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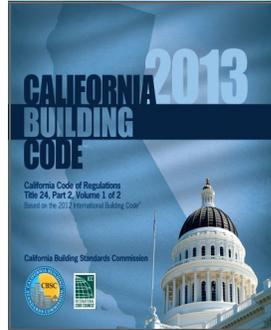


From the Executive Director...



Jim McGowan

Have you seen the new 2013 California Building Standards Code yet?



Effective date: Jan. 1, 2014!

The triennial edition of Title 24 is an all-consuming process and my sincere appreciation goes out to not only the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) staff who worked tirelessly to meet imperative deadlines but to all the state agencies that adopt and/or propose building standards in each cycle. I would also

like to acknowledge the publishing companies and their invaluable team members. Staff at the International Code Council (ICC), International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), and BNi Books (for the National Fire Protection Associa-

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New Commission Chair...



Marybel Batjer, is Secretary of the California Government Operations Agency (GovOps). She was appointed to the post by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in June 2013 to serve as the first-ever Secretary of GovOps. The agency was established as part of Governor Brown's comprehensive overhaul of state government and is responsible for administering state operations including procurement, real estate, information technology, and human resources.

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tion) worked long and hard to produce California's codes.

Jurisdictions statewide are currently in the process of adopting the new code and developing local amendments for filing with CBSC (see the [Local Amendments via Ordinances](#) article in the Spring 2013 CALCode Quarterly Newsletter). CBSC in collaboration with ICC, California Building Officials, and the City of Glendale produced a webinar that clearly explains the local adoption process at both the local and state levels. The July webinar was recorded and may be accessed via the CBSC website homepage. You can also review the slide presentation, which is in the same location on the CBSC homepage. Stuart Tom, Building Official for the City of Glendale, does an excellent job explaining the process. I encourage you to watch the hour long presentation at your earliest convenience.

Regardless of whether a viewer is responsible for filing timely local amendments they will find the presentation instructive and clarifying relative to important state laws.

I guess you could say we have been busy this summer! In addition to the July 1, publication of the 2013 Code, CBSC officially became part of the Department of General Services (DGS) under the new California Government Operations Agency (GovOPS). Meet our new Commission Chair, Marybel Batjer, GovOPS Secretary in the article on the front page. Operationally CBSC remains the same. However, you will see GovOPS and DGS references in future CBSC correspondence and the CBSC website design is being updated accordingly.

Regards,

Jim McGowan



Watch the CBSC website homepage for online versions of the 2013 California Building Standards Code. The 2013 [Electrical Code](#) is available now.

Commission News...

2013 Commission Meetings:

January 23-24	Completed
April 24	Completed
July 18	Completed
October 8	

Meeting notifications are posted on the [CBSC](#) website.





CBSC participated in the 2013 [California Construction Expo](#) in Long Beach on August 22nd. A California Department of General Services sponsored event, construction professionals including contractors, designers, suppliers, and construction workers throughout Southern California gather annually to learn more about state contract opportunities. The Expo gives CBSC the chance to provide constituents with the latest information on the California building codes.



DGS Director Fred Klass delivers keynote address at the Expo



Mia Marvelli (left) and Laurie O'Brien (right), CBSC technical staff at the Expo



California Construction Expo 2013





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The California Building Standards Commission and Department of Housing and Community Development gave two CALGreen presentations in Fremont on August 22nd. The Peninsula, Eastbay, and Monterey International Code Council Chapters in collaboration with Nor Cal International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) sponsored the training seminars, which focused on the 2013 CALGreen Code that goes into effect on January 1, 2014.

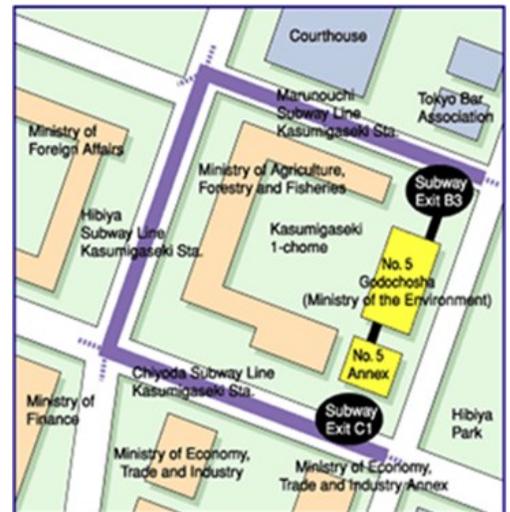


CBCS's Enrique Rodriguez presents CALGreen 2013 in Fremont, CA

CBCS/HCD CALGreen 2013 [Presentation](#)

Japanese professionals explore California's building codes...

The California Building Standards Commission (CBCS) met with representatives from Japan in August. Aya Muto with Japan's Ministry of the Environment sought out information concerning the development of building regulations. CBCS, Office of the State Fire Marshal, and Department of Housing and Community Development staff also met with a Japanese delegation concerning the stringency of California's building codes with a special interest in the energy codes. State representatives provided information on the development of building standards; the formal rulemaking process, and specifics on how the energy code integrates with fire and panic safety, structural, mechanical, plumbing and the green building standards. Constructing energy efficient buildings in Japan will become mandatory in 2020.



Ministry of the Environment Government of Japan





LEGISLATIVE UPDATE...

Each legislative session hundreds of bills are introduced in the California State Legislature. Some of these bills address issues that relate to the design or construction of buildings, and some deal specifically with the California Building Standards Commission.

Following is a list of some of the bills, which have been introduced thus far in the 2013-2014 legislative session:

[AB 56](#) (Weber) School facilities: carbon monoxide devices

[AB 127](#) (Skinner) Fire safety: fire retardants: building insulation

[AB 221](#) (Quirk-Silva) Recycled concrete

[AB 341](#) (Dickinson) Green building standards

[AB 433](#) (Gordon) Contractors: fire protection systems: fire safety: State Fire Marshal

[AB 980](#) (Pan) Building standards

[AB 1092](#) (Levine) Building standards: electric vehicle charging infrastructure

[SB 176](#) (Galgiani) Administrative procedures

[SB 401](#) (Hueso) Administrative practices

[SB 745](#) (Committee on Transportation and Housing) Housing

[SB 750](#) (Wolk) Building standards: water meters: multiunit structures

[SB 816](#) (Committee on Health) Hospice facilities: developmental disabilities: intellectual disability



CSECC News

CBSC staff continues fundraising for their 2013 charities, [Teen Suicide Prevention](#) and [Sierra Pacific Great Pyrenees Rescue Club](#). During the CBSC First Annual Vendor Fair on August 8th, Wynn (a Great Pyrenees rescue who is now a hospital visitation dog) was all smiles at the success of the event!



CALCode Quarterly QUIZ...

1.) Local government is required by state law to enforce the California Building Standards Code in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations. State law authorizes local government to enact more restrictive requirements than provided in Title 24 for which of the following reasons?

- A. Needs to promote accessibility compliant with the ADA.
- B. Needs for low-income housing.
- C. Utilization of existing and historical buildings.
- D. Climatic, topographic, or geological conditions.



2.) Health and Safety Code Sections 18941.5 and 17958.7, prohibit the application of local amendments to Title 24 requirements until:

- A. The public is advised by publication in a local news circulation.
- B. Published and distributed to the public.
- C. Filed with the California Building Standards Commission.
- D. All of the above.

3.) An exception to the requirement stated in Questions #2 above, is that local amendments relating to fire and panic safety adopted by any local fire protection district must be:

- A. Filed with the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- B. Filed with the Office of the State Fire Marshal.
- C. Made available to the public and printed in a local news circulation.
- D. Restricted to fire sprinkler systems and Wildland-Urban Interface Fire Area.

4.) When filing a local amendment to enact more restrictive building standards than provided in Title 24, Health and Safety Codes Sections 18941.5 and 17958.7 require the filing to include:

- A. the code amendment clearly stated along with an express finding of need based on local climatic, topographic, or geological conditions.
- B. Evidence of the enactment by an initiative passed by affirmative vote of the public.
- C. An analysis of the economic impact on low-income housing construction.
- D. Either the signature of the Mayor, City Attorney, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, and the City or County Clerk.

5.) The California Building Standards Commission may reject a filed local ordinance modifying or changing the California Building Standards Code, Title 24 when:

- A. The filing is not received by the California Building Standards Commission on or before the effective date of Title 24.
- B. Changes affecting fire or panic safety were not approved by the local fire marshal.
- C. The required finding was not submitted with the ordinance.
- D. All of the above.

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Answers: reference Health and Safety Code (HSC)
1.(D) {HSC 18941.5(b)} 2.(C) {HSC 17958.7(a)} 3.(A)
{HSC 13869.7(c)} 4.(A) {HSC 18941.5(b) & 17958.7(a)}
5.(C) {HSC 18941.5(b) & 17958.7(b)}