

GOVERNING BOARD REPORT

Oct 21, 2018

All Certification Programs Summary

Agenda Category: INFORMATION

Strategic Goal Element: Member Engagement and Development/Organizational Stewardship/Program Development/Advocacy/Government Affairs

Presented By: Yan Zhang, Chair
Certification Board

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Certification Board supervises seven (7) drinking water professional certification areas with twenty (20) distinct examinations [including grade levels within the seven (7) programs]. Changes across the industry and improvement efforts within the Section are challenges being addressed.

Background:

The Certification Committee has been involved in the following activities:

- The Certification Board Policy Manual was finalized for Board action; it was distributed to this Board on September, 14, 2018, by Tim Worley for review and comment and is addressed separately in this Board Packet
- Coordination with the Section Policy Manual update process continues
- Ongoing operations of each certification offering continues as planned for 2018
- Partnership with the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) on the Advanced Water Treatment Operator certification program continues and is addressed later in this Board Packet
- The Association Boards of Certification (ABC) seeks to collaborate by reselling our Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester certification exam to their clients and is addressed later in this Board Packet
- The Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWE) seeks to collaborate with us to promote the Water Use Efficiency Practitioner program across the nation
- The CA Employment Development Department (EDD) determination that our Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester certification exam proctors were employees instead of independent contractors; this required a labor intensive activity by the Section to expedite employment documents.

Fiscal Impact: [X] None (or very minimal) [] Yes:

The certification program is operating within the approved 2018 budget. Contributions in support of the Advanced Water Treatment Operator certification program exceeds our expectations (\$160,000 received).

RECOMMENDED MOTION (or OPTIONS):

No specific action is being requested with this report.

Attachments: Certification Board Report for October 21, 2018