

ATTACHMENT 2: TIMELINE & SUMMARY, VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS – TIM REIERSON, P.E., M. ASCE

Most recent, first:

2026-07-13 8:30am. I called G. Thomas (Tom) Tebb, L.H.g., L.E.G. with Tebb & Associates LLC. I shared with him that I had received the email originating from Dave Christensen (Deputy Program Manager, Washington state Department of Ecology – Water Resources Program), sent to the water conservancy boards, that appeared to limit the allowable scope of practice for licensed professional engineers in Washington state. I said that I called Mr. Christensen after receiving it. I related that when I spoke with Mr. Christensen, he said he had received concurrence in this interpretation from Tom Tebb. Also that Mr. Christensen said he had reached out to the AG's office and they had also concurred. I asked Mr. Tebb if he had communicated with Mr. Christensen.

Mr. Tebb said he spoke with Dave Christensen on the phone about a week ago. He said he suggested to Mr. Christensen that he reach out to the Washington Geologist Licensing Board and the AGs office. Mr. Tebb said that one of the Geologist Licensing Board members was an attorney (Assistant Attorneys General) with the State of Washington.

Mr. Tebb stated to me that he concurs with Mr. Christensen's interpretation that Professional Engineers need a separate / additional license to practice within the licensing area of geology and specialty areas within. Mr. Tebb said there were disciplinary cases that raised the issue of competency by licensed professional engineers during his time serving on the Geologist Licensing Board.

I read to Mr. Tebb from the statute (RCW 18.220.190(6)) out loud, which describes activities for which a certificate of geology licensing is not required. He said he didn't agree with my interpretation of the plain reading.

I said the statutory definition of hydrogeology in the context of geology licensing does not limit the practice of hydrogeology to groundwater. RCW 18.220.010(8). He said he didn't wish to debate it any further, we have a difference of opinion and said that he believes the AG's office and the Geologist Licensing Board should be asked.

I clarified with Mr. Tebb that he is not currently serving on the Geologist Licensing Board and doesn't speak for them, and that he is not currently working for the Department of Ecology and doesn't speak for them. He confirmed.

Notes: According to Mr. Tebb's current LinkedIn profile he served as chair of the Washington State Geologist Licensing Board from May 2016 – May 2024 and served as Washington Department of Ecology Director of the Office of Columbia River from June 2015-Feb 2025 until his retirement. The profile also states "Mr. Tebb has over 33 years of experience with the Department of Ecology and has served as Central Regional Director and manager in four different programs during his tenure with the agency. Those Programs include Nuclear Waste, Shorelands and Environmental Assistance, Water Quality and Water Resources."

2026-07-10 09:00am. I called Dave Christensen and we spoke over the phone. I said I had been forwarded the emails he sent to the water conservancy boards and was not in agreement with the interpretation that appeared to limit the scope of licensed practice for professional engineers. I asked for explanation.

I was told that Tom Tebb was a member of the state licensing board for hydrogeologists (Geology Licensing Board) and that he had been consulted about it and concurred. I was also told that the state Assistant Attorneys General (AAGs) office had been consulted and concurred. In his July 8, 2026 4:12pm email, Mr. Christensen also states "After several discussions among regional managers, we determined that a clarification about the rule requirements would be beneficial to address the inconsistency."

During our phone conversation I requested documentation for the decision process and stated that I could make a public records request. I was told that Tom Tebb had given his communication verbally, and that the communication with the AAGs was attorney-client privileged and would be redacted. I replied that the attorneys together with the public records officer, not Mr. Christensen, would make the determinations about any redactions and Mr. Christensen concurred.

2026-07-09 08:51am. I sent an email to Bryce Dickison, admin assistant with BRPELS, alerting the BRPELS and asking who I should speak with.

2026-07-09 4:45pm. Dave Christensen had left a voice msg, returning my call.

2026-07-09 08:31am. I replied to the GCWCB email saying I reached out to Dave Christensen, also that the opinion was uninformed and I'd be reaching out to the BRPELS.

2026-07-09 around 8:25am. I called and left a voice message on Dave Christensen's (author of the emails and Deputy Program Manager of the Department of Ecology Water Resources Program) phone number (from his email), asking whether Ecology had run their opinion past the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BRPELS) before coming to conclusions. I said that the professional engineering licence includes the practice of hydrogeology within its scope. I left my landline number and asked him to call.

2026-07-09 after 8:14am. I received an email from Ken Enns, a commissioner with the Grant County Water Conservancy Board within Washington state, forwarding an email string originating with the Department of Ecology and containing a new interpretation of scope of licensing practice for professional engineers in Washington state. I practice hydrogeology and other engineering technical work before this and other county water conservancy boards, within the scope of my professional engineering license.