



# CALCode Quarterly

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## From the Executive Director...



Jim McGowan

As we prepare to close the books on the 2012 code cycle, CBSC staff is focused on the 2013 code publication and Building Safety Month May 2013!

The International Code Council Foundation sponsors Building Safety Month during the month of May of each year. The foundation's efforts take on a

special meaning as we consider recent national disasters. Building safety is not to be taken lightly when it comes to fire safety and awareness, disaster safety & mitigation, backyard & pool safety, and energy & green building. The Commission is proud to support the foundation's efforts to raise safety awareness. The triennial edition of the

Governor Brown urges California's in observance of Building Safety Month May 2013 to consider building safety and sustainability at home and in the community.

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**BUILDING SAFETY MONTH**  
**MAY 2013**

WEEK ONE May 6-12 Fire Safety & Awareness	WEEK TWO May 13-19 Disaster Safety & Mitigation	WEEK THREE May 20-26 Backyard & Pool Safety	WEEK FOUR May 27-31 Energy & Green Building

## LOCAL AMENDMENTS VIA ORDINANCES (Revised)

The California Building Standards Code represents the minimum building standards for the design and construction of buildings in California. With few exceptions all building structures in the state---residential and nonresidential are subject to Title 24 code enforcement by local building officials (hospitals, state buildings, public schools and colleges are governed by state officials).

State law provides for local government to adopt and enforce more restrictive building standards based on the following criteria:

- Local amendments must be reasonably necessary and based on local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.
- The local legislative body must adopt the amendment with an express finding based on the above referenced requirements; and

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California Building Standards Code, Parts 1-12, Title 24, California Code of Regulations will be available on July 1, 2013. Code users will have six months, to become familiar with any changes in preparation for the January 1, 2014 effective date. Local governments will be adopting ordinances as amendments, additions and deletions to the California Building Standards Code. As soon as the new codes are available they will be posted on the commission website: [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov). As always, code purchase information and publisher links are available on the CBSC website home page. In the meantime, you can find some helpful information and insight

in the following pages. Upon publication of the new 2013 code, any city, county, or fire protection district may generally establish more restrictive building standards than those contained in the California Building Standards Code if the amendment is reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions. For more information concerning local filings, please read the enclosed article concerning ordinances and making amendments.

California Legislature produces Assembly Concurrent Resolution Declaring May 2013 Building Safety Month in California

**CALGreen** CALGreen 2013 is a hot topic right now. And while the new 2013 California Green Building Standards Code (publication available July 1!) will tell the story in detail, commission staff in collaboration with the Department of Housing and Community Development developed a presentation for the April Green California Summit & Exposition.

CALGreen 2013 Nonresidential and Residential ([PowerPoint](#))

The following CALGreen 2013 Code *summaries* were also available to Summit attendees:

Nonresidential mandatory measures ([PDF](#))

Residential mandatory measures ([PDF](#))



CBSC Deputy Executive Director Michael Nearman (far right)



Summit CALGreen Workshop





**COMING  
SOON!**

# 2013 CODE

TRIENNIAL EDITION PUBLICATION DATE: JUL 1, 2013  
EFFECTIVE DATE: JAN 1, 2014

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- The expressly marked amendment and findings must be filed with the Building Standards Commission to become enforceable, or;
- If the amendment is by a fire protection district the amendment and findings must be ratified by the local legislative body and then filed with the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards, State Housing Law program, to become enforceable.

For more detailed information on this subject see the following on the CBSC website: [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov) [\*Local Filings\*](#); [\*Building Standards Bulletin 11-01\*](#) and [\*10-03\*](#), *These bulletins provide information on how to successfully adopt local amendments and avoid common filing oversights*; and Health and Safety Code Sections [18941.5\(a\)\(1\)-\(2\)\(b\)](#) and [17958.7](#) provided here.

**Health & Safety Code §18941.5. (a) (1)**  
Amendments, additions, and deletions to the California Building Standards Code, including, but not limited to, green building standards, adopted by a city, county, or city and county pursuant to Section 18941.5 or pursuant to Section 17958.7, together with all applicable portions of the California Building Standards Code, shall become effective 180 days after publication of the California Building Standards Code by the commission, or at a later date after publication established by the commission.

(2) The publication date established by the commission shall be no earlier than the date the California Building Standards Code is available for purchase by the public.

(b) Neither the State Building Standards Law contained in this part, nor the application of building standards contained in this section, shall limit the authority of a city, county, or city and county to establish more restrictive building standards, including, but not limited to, green building standards, reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions.

The governing body shall make the finding required by Section 17958.7 and the other requirements imposed by Section 17958.7 shall apply to that finding. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of fire protection districts pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 13869.7. Further, nothing in this section shall require findings required by Section 17958.7 beyond those currently required for more restrictive building standards related to housing.

**Health & Safety Code §17958.7(a)(b)**

(a) Except as provided in Section 17922.6, the governing body of a city or county, before making any modifications or changes pursuant to Section 17958.5, shall make an express finding that such modifications or changes are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological or topographical conditions. Such a finding shall be available as a public record. A copy of those findings [changes to the California Building Standards Code, Title 24], together with the modification or change expressly marked and identified to which each finding refers, shall be filed with the California Building Standards Commission. No modification or change shall become effective or operative for any purpose until the finding and the modification or change have been filed with the California Building Standards Commission.

(b) The California Building Standards Commission may reject a modification or change filed by the governing body of a city or county if no finding was submitted.





## 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 292](#) (Nestande) California Code of Regulations: open access
- [AB 341](#) (Dickinson) Green building standards
- [AB 376](#) (Donnelly) Regulations: notice
- [AB 462](#) (Stone) Fire protection: residential care facilities
- [AB 645](#) (Torres) Dwelling safety: smoke detectors
- [AB 866](#) (Linder) Regulations
- [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 550](#) (Jackson) Accessible housing
- [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



[www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov)

The CBSC website features a vast array of informative content including everything you would ever need to know about the code development and adoption process! A recent CBSC Information Bulletin ([13-01](#)) highlights the many educational and informative publications available.

## Commission News...

### 2013 Commission Meetings:

January 23-24 — Completed

April 24, 2013 — Completed

July 18, 2013

October 8, 2013

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

## CBSC Staff are at it again...

Fundraising for important nonprofit organizations continues year 'round...

The Nachos de Mayo, May 2nd California State Employees Charitable Campaign (CSECC) fundraiser featured a lunch time nacho sale. Staff donated the food items and all profits go to CBSC's selected 2013 CSECC charities: Teen Suicide Prevention and The Sierra Pacific Great Pyrenees' Club & Rescue.



CBSC Staff: Katrina Benny, Kevin Day & Mia Marvelli



On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Executive Director, Jim McGowan, Deputy Executive Director, Michael Nearman, Construction Analyst, Enrique Rodriguez, and Staff Services Analyst, Kevin Day made CBSC proud as they each sported a pair of women's high heels and walked Capitol Mall to raise money and awareness for WEAVE inc. The nonprofit provides an array of services to women, men and children in the greater Sacramento region who have experienced domestic violence or have been sexually assaulted.



Mike Nearman, Jim McGowan,  
Kevin Day & Enrique Rodriguez





## CALCode Quarterly QUIZ....

1.) Except for emergency adoptions and administrative regulations to implement building standards, new building standards in a new edition of Title 24 may not be effective any sooner than 180-days following the publication date. State law establishes the publication date as the date when the:

- A.) Commission adopts the new edition
- B.) new code edition is available for purchase by the public
- C.) Code Advisory Committees approve the new edition
- D.) model code organizations approve of the new edition

2.) A new edition of Title 24 is applicable to:

- A.) construction in progress when the new edition is published
- B.) construction that starts after the publication of the new edition
- C.) construction based on plans submitted for a permit after the adoption of the new edition
- D.) construction based on plans submitted for a permit on or after the effective date of the new edition

3.) The 2013 edition of Title 24 will be organized in the same basic manner as the 2010 code. Accordingly, there are 13 Parts. Which Part number remains vacant?

- A.) 1
- B.) 2.5
- C.) 7
- D.) 9



4.) Again, the 2013 Code is organized like the 2010 edition. Accordingly, Parts 8 and 10 will be located in the same binder with:

- A.) Part 3, California Electrical Code
- B.) Part 2, California Building Code, Volume 2
- C.) Part 6, the California Energy Code
- D.) Part 11, the California Green Building Standards Code

5.) When asked for information on how to purchase the new 2013 edition of Title 24, you might refer the requester to:

- A.) The Building Standards Commission website
- B.) The International Code Council or BNi Books
- C.) International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials
- D.) Any of the above



To learn more about the code adoption process to adopt Title 24, see [Processes](#) under the *Codes* tab at our website. To learn more about the organization of Title 24 read our [Guide to Title 24](#) available under the *Education* tab at our website. [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov)

