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Compliance and Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2013 Meeting
333 Guadalupe, Tower II, Room #500
William P. Hobby Building, Austin, Texas

- A. The Compliance and Enforcement Committee (C&E) meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M., roll was called and quorum established. C&E members present were Becky Johnson, Committee Chair; Dr. Chris Mathewson, PG, PE, PhD; Thomas Hallmark, PG, PhD, and Justin McNamee, Public Member. Staff members Charles Horton, Executive Director; Molly Roman, Operations Manager; T. Wesley McCoy, PG, Enforcement Coordinator; Alberto Jimenez, P.G., Investigator, and Valerie Arnold, Administrative Assistant, were in attendance.
- B. The minutes from the July 26, 2013 C&E meeting were approved, as written.
- C. No public comments were made.
- D. No member of the public requested a hearing on the rules revisions so no hearing was held.
- E. There was no hearing Discussion regarding staff recommendations for rules revisions for the agency four-year rules review and it was noted that no public comment had been received regarding these proposed revisions. A motion that the committee members would review and comment on these proposed rules revisions was seconded and passed. A second motion was seconded and passed that staff provide a clean copy a clean copy of the rules revisions to committee members. No public comments were made.
- F. Work products and documents related to the implementation of SB 138 were discussed. Revised documents relating to SB 138 will be placed on a future Board Agenda.
- G. Public comments, which were received regarding the amending of §850.62, §851.10, §851.101, and §851.157, were discussed and changes were accepted to §851.157.
- H. Discussion and possible action regarding 22 TAC §851.156 Professional Geoscientist Seals was postponed until the next committee meeting.
- I. There was discussion regarding a White Paper prepared by Dr. Thomas Hallmark, P.G., addressing the possible need for clarification of activities performed by individuals in the academic community that may require a license. The committee agreed that Dr. Hallmark should present the White Paper to the full Board at its next meeting.
- J. There was discussion of the proposed revisions to the Complaint Standard Operating Procedures. Staff was directed to incorporate suggested changes from committee members and the revised document will be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting.
- K. There was discussion of the possible applicability of the Code of Professional Conduct on the activities of a Professional Geoscientist performing geoscience work that is exempt under TOC Sec. 1002.252. The committee's comments regarding this issue will be included as part of the committee chair's committee report at the next Board meeting.
- L. The Staff Enforcement Report was presented and discussed.
- M. The C&E meeting adjourned at 2:13 P.M.