

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

January 22, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Marin called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. at the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, 400 R Street, First Floor Hearing Room, Sacramento, California.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present:

Rosario Marin, Chairperson
Steven Jensen
Christina Jamison
Richard Sawhill
James Barthman
Susan Dowty

Commissioners Absent:

Isam Hasenin, Vice Chairperson
Steve Winkel

Also Present:

Dave Walls, Executive Director
Tom Morrison, Deputy Director
Bryan Kimura, Legal Counsel
Michael Nearman, Architectural Associate
Erika Keeler, Office Technician

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2007 MEETING

Chair Marin requested a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2007 meeting with corrections. Moved by Commissioner Barthman and seconded by Commissioner Jensen that the Minutes be approved. **Motion Carried.**

3. ANNUAL CODE ADOPTION CYCLES

a) Update on the 2006 annual cycle

Mr. Walls reported that the adoption cycle became effective January 1, 2008.

Matt Wheeler, CALBO, reported that there will be four more three-day training sessions, two in Southern California and two in Northern California. Over 10,000 people were trained in 2007.

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Dwight Perkins, IAPMO, reported that training is continuing throughout the state and they have published two books that are a cumulative analysis for plumbing and for mechanical that they are using as part of their training.

They are taking corrective action to ensure that all instructors have been notified of a mistake that is contained in the books and an errata is pending. Once their internal analysis of the revisions to the cumulative analysis has been completed, BSC will be asked to review them as well.

Sara Yerkes, ICC, commented that 408 days of training were done in partnership with CALBO and 50 days in partnership with Southern California Fire Prevention Officers.

b) Update on the 2007 annual cycle

Mr. Walls reported that three Code Advisory Committee hearings have been held so far dealing with Building, Fire and Other, Access, and Plumbing, Electrical, and Mechanical. The three remaining areas are Health Facilities, Structural and Green Building. Responses are expected back from the agencies by the end of February and the 45-day comment period will begin in March. The CEQA document regarding PEX is being prepared by the consultants and DGS is assisting them in order to meet the July deadline.

**4. APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO REPLACE THE ENGERGY COMMISSION'S
CURRENT EX-OFFICIO REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GREEN BUILDING
CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITH MARTHA BROOK :**

Commissioner Sawhill moved approval of the item, seconded by Commissioner Barthman. **Motion Carried.**

**5. REPORT ON THE SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATIVE
TRIP TO JAPAN:**

- Chair Marin reported that the trip to Japan was quite an experience and that everyone learned what Japan has done in their efforts to educate the public and safeguard their buildings. One day a year, the entire country practices earthquake emergency preparedness. Chair Marin would like to begin preliminary discussions with key stakeholders to see how the state can improve codes for earthquake safety once the green building codes have been completed.
- Mr. Walls indicated that a goal of Chair Marin's is to have lower level exit signs included in all occupancies in the state except housing, in addition to signs already required.

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- Mr. McCarthy provided a presentation on the trip to Japan recapping the highlights, including insurance, public early-warning system, earthquake public education, training center for earthquakes and tsunamis, and mutual aid relationships.
- Mr. Rillera and Mr. Turner joined the presentation focusing on earthquake damage and sites visited by the group.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

- Mr. Walls reported that DGS is assisting with hiring a facilitator to handle the strategic plan update.
- Chair Marin indicated that she would like to wait until a full Commission is in place to begin the update process.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES NOT ON THIS AGENDA

Sara Yerkes indicated that ICC is developing a storm shelter standard in cooperation with FEMA. A draft is available on their website.

9. ADJOURN

Madam Chair Marin adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:15 a.m.

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