



California Building Standards Commission

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CAL CODE QUARTERLY

From The Executive Director



Mia Marvelli

order for buildings to be safe, accessible and efficient. Since joining CBSC in 2012, I have administered the many rulemaking processes related to the adoption, approval, publication, and implementation of California's building codes. In addition, I developed building standards and CALGreen regulations. But I am ready to learn and do more.

with design professionals, builders and enforcement agencies. In particular, I recognize that many enforcement agencies are rebuilding their staff as construction continues to rebound from the recession. Code training is of the utmost importance if we are to achieve the objectives established by California's building standards.

I am honored to be appointed Executive Director of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC). As a licensed architect with years of experience in building plan development, I understand the importance of building standards that are clear, sensible and enforceable in

Great progress has been made over the last several years to improve the code and the CBSC education and outreach programs. However, new challenges and opportunities are imminent. I am eager to expand our education and outreach efforts by becoming increasingly more involved

CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION APPOINTS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTS TO THE 2013 CODE

It has been nearly a year since the commission approved emergency water standards in response to California's ongoing severe drought. Those initial provisions, effective immediately, were followed up with revisions and finally the certifying rulemaking steps to make them permanent standards in the 2013 code. The commission approved the certifying rulemaking processes during its Jan. 19-20 meeting.

Emergency Supplements (blue pages) to the California Administrative and Green Building Standards Codes will be issued by the International Code Council in the very near future, and posted on the CBSC website on the current 2013 Code page. Upon receipt, code users should take time to read each **Revision Record**, which offers general information and clarification concerning the respective Emergency Supplements. Additionally, each supplement package will include a History Note, which reflects all of the updates to the code.

DON'T BE CONFUSED WHEN THE EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTS ARRIVE... READ THIS ARTICLE!

2016 COMMISSION MEETING DATES

Meeting notices and agenda items are issued at least 15 days prior to each meeting.*

April 19

July 19

Oct. 18

December TBD

Meeting location:
California Victim
Compensation and
Government Claims
Board

400 R Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

*Meeting dates are subject to change

Always verify the location address on meeting notices



From The Executive Director *(Continued from page 1)*

Throughout the last year, CBSC staff has worked tirelessly on the many phases of the 2016 California Building Standards Code rulemaking requirements. We were also extremely busy with the drought-related emergency regulations and subsequent certifying rulemaking processes that amend the current 2013 code. I would be remiss if I did not recognize and applaud CBSC Deputy Executive Director Michael Nearman, who kept staff on task throughout those complex, time-sensitive processes.

I look forward to ongoing work with CBSC stakeholders and invite suggestions for improvements in the rulemaking processes.

Please feel free to contact us with your comments or recommendations via email at cbsc@dgs.ca.gov. And remember, the CBSC website is updated on a regular basis with pertinent information. I invite you to familiarize yourself with its content, which contains rulemaking processes, meeting announcements, educational material and much, much more. It's available 24/7 at www.bsc.ca.gov.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "M. Nearman", written over a horizontal yellow line.

Legislative Update

Currently, California is in its second half of the 2015-16 legislative session. There was a great deal of activity during the middle of February as this year's deadline for bills to be introduced was Feb. 19. On that date alone, over 650 bills were introduced.

Some of the bills tracked by CBSC may address issues related to the general design and/or construction of buildings within the state, while others may directly address CBSC and/or its administrative procedures. The following is a list of currently active bills we are following:

<u>AB 1033 (Eduardo Garcia)</u>	Economic impact assessment: small business definition.
<u>AB 1463 (Gatto)</u>	Onsite treated water. <i>(This was an inactive bill at the time of this update but will likely become active again in 2016.)</i>
<u>AB 1589 (Mathis)</u>	California Environmental Quality Act: exemption.
<u>AB 1732 (Ting)</u>	Single-user restrooms.
<u>AB 1738 (McCarty)</u>	Building Standards: Dark Graywater.
<u>AB 1868 (Wagner)</u>	Regulations: legislative notice.
<u>AB 2161 (Quirk)</u>	Parking lots: design: insurance discount.
<u>AB 2601 (Eggman)</u>	Building standards: residential property: graywater.
<u>AB 2800 (Quirk)</u>	Building standards: climate change effects.
<u>SB 661 (Hill)</u>	Protection of subsurface installations.
<u>SB 944 (Committee on Transportation and Housing)</u>	Housing omnibus.
<u>SB 1073 (Monning)</u>	Building standards: lead.
<u>SB 1147 (Galgiani)</u>	Hazardous materials: aboveground storage tanks.
<u>SB 1173 (Hertzberg)</u>	Water-conserving plumbing fixtures.
<u>SB 1340 (Wolk)</u>	Water Conservation in Landscaping Act.



CBSC and many other state agencies will participate in the 10th annual Green California Summit & Exposition April 21-22, at the Sacramento Convention Center. A pre-summit CALGreen 2016 training session featuring CBSC, Department of Housing and Community Development, California Energy Commission and others will take place on Wednesday, April 20. [Click here](#) for more information and to register today!

Education and Outreach



Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials

CBSC Executive Director Mia Marvelli and Deputy Executive Director Michael Nearman participated in the annual Sacramento Valley Association of Building Officials (SVABO) state agency program on Friday, Feb. 12. SVABO invites state agencies to provide updates concerning the California Building Code.



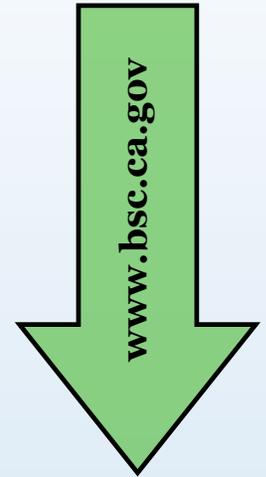
Monterey Trail High School, Elk Grove

CBSC Executive Director Mia Marvelli participated in the Monterey Trail High School Design and Technology Academy (DATA) Advisory Board luncheon on Feb. 25. The small learning community is focused on supporting the next generation of environmental architecture, engineering and computer science professionals. Program Coordinator Sal Lascola looks to industry leaders to provide the students with real-world expectations and guidance. [Click here](#) for more information about the DATA program.

2015 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle Status

As the 2015 triennial cycle winds down, all of the code parts are in the hands of the respective publishing entities and their editors. The editorial review process will continue into the middle of May 2016 when all of the edited materials are forwarded to the printers.

The International Code Council (ICC), International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), and the National Fire Protection Association/BNi Books (NFPA-BNi) will collectively publish the 2016 California Building Standards Code on or before July 1. The 2016 code, with the exception of the Administrative Code, will go into effect Jan. 1, 2017. The Administrative Code, Part 1 of Title 24 went into effect 30 days after the Dec. 21, 2015 filing with Secretary of State.



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CAL Code Quiz

Now that the 2015 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle has concluded and the publication of the 2016 edition of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations is in process, there are several things for which design professionals, builders and local government officials should be prepared. Let's see how prepared you are!

- 1.) The 2016 edition of the California Building Standards Code is scheduled to be effective statewide:
 - a.) Jan. 1, 2017 (180 days following the publication date).
 - b.) When adopted by local government but no later than July 1, 2017.
 - c.) July 1, 2016, unless the California Legislature codifies the code on an earlier date.
 - d.) As designated by the governor.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Section 18938 and 18938.5.
- 2.) Local amendments to the 2013 edition of Title 24 for local climatic, geological or topographical conditions:
 - a.) Remain in effect with the 2016 edition of Title 24 if the local conditions continue to exist.
 - b.) May remain in effect with approval by the local governing body.
 - c.) Must be reenacted by the local governing body and filed with CBSC.
 - d.) May be renewed by CBSC on and after July 1, 2016.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 17958.5, 17958.7, 18941.5 and 18959(f).
- 3.) State law requires each local building department to maintain on file a current copy of:
 - a.) Title 24 and all referenced standards relating to the construction of new buildings.
 - b.) California Code of Regulations Title 8, 19, 20, 24 and 25 provisions relating to buildings.
 - c.) A current copy of the Health and Safety Code, California Building Standards Law and Title 24 relating to buildings.
 - d.) A current and all past editions of Title 24.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Section 18942(e).
- 4.) When a new edition of Title 24 becomes effective it will apply to:
 - a.) Any building under construction or yet to be issued a Certificate of Occupancy.
 - b.) The design and construction of a building where the application for a permit to construct is on or after the official publication date.
 - c.) The design and construction of a building where the date of application for a permit to construct is at least six months after the Title 24 effective date.
 - d.) The design and construction of a building where the application for a permit to construct is on or after the Title 24 effective date.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Section 18938.5.
- 5.) Amendments to Title 24 provisions by a local fire protection district must be:
 - a.) Ratified by the local legislative body where the amendment will apply.
 - b.) Approved by the State Fire Marshal.
 - c.) Approved by CBSC.
 - d.) Approved by local referendum.

Reference: Health and Safety Code Sections 13869.7.

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