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To: COB
Cc: Jason Goforth; Ford, John; Johnson, Cliff; Prairie Moore
Subject: Geologist registration and certification

Importance: High

Dear Clerk of the Board,

With all due respect, I have reviewed the meeting video of you Feb 1st 2022, BOS meeting during which Mr. Goforth's (Humboldt's Own) appeal was brought forward. During the discussion, Supervisor Bushnell asked about qualifications and licensing for geologists and hydrologists. I am herein providing a brief summary of the path to attain certification as an Engineering Geologist in the state of California, and would ask that you kindly share this with the supervisors prior to the February 15th meeting, if possible.

In our state, one is required to have a certain number of years of documented experience in "responsible charge of geologic work" under the guidance and observation of another qualified professional. Education (a geology degree) will count for some of those years of experience.

Once the required qualifying experience has been attained, one applies to the Board of Registration to be allowed to sit for a state-prepared examination which one must pass, after which one is allowed to use the title of "Professional Geologist" and practice as a professional geologist in California. This I did some twenty nine years ago.

By law, to be allowed to use the title of Certified Engineering Geologist, one must first be a licensed Professional Geologist as above, have several additional years of qualifying experience working in responsible charge of engineering geologic work under another qualified professional (in my case a licensed Geotechnical Engineer), and be accepted by the Board of Registration to sit for another state examination. Passing the "CEG" examination (and paying the state license fees) allows one to practice as a Certified Engineering Geologist in the state of California. This I did as soon as I was eligible (~1995).

To be a Certified Hydrogeologist in California one again must be a licensed Professional Geologist with several years of qualifying experience and pass a state examination, the process is analogous to the CEG process outlined above.

There is no state licensing or certification for Hydrologist. Basically one self-attests to being a hydrologist. The American Institute of Hydrology does provide some registration for hydrologists.

Sincerely,
-David

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