

NEW COMMISSION DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jim assumed his role as Deputy Executive Director of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on October 1, 2010, after an already notable career in state service.



Jim McGowan,
Deputy Executive Director

With an interest in construction and design Jim studied architecture in college and at an early age began work in the manufactured housing and factory-built housing industry. In 1975 he joined the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as an apprentice inspector.

Throughout his near 34 year career with HCD, Jim progressed into management roles to serve as the Program Operations Manager for HCD's Division of Codes and Standards overseeing the administration of six statewide housing code enforcement programs. These programs included the manufactured housing, factory-built housing, state housing law, employee housing, and mobilehome parks programs. Responsibilities also included the development of building standards and regulations to implement the aforementioned programs. During his tenure with HCD, Jim was appointed Chair of the District Representative Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (DRJATC) that is HCD's program to develop and train its inspection staff.

After a brief "retirement" that lasted all of one (1) month, Jim joined the CBSC as a retired annuitant. He was tasked with developing aspects of the 2010 California Green Building Standards Code, CALGreen and was the CBSC liaison for the newly formed California Commission on Disability Access. When asked why he would return to a full time position Jim quickly states that his personal interests lie in mentoring, training and equipping staff for upward mobility and self improvement, and sharing his knowledge.

In his private life he is husband to Sharon; and father to Joshua and Heather. When Jim isn't working you can find him 'in, on or under water'. He enjoys his sailboat, and he is an avid fly fisherman and certified rescue diver. Jim and his wife worship at Calvary Chapel of Folsom/Orangevale.