



CALCode Quarterly

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From the Executive Director...



Jim McGowan

I trust that you have absorbed *all* of the code changes that go into effect on January 1, 2014! However, if you have not had a chance to review the new 2013 California Building Standards Code, all parts of Title 24 are now available online on the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) [website](#). Supplements and Errata for 2013 are also posted on the same web page.

It is important to note that a supplement issued in November had an effective date of December 7, 2013. This supplement essentially voids the previously adopted Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) 3 and 3SE amendments, which affect changes to the 2013 California Plumbing Code. The Part 5 supplement is available on both the [CBSC](#) and [IAPMO](#) websites.

The review of local ordinances remain high on our list through the end of the year. If you play a role in local government, it is vital that each city, county or city and county file its applicable

ordinances with CBSC as appropriate. If a local jurisdiction does not have specific ordinance amendments on file, the current California Building Standards Code prevails in the event of a question or dispute. If you haven't already done so, I once again urge you to watch the [local amendments webinar](#) or go through the [webinar slide presentation](#), and review pertinent information on our website regarding local filings.

As the new year approaches CBSC staff and state agencies are actively working on the [2013 Intervening Code Cycle](#), which will culminate with the publication of a supplement on or before January 1, 2015 that will go into effect on July 1, 2015. The 18-month intervening cycle may seem like a long time but the rulemaking process is comprehensive and inclusive, and it moves quite quickly.

In closing, I want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a healthy and happy holiday season.



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Commission News...

Important Information Bulletins

Three vital Information Bulletins were issued in recent weeks regarding the application of the 2013 edition of Title 24, effective January 1, 2014:

Bulletin [13-04](#)-- Repeal of OSHPD 3 and OSHPD 3SE amendments to the 2013 California Plumbing Code (Part 5)

Bulletin [13-05](#)-- Changes in referenced concrete standards to the 2013 California Building Code (Part 2, Chapter 19);

Bulletin [13-08](#)-- Summarizes 2013 legislation impacting building standards.

Last Commission Meeting For 2013: December 18, 2013 ([PDF](#))

2014 Commission Meetings:

January 22, 2014

April 22, 2014

July 22, 2014

October 21, 2014

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



CBSC Architectural Designer, Mia Marvelli successfully completed her final exam this month in the arduous road to becoming a licensed architect in California. Congratulations Mia! Your exemplary dedication and due diligence paid off. You are a tremendous asset to CBSC.



CSECC News...

The California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC) fundraising efforts culminated with the 3rd Annual CBSC Silent Auction on October 31, 2013.

Due to the many generous donations received, CBSC was able to make considerable donations to its 2013 charities, Sierra Pacific Great Pyrenees Rescue and teen suicide education and awareness through the Rotary Foundations Mud-Run-4-Life.



The plethora of goodies CBSC had up for auction this year



CBSC Staff dress up in full Halloween gear to work the auction.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE...

The 2012/2013 legislative session has come to a close. This year there were several legislative bills pertaining to building standards, some of which made amendments to California Building Standards Law. The following bills were signed by the Governor and chaptered by the Secretary of State, to become law on January 1, 2014:

[AB 56 \(Chapter 475, Statutes of 2013\)](#) School facilities: carbon monoxide devices

[AB 127 \(Chapter 579, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Fire safety: fire retardants: building insulation

[AB 221 \(Chapter 154, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Recycled concrete

[AB 341 \(Chapter 585, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Green building standards

[AB 433 \(Chapter 377, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Contractors: fire protection systems: fire safety: State Fire Marshal

[AB 980 \(Chapter 663, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Primary care clinics: abortion

[AB 1092 \(Chapter 410, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Building standards: electric vehicle charging infrastructure

[AB 1317 \(Chapter 352, Statutes of 2013\)](#) State government operations

[SB 401 \(Chapter 212, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Administrative practices

[SB 745 \(Chapter 183, Statutes of 2013\)](#) Housing Omnibus Act

You may read about these bills at the Legislature's website. To learn how to use the Legislature's website, read our educational document *Accessing State Legislation [Online](#)*. Come on - it is easy!



GOT ZEV?

In alignment with Governor Brown's [Executive Order B-16-2012](#), which directs state government to meet a series of milestones toward a long-term target of 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles (ZEV's) on California's roadways by 2025, CBSC has held recent ZEV workshops to address future building code requirements.

The Governor's Office of Planning & Research (OPR) published [Zero-Emission Vehicles in California: Community Readiness Guidebook](#). For other ZEV resources, visit the [OPR website](#).





CALGreen®

CALGreen 2013 has been a hot topic for stakeholders. CBSC staff has given multiple CALGreen presentations in recent weeks. Enrique Rodriguez, CBSC Associate Construction Analyst, made presentations to the American Society of Plumbing Engineers, Northern California Chapter and Construction Specifications Institute, Sacramento Chapter.

CBSC and the Department of Housing and Community Development also teamed up for CALGreen 2013 presentation in Clovis. The event was sponsored by the County of Fresno Development Services Division and Clovis California Planning and Development.



CBSC's Enrique Rodriguez & Laurie O'Brien in the CALgreen booth at SARTA



CBSC's Mike Nearman

CBSC Deputy Executive Director, Michael Nearman participated on a government policy panel during the Sacramento Area Regional Technology Alliance (SARTA) event. SARTA supports innovation and entrepreneurship to accelerate growth and development of tech companies, and the tech economy, within a nine-county region in Northern California.

CBSC Education & Outreach...

CBSC staff participated in the 46th Annual Native American Day at the State Capitol on September 27, 2013. State employees and members of the public who attended had a chance to learn about California's Building Codes, CALGreen and the 2013 triennial edition of Title 24, which goes into effect on January 1, 2014.



Laurie O'Brien (pictured) and Mia Marvelli from CBSC staffed the Commission booth.



Saying Farewell...



Stephanie Davis

Stephanie Davis, CBSC Administrative Assistant Moves to the Department of Technology!

As assistant to the CBSC Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director, Stephanie's invaluable role has been one of longevity and requisite diversity. She joined CBSC in 2004 as an Office Technician and has held the positions of Secretary, Executive Secretary and Executive Assistant before her promotion to Administrative Assistant I in November 2012.

Stephanie moved to the state Department of Technology, Data Center Services effective December 16, 2013. And while she had mixed feelings about leaving the CBSC team, she is genuinely excited about the new opportunities ahead and the fact that her new office will be closer to home and her family! Stephanie is passionate about her role as wife and mom, and contributing to the community. Her CBSC legacy will most definitely include her enthusiastic year round efforts to support CSECC.



Kevin Day

Kevin Day, CBSC Associate Governmental Program Analyst is relocating!

Kevin will join the Department of General Services, Office of Legislative Affairs (OLA) in January 2014. As the current analyst for CBSC he will continue to track legislation that relates to CBSC and building standards as part of the OLA team. His new office will be in the Ziggurat Building in West Sacramento.

Kevin joined CBSC in September 2010 as a Staff Services Analyst after a successful and productive stint with the State and Consumer Services Agency. His responsibilities at CBSC have been diverse, matched only by his enthusiastic demeanor and tremendous work ethic.. We are thankful that he will continue to work with CBSC but his day-to-day presence (and morning trivia) will be sorely missed!

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Now Available
[Guide to Title 24](#)
Based on 2013 Code

2013 Intervening
[Code Cycle](#)

Now In Progress
12/2013-12/2014

CALCode Quarterly QUIZ...

The California Building Standards Commission will begin administering the 2013 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle on December 1, 2013. The cycle and process is governed by the Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, known as the California Building Standards Law. If you have been reading our quarterly newsletters and the educational documents available at our website, you will be able to answer these questions.

- 1.) The purpose of an Intervening Code Adoption Cycle is to:
 - A.) Adopt new model codes published by the recognized code organizations
 - B.) Adopt a new edition of Title 24 in new binders
 - C.) Adopt new or amended building standards in the current edition of Title 24
 - D.) All of the above
- 2.) The California Building Standards Law establishes that the Intervening Code Adoption Cycle must:
 - A.) Be conducted each 18 months
 - B.) Be conducted between each Triennial Code Adoption Cycle
 - C.) Be 18-months in duration
 - D.) Be conducted only when there are petitions requesting new building standards
- 3.) The Intervening Code Adoption Cycle may result in:
 - A.) New building standards for inclusion in the current edition of Title 24
 - B.) Repeal of building standards in the current edition of Title 24
 - C.) The issuance of supplement Title 24 pages printed on blue colored paper
 - D.) All of the above
- 4.) Building standards proposed during an Intervening Code Adoption Cycle are made available to the public in the document called the:
 - A.) Express Terms
 - B.) Notice of Proposed Action
 - C.) Legislative Digest
 - D.) All of the above
- 5.) The meetings conducted by the Building Standards Commission to consider building standards proposed during the forthcoming Intervening Code Adoption Cycle will be:
 - A.) Open for public attendance
 - B.) Teleconferenced (open telephone for the public)
 - C.) Webcast (Internet viewing)
 - D.) All of the above



Answers: 1.) C 2.) B 3.) D 4.) A 5.) D

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