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Alice Dowdin
Deputy Appointments Secretary
Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommendations for Appointments to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists

Dear Ms. Dowdin:

Rick Blake was appointed to the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists last Wednesday, and he is an outstanding choice. Rick will prove to be a welcome enhancement to the Board, and indeed, his evident interest and significant participation in last Friday's meeting prove this is so. That meeting was attended by Karla Diringler and another woman from your office (Heather Lambert?), during which we spoke about appointments to the Board. They were very interested in recommendations for additional appointments, particularly a geophysicist to replace William Black.

AEG Southern California Section supports retaining Mr. William Black as a Board member. Mr. Black was reportedly appointed in May 2002, and the Summer 2002 Board Newsletter (on their web site) states "Gov. Gray Davis has announced the appointments of Mr. William E. Black and Mr. Claude D. Fiddler as members of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists." Mr. Black may be appointed to a second four-year term in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of Section 7810 of the Business and Professions Code:

"Each member shall hold office until the appointment and qualification of the member's successor or until one year has elapsed from the expiration of the term for which the member was appointed, whichever occurs first. Vacancies occurring prior to the expiration of the term shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Each appointment shall be for a four-year term expiring June 1 of the fourth year following the year in which the previous term expired. No person shall serve as a member of the board for more than two consecutive terms."

AEG recommends and supports the reappointment of William Black, as his knowledge of Board functions, experience, and leadership will provide valuable mentor-ship, in the interest of public safety, to the new and recent appointees to the Board.

For the additional two vacant positions Hugh Robertson, Eric Chase, and John Williams are all excellent candidates who's experience and records show that public safety is of paramount importance in their careers. AEG Southern California Section recommends and supports the appointment of any two of them, as they all would carry their concern for public safety to their performance as Board members.

Sincerely,

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