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From the Executive Director...



Jim McGowan

I have three words for you- **Propose, Review, Adopt!** And well, that pretty much says it all concerning commission activity for the next several months.

State agencies are in the process of submitting their proposed code

changes for the 2013 California Building Standards Code triennial publication, which will go into effect in January 2014. The Code Advisory Committee meetings commence in July and will continue through the end of September. The triennial cycle is a time consuming and painstakingly detailed undertaking, and consequently will be our primary focus for the coming months and this issue of CALCode Quarterly.

If you have questions about the code cycle we hope to answer them in

the following pages. In the absence of specific answers I encourage you to visit the commission website, www.bsc.ca.gov for the most comprehensive and up-to-date code information. And if you are familiar with the code cycle process, we hope this issue will be a distinct reminder of the ensuing timeline for submissions and review.

Regards,

2012 TRIENNIAL CODE CYCLE PROPOSE REVIEW ADOPT

The 2012 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle officially started on June 1 for the purpose of adopting the 2013 California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. The 2013 edition of Title 24 will incorporate provisions from the 2012 editions of the International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code, Interna-

tional Fire Code, Uniform Plumbing Code, Uniform Mechanical Code, and 2011 National Electrical Code. This means an entirely new multi volume publication, which will be available for purchase and review on or about July 1, 2013. The targeted effective date for the 2013 code is January 1, 2014.

While June is the formal start date of the cycle, the work to develop code change proposals

has been underway for several months. Multiple state agencies are responsible for carrying forward their recommendations including the Office of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of the State Architect, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, and several others with authority to develop

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Updates Effective July 1st!

CALGreen®



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building standards for publication in Title 24. The code adoption process will be the highest priority throughout the next year for CBSC staff. In addition to its administrative role in the cycle, the commission develops code proposals for state buildings, including the University of California and California State University, and all nonresidential buildings subject to CALGreen. The adoption process will proceed as follows:

The first public activity of the 2012 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle will be the Code Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings, which will commence next month (see meeting dates below).

The CAC's will review the proposed building standards and make recommendations to the commission.

CAC members represent building design, construction, and code enforcement interests.

Following the CAC meetings, the respective state agencies will study the committee recommendations and make necessary adjustments for a final proposal to the commission.

Public review periods will begin in August 2012. At this time the public may submit written comments.

Public hearings will be conducted by the CBSC up until the December 2012 and January 2013 commission meetings.

Publication date of the

2013 code is targeted for July 1, 2013 with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2014.

All meetings are posted on the CBSC website under Notices (see home page Featured Links) or Calendar. Additionally, if you would like to follow the current code cycle, or learn more about the regulatory process go to [Processes](#) on the CBSC website. See the 2012 timeline that illustrates the stages of the code cycle. For more information read the [Guide to Title 24](#), which is also available on the CBSC website. Look under the *Educational* tab, then *Guidebooks*. All CBSC educational documents may be read online or printed at no charge.

2012 Code Advisory Committee

Each Code Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of subject matter experts who provide oversight and recommendations concerning proposed code changes during each code cycle. Committee members are appointed for three year terms without compensation. In accordance with the California Administrative Code, each committee is comprised of a maximum of nine voting members per discipline. The Commission may make other appointments as deemed necessary to ensure the expertise and balance of a committee.

2012 CAC Meetings:

Committee	Meeting Date
Structural Design/Lateral Forces	Tuesday, July 17
Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical & Energy	Tuesday & Wednesday, July 24-25
Health Facilities	Wednesday, August 1
Green Building	Wednesday, August 8
Building Fire & Other	Tuesday, August 14
Accessibility	Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 25-27

For information concerning **specific meeting locations and start times**, please go to meeting [Notices](#) or [Calendar](#) on the CBSC website.



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 in California, and some deal specifically with the California Building Standards Commission.

Following is a list of some of the bills, which remain active thus far in the 2011-2012 legislative session:

- [AB 1612](#) (Lara) Administrative Practices;
- [AB 1750](#) (Solorio) Rainwater Capture Act of 2012;
- [AB 2030](#) (Olsen) Building standards: press boxes;
- [AB 2114](#) (Smyth) Swimming pool safety;
- [AB 2135](#) (Blumenfield); Building standards: solar distributed generation technology on residential and commercial property;
- [AB 2697](#) (Committee on Housing and Community Development); Housing Omnibus Act;
- [SB 1002](#) (Yee) Public records: electronic format;
- [SB 1394](#) (Lowenthal) Dwelling safety: carbon monoxide and smoke detectors;
- [SCR 57](#) (Vargas) Building standards;
- [GRP 2](#) Governor's reorganization plan: reorganization of executive branch of state government.

You may read about these bills at the Legislature's website. For more information read our educational document [Accessing State Legislation Online](#). Come on - it is easy!

Jane Taylor's Swan Song

Jane Taylor leads by example. Not only a dedicated public servant who has always taken great pride in her state service and commitment to the citizens of California, Jane has truly exemplified the joy one can obtain from dedicated and tireless efforts toward the recognition of the environment and a healthy society. Her passion for the environment and na-

ture is evidenced by her many affiliations outside of the office as well as in. An avid birder she has made great strides in raising awareness of the impact buildings have on wildlife and the environment. Jane Gregg Taylor, Sr. Architect, California Building Standards Commission will be sorely missed. She has elected to retire in the com-

ing months and will embark on a new chapter in her life. She plans on going back to school—once again—this time to study environmental law. [Read More...](#)





CALGreen

Are you ready for July 1?

Are you up-to-date on the CALGreen mandatory requirements that take place on July 1 of this year? Updates specifically affect **additions and alternations** in the area of Planning and Design, Water efficiency and Conservation, Material Conservation and Resource Efficiency, Building Maintenance and Operation, and Environmental Quality. Go to www.bsc.ca.gov/calgreen for details.

And The Winner Is....

The California Building Standards Commission was recognized with the Green Building Leadership Award at the Green California Summit & Exposition on April 26, 2012 in Sacramento for its role in developing CALGreen. CBSC staff worked tirelessly with other state agencies, specifically the Department of Housing and Community Development to put the first in the nation statewide mandatory green building code into effect. CBSC Executive Director, Jim McGowan, Deputy Executive Director, Michael Nearman and Senior Architect, Jane Taylor accepted the award on behalf of the commission.



*l-r: Nearman, Taylor, McGowan;
Photo courtesy of John Decker.*



The Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award Program is California's highest environmental honor. The awards will be presented for voluntary achievements culminated in 2011. Competition is open to all California residents, businesses, non-profit organizations, professional and trade associations, communities, state and local government entities, tribes, and federal agencies operating in California.

For more information visit the California Environmental Protection Agency [website](#). Nominations and applications will be accepted through **June 22, 2012**.



Title 24 Quiz ...

- Title 24 is published by the California Building Standards Commission and:
 - Applies to all building occupancies throughout the state
 - Contains energy conservation requirements
 - Contains structural, fire and panic safety, plumbing and electrical requirements
 - All of the above
- Title 24 is organized into separate:
 - Divisions
 - Parts
 - Subtitles
 - Volumes
- The provisions of Title 24 are defined in state law as being:
 - State laws
 - Model codes
 - Building standards
 - Consensus standards
- When new code requirements or amendments are adopted for a current edition of Title 24, new or replacement blue pages called Supplements are issued. When a non-regulatory correction is made, the issued replacement pages are known as an errata and are printed on pages colored:
 - Red
 - Straw or buff
 - White or cream
 - Orange
- Local government must enforce Title 24, but may adopt modifications by ordinance that are reasonably necessary for:
 - Local climatic, geological, or topographic conditions
 - Local economic incentive programs
 - The reduction of low-income housing cost
 - Either of the above



Answers can be found on the bottom of the page

Next Commission Meeting July 19th, 2012

Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 North Market Blvd., Suite N 112
Sacramento, CA 95834

All Commission meeting details can be found at www.bsc.ca.gov

Answers: 1) d : 2) b : 3) c : 4) b : 5) a

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