



From the Executive Director...



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) newsletter. Our goal is to make this quarterly e-publication an accessible and valuable informational tool for all building industry stakeholders including local and state government agencies and the private sector. We look forward to your input and contributions to this publication as it evolves. We hope that you will become more familiar with the CBSC and the information and services we provide.

Along with the triennial code cycle, CALGreen was certainly the big story in 2009. The voluntary green code went into effect on August 1. The new 2010 code, which has a proposed January 1, 2011 effective date will include mandatory green building provisions. More information concerning the new CALGreen code including education and outreach opportunities follow.

We continue to enhance the CBSC Web site. We hope that you will find it increasingly user friendly and a key source for your code questions. Best wishes for a successful, safe, and prosperous year ahead!



Green Technology Magazine's [interview](#) with Dave Walls

The Commission

Established in 1953 by California Building Standards Law, the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) is an independent commission within the State and Consumer Services Agency. The eleven commission members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. The CBSC is charged with the responsibility of ensuring that building standards are needed based upon factual rationale. Our mission is to produce a *California Building Standards Code* (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) in an easily understandable, sensible and usable format for its user.

The commission meets on a quarterly basis. Meetings are held at the Department of Consumer Affairs, 1625 North Market in Sacramento. The current 2010 meeting schedule is as follows:

- January 12
- April 15
- July 21
- October 19

Commissioners

- Thomas L. Sheehy (Chair)
- Isam Hasenin (Vice Chair)
- Richard Sawhill
- Steven Winkel
- Stephen Jensen
- Christina Jamison
- Craig Daley
- Michael Paravagna
- James Barthman
- Tony Hoffman

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Governor Schwarzenegger Announces First-in-the-Nation Statewide Green Building Standards Code [Press Release](#)

The 2010 California Green Building Standards Code

The projected effective dates for the 2010 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), which includes new mandatory provisions, is January 1, 2011. The commission review documents are currently available on the [CBSC](#) Web site. The projected availability of the published code is summer 2010.



The 2008 California Green Building Standards Code [Online Now!](#)

Education and Outreach

The CBSC launched new education and outreach efforts in 2009. In collaboration with the public and private sector, the CBSC will provide CALGreen training this year at locations throughout the state. If you or your organization would like to learn more about the new codes submit a training request form...

[More Details](#)



Be sure to visit us at the Green California Summit and Exposition ~
March 15-17, 2010
Sacramento Convention Center



Dave Walls at the Green CA School

International Green Construction Code models CALGreen

California's first-in-the-nation Green Building Standards Code will help guide new green code regulations for commercial buildings worldwide. The International Code Council has announced it is developing a new code for commercial buildings entitled the International Green Construction Code, and will use the current California Green Building Standards Code as a key reference document. [More Details](#)

Calabasas Goes Green! [More Details](#)

Tell us about your **Green** building Project!
We would like to feature articles and photographs of outstanding sustainable building projects in future CALCode Quarterly issues.
Email us at CBSCTraining@dgs.ca.gov

Legislative Update...

Each year many bills are introduced in the California State Legislature regarding a variety of issues. Some of these bills address matters that relate to the design or construction of buildings in California, and some deal specifically with the California Building Standards Commission.

Following is a status update of some of the bills of interest to the commission, which have been introduced thus far in the 2009-2010 legislative session.

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Bills introduced:

- ◆ AB 210 (Hayashi)
- ◆ AB 828 (Lieu)
- ◆ AB 1020 (Emmerson)
- ◆ AB 1539 (Hagman)
- ◆ SB 183 (Lowenthal)
- ◆ SB 283 (DeSaulnier)
- ◆ SB 407 (Padilla)
- ◆ SB 408 (Padilla)

Watch for the 2010 Building Standards Code online: www.bsc.ca.gov

- Projected availability summer 2010;
- Proposed effective date 1-1-2011

2009 Code Cycle: It's A Wrap!

The commission's most important work of 2009 was the lengthy code cycle which began July 1, 2009. The triennial process is a daunting collaborative and labor intensive task that culminated this month (January 12) with the adoption of the 2010 edition of the California Building Standards Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regula-

California Commission on Disability Access

The right to full and equal access...

Although individuals with disabilities have the legal right to full and equal access to public facilities, that access continues to be denied in many instances. The new California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA) will develop recommendations to enable persons with disabilities to exercise their right to full and equal access to public facilities, and promote business compliance with the laws and regulations to avoid unnecessary litigation.

[More Details](#)

CCDA CALENDAR

- **January 14, 2010**
Administration
Committee
- **February 2, 2010**
Commission Meeting

Stay up-to-date with
CCDA via the CBSC:
www.bsc.ca.gov/CCDA

Commission Quick Links

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