigned to the Board to support scope analysis, quality control, system testing, and configuration of the Connect software. I work with other product owners daily to confirm that we are translating our business processes into proper product specifications and meeting our goals for project execution. I prioritize scope based on defined functional requirements, set a development roadmap, manage the product backlog, perform functional system testing, manage the defect/enhancement lifecycle, support user acceptance testing (UAT), and production deployment to create the best product for every user.

What was or is your perspective on the impact the current version of the platform will have for Board staff and licensees? Has that changed as you have transitioned into your new role?

The current version of the platform provides initial application submission for the in-training applicants, online renewal for all our license types, and online complaint submission. We have built an efficient tool for Board staff to process and support stakeholder requests. The efficiencies built to date match my original outlook for the platform. We are continuing development to offer application submission for the Board's professional application types and expand the enforcement case monitoring functionality. Now that I've been working with and testing the system for over a year my viewpoint has changed and I can see how much growth is available to make the system better and easier to manage for every user. I look forward to supporting future product developments for Connect and showcasing the enhanced functionality the system can offer.

Are additional changes in the works in this platform? What are the most exciting new developments for licensees to look forward to this year and in the future?

I mentioned this briefly in my previous response that we have more functionality coming. We plan to offer online application submission to all the Board's application types, expand the enforcement case monitoring process to safeguard consumers, and continue to refine the functionality we have already built to provide a more enjoyable experience. I am excited to see each additional piece of development and test it to make sure we've met the Board's business process requirements. The timeline for these new features will be communicated by the Board when they've been thoroughly tested and validated.

Q&A with Dawn Hall, Administrative Services Manager

What are your responsibilities at the Board?

The Administrative Services Unit supports the Enforcement, Licensing, and Examination Development Units and maintains the day-to-day operations at the Board. In my role as Administrative Services Manager, I direct unit activities to support the consumer protection mission of the Board.

What job and people skills do you see as being most important to the position?

At any level of management, consistency and patience are very important in helping others succeed. Ultimately, if the staff in the unit succeed, the Board should benefit from increased productivity. My role is in maintaining open lines of communication with management, staff, licensees, and the public to ensure our Board staff have the information and tools they need to accomplish their specific duties using all of their skills and experience.

What previous job experience do you bring to your new position with the Board?

Before I started my career in state service I had over 10 years of management experience in the private sector. I have managed up to 30 staff members and really enjoyed working with people from diverse backgrounds.

How large a group do you manage? What are their various functions at the Board?

The unit is comprised of 10 staff under the Staff Services Manager: one Seasonal Clerk, two Office Assistants, one Office Technician, two Staff Services Analysts, and four Associate Governmental Program Analysts. Operations include, but are not limited to, front desk reception, license certification and examination verification, mail routing and processing, cashiering, website maintenance, outreach, staff training coordination, facility operations, budgeting, legislation, regulations, personnel, and procurement.

How difficult is managing a team through the pandemic?

I think challenges we face normally in our lives are magnified during times of stress and uncertainty. I appreciate the leadership that the Department of

Consumer Affairs (DCA), the Board and BPELSG executive leaders demonstrated throughout this time. Communication is always important and during the pandemic it was even more important and, in some respects, harder as we all learned new ways of communicating virtually. During the pandemic, while we were all under more stress and facing uncertainty in our professional and personal lives, communication and the need for the speed of communication changed dramatically.

What are your biggest challenges as a manager, especially with the pandemic and people working remotely?

The biggest challenges I face as a new, incoming manager probably have less to do with the pandemic and remote work and more to do with regular garden-variety challenges in learning a lot of new information quickly to try to start providing benefits to the Board and consumers as soon as possible. I have worked for DCA in various capacities since 2019, so I am familiar with our consumer protection mission and I am looking forward to getting more familiar with our Board.

What are your immediate goals as manager of the Administrative Unit?

As I am so new to the Board and this role, my immediate goal is to absorb as much information as possible from staff, consumers, and our licensees/applicants. I envision for at least 6–18 months I will have my ear to the ground, listening and learning. Board staff have been working diligently to launch a new online portal that allows licensees to apply for new and/or renew existing licenses and certificates. I am looking forward to working with DCA's Office of Information Services staff and our Board staff to fully implement this innovative platform. I can see a lot of benefits in being able to interact with applicants, licensees, and consumers using this platform. It is a very exciting time to be at BPELSG.

What are your long-term goals as manager of the unit?

It is very early in my tenure to have developed any long-term goals; I will be looking for ways to use my own skills and experience to help launch the new Connect platform and I enjoy managing people and look forward to helping the Administrative Services staff continue to grow and develop in their state careers.



OUTREACH EVENTS: January–March 2021

KEY

ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers
APWA American Public Works Association
CalGeo California Geotechnical Engineering Association
SWE Society of Women Engineers
YMF Young Members Forum

ALL VIRTUAL EVENTS HELD BY BOARD REGISTRARS

February 10: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Senior Civil and Environmental Engineering Professional Practices: two presentations, Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

February 10: California State University, Chico, Senior Civil and Environmental Engineering Professional Practices: two presentations, Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

February 18: ASCE YMF, San Francisco Area Presentation to Civil Students and Licensees: Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

February 23: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Senior Civil and Environmental Engineering Professional Practices: to student group, Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

March 1: University of California, Los Angeles, ASCE YMF Presentation: to civil engineering students and licensees, Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

March 4: Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Senior Civil and Environmental Engineering Professional Practices: to student group, Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

March 9: University of California, Irvine, Senior Civil and Environmental Engineering: Professional Practices class students, Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

March 18: California State University, Sacramento, ASCE YMF Presentation: to civil engineering students and licensees, Natalie King, P.E., Mike Donelson, P.E.

MONTHLY GEOLOGY WEBINARS

Third Wednesdays of each month. NOTE: The same two webinars repeat every third Wednesday.

January 20 | **February 17** | **March 17**

After the Exams: Next steps in the process for GIT, P.G., PGp, CHG or CEG applications. Starts at 11:30 a.m., approximately 25 minutes. Explains the steps in the process after you have taken the exams.

Introduction to the Laws and Regulations for Geology and Geophysics License Applicants and New Licensees: Starts at noon, approximately one hour. Provides an introduction to the laws and regulations that govern the practices of geology and geophysics in California.

To Participate: Log on using the information provided on the BPELSG website. The information is the same for both webinars.

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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. 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.

OCTOBER–DECEMBER 2020		
Name	License Number	Years of Service
Engineers		
Rolland John Brown	C 16245	54
Fabio Escobar Jr.	C 45662	30
Ronald Eugene Henderson	C 45778	30
Richard Hunsaker	C 17061	53
Yee Chuen Lam	E 20114	8
Hossein Meisami-Fard	C 42576	33
Garry Lynn Montierth	CH 4256	36
Michael Anthony Pagano	C 68136	15
John M. Robertson	C 13958	57
Clifford Donald Ruzicka	C 14961	56
Jack A. Russell Stone	C 14352	57
Robert Villanueva	C 27357	44
Jason Eric Weinstein	C 44605	31
Bradley Allen Wolfe	SF 2869	42
Geologists		
Richard Howard Vaughan	GEO 295	50
Land Surveyors		
Paul Canumay	L 3272	55
Robert Bruce Richardson	L 4389	43
Marvin John Sylakowski	L 6998	27
John Charles Wunschel	L 8937	8
Multiple Licenses		
Thomas Edward Fassbender	C 48254, L 8327	29, 13
William Franklin Galli	C 37629, GE 2744	36, 13
George F. Horowitz	C 10120, GE 414	64, 33

JANUARY–MARCH 2021		
Name	License Number	Years of Service
Engineers		
Charles W. Davidson	C 11960	62
Richard Walter Davidson	C 17048	54
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Citations Issued to Unlicensed Individuals: Fiscal Year 2020–21 (October–March)

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) 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
BERUMEN, ISMAEL	10820-U	6787(a),(d),(f),(g)	11/16/2020	\$1,000	Paid
COHEN, DOREN	10881-U	6787(a),(g)	1/15/2021	\$1,000	Paid
DURAND, JACKSON	10876-U	6787(a),(g)	1/7/2021	\$2,000	
ERPELDING, JEANNE	10859-U	8792(a)	10/19/2020	\$500	Paid
FORDHAM, TERRY	10818-U	8792(a),(i)	11/3/2020	\$0	N/A
GARCIA, JOSE	10875-U	6787(a),(g)	1/7/2021	\$5,000	
HOSSEINI, SEYED (MATT)	10873-U	6787(a),(g)	1/15/2021	\$1,000	Paid
JEFFERS, JOHN	10871-U	6732; 6787(h)	12/28/2020	\$500	
KAMRAVA, KAMYAR	10867-U	6787(f); 8792(a)	12/7/2020	\$1,500	Paid
MASLOFF, RALPH	10882-U	8792(a),(i)	1/15/2021	\$6,000	
MAXWELL, KEITH	10892-U	8792(a)	3/5/2021	\$2,500	
POORE, RICK	10857-U	8792(a),(i)	1/21/2021	\$500	Paid
PUZZO, WILLIAM	10817-U	6787(a),(g)	12/17/2020	\$1,500	Paid
RATCLIFFE, ERIC	10827-U	8792(a),(i)	10/12/2020	\$750	Paid
SHARA, DANE	10871-U	8792(a),(i)	3/11/2021	\$1,500	



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Cited Person	Citation No.	Violation Code Sections	Date Final	Fine Amount	Status of Fine
AMADOR, CARLOS	10851-L	8780.2	12/21/2020	\$250	Paid
BELLATO, THOMAS	10790-L	6749(a)(4),(5); 6775(c); 6787(a)	11/16/2020	\$2,500	Paid
BERGER, PAUL	10860-L	6787(a),(g); 8792(a),(f),(i)	11/13/2020	\$5,000	Paid
BEVINGTON, ERICK	10855-L	6735(a)	1/21/2021	\$250	Paid
CALKINS, WILLIAM	10834-L	8780(f)	2/4/2021	\$2,500	Paid
CALKINS, WILLIAM	10878-L	8780.2	1/21/2021	\$1,000	
CHRISTENSEN, SHAWN	10890-L	8773.2(b)	3/5/2021	\$1,000	Paid
CRAIL, CHARLES	10879-L	8780.2	1/15/2021	\$500	Paid
FALLON, STEVEN	10863-L	6749(a),(2),(3),(4),(5); 6749(a)	11/30/2020	\$2,500	Paid
GELLERMAN, KAITLIN	10856-L	6735(a)	1/21/2021	\$250	Paid
GOSEN, JAMES	10764-L	6749(a); 6775(d)	10/23/2020	\$1,500	
KANE, WILLIAM	10739-L	6775(c),(g); 475	3/1/2021	\$1,500	
LANGSTON, JIM	10894-L	6749(a)	3/29/2021	\$500	Paid
MASSO, ALBERTO	10858-L	6749(a)(4),(5); 6775(d)	3/26/2021	\$500	
MOLAI, MOHAMAD	10868-L	8759(a); 8780(d); 8729(a)(3)	12/7/2020	\$1,000	Paid
OMRAN, MUTHANNA	10869-L	6775.2	1/7/2021	\$500	
RAHMAN, MOKSUDUR	10886-L	6749(a)(4),(5)	2/10/2021	\$500	Paid
RINEHART, FRANK	10870-L	8762(b)(4)	1/7/2021	\$1,000	Paid
ROOT, JON	10862-L	8780.2	11/25/2020	\$1,000	
RUSSELL, MATTHEW	10877-L	8761; 8762(b)(1),(3)	1/7/2021	\$1,000	Paid
SAMARA, MUZAHIM	10845-L	6749(a)(3),(5); 6775(c)	12/28/2020	\$0	N/A
SOZKESEN, EFE	10891-L	6775(d)	3/5/2021	\$1,000	Paid
TRAN, QUANG	10762-L	6775(g); 475(c)(7)	11/20/2020	\$500	Paid
WILLARD, JOSEPH	10864-L	8759(a)(5); 8780(d),(g); 8765(d); 464(c)	11/30/2020	\$1,000	
ZERNIK, DAVID	10846-L	6735(a); 6749(a)(3),(5); 6775(c)	12/4/2020	\$1,500	Paid

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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 any questions, contact the Board’s Enforcement Unit at BPESLG.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
ANDERSON, CARL	1213-A	1/14/2021	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
ARMSTRONG, GLEN	1217-A	3/11/2021	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
BARTO, RON	CG 2008-27	3/11/2021	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
CHU, TSAI-SHYI	1215-A	3/11/2021	Revocation of License
CONSTANTINESCU, VALENTIN	1219-A	1/14/2021	Revocation of License
EDDY, JOHNNY	1231-A	3/11/2021	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
GODINA, RICHARD	1076-A	1/14/2021	Revocation of License
GREEN, TERRI ANN	1239-A	11/19/2020	Revocation of License
HEISE, STEVEN	1223-A	3/11/2021	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
HELMS, JOHN	1225-A	3/11/2021	Public Reproof
HESS, BRIAN	1230-A	3/11/2021	Public Reproof
KAISER, JOHN	1237-A	11/19/2020	Public Reproof
LATIOLAIT, PHILLIP JOHN	1218-A	3/11/2021	Revocation of License
LE, BRANDON	1227-A	1/14/2021	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
LIU, WEIDONG	1224-A	1/14/2021	Revocation, Stayed; Probation
MARKARIAN, MADIROS	1221-A	11/19/2020	Public Reproof
SCHNAKENBERG, GARY	1238-A	1/14/2021	Voluntary Surrender of License

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For more information, contact the Board outreach coordinator Brooke Phayer at **Brooke.Phayer@dca.ca.gov**.

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