



Jim McGowan

From the **NEW** Executive Director...

I have taken on the role of Executive Director of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) with a great sense of expectation. I look forward to working with stakeholders statewide in both the public and private sector in an effort to continue to construct safe, sensible and effective building codes for California. My most recent experience as the commission's Deputy Executive Director, which included direction and oversight of the new California Commission on Disability Access, along with nearly 34 years with the Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Codes and Standards has made for a smooth transition thus far. I have had the good fortune of numerous mentors over the years who, whether they knew it or not, were instrumental in my professional development.

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Jane Taylor

CBSC Staff Profile: Meet Jane Taylor, Sr. Architect



To use a football metaphor, Jane virtually carried the ball on CALGreen last year. She worked tirelessly with staff, state agency representatives, and stakeholders to ensure that the code was accurate, logical and in other words that it made sense! These days she has embarked on another 'new' project. She is currently leading the development of the nonresidential graywater building standards for the 2012 triennial code adoption cycle as required by statute (see article below).

Prior to joining the CBSC staff in 2006, Jane spent nearly twenty years in the private sector as a licensed architect on such projects as public schools, commercial and municipal buildings, and affordable housing.

When she is not working, Jane enjoys exercise, gardening, and travel and; as often as she can, combines these activities with bird watching.

GRAYWATER: BUILDING STANDARDS FOR UNTREATED WASTEWATER

Recent legislation requires that the CBSC develop and propose regulations for nonresidential graywater building standards by June 2012 for the next triennial adoption cycle, which has a projected effective date of January 1, 2014. The first of several 'interested party' meetings took place on Monday, October 12, 2011. State agency and private sector representatives contributed to the session.

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Education & Outreach

New Mandatory CALGreen Provisions in 2012

The CALGreen intervening code supplement goes into effect on **July 1, 2012**. New mandatory provisions which include additions and alterations will be published as of January 2012. You can also go to www.bsc.ca.gov to review the upcoming changes.

We'll see you at the Summit! Mark your calendars now...



Green Summit and Exposition
April 26-27, 2012

Sacramento Convention Center

For more information and registration details visit www.green-technology.org.



Commissioning Web Workshop moved to Winter Quarter

Watch the CBSC website, www.bsc.ca.gov for workshop details.

CALGreen **requires** commissioning for **all new buildings 10,000 square feet and over**. Building commissioning is now included in the design and construction processes of nonresidential building projects to verify that building systems and components meet the owner's or owner representative's project requirements.

The CBSC [Commissioning Guide](#) is available online along with some practical tools that will provide . Be sure to review the guide and the specific code language in Title 24, Part 11.

New Green Building Law

Governor Brown signed [AB 930](#) in early October requiring that one member of the California Building Standards Commission be "experienced and knowledgeable in sustainable building, design, construction, and operation."



Proposed 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards

The California Energy Commission has posted draft language for both the Nonresidential and Residential Alternate Calculation Method (ACM) Approval Manual - 2013 Building Energy Efficiency Standards at www.energy.ca.gov.



The seasons are a changing!

Visit www.fypower.org for lots of energy saving tips for all building types: commercial, residential and industrial.



Code Questions?

The following California State agencies develop Title 24 building codes, including CALGreen, for the following occupancies as designated:

- ✓ **Nonresidential:**
Building Standards Commission, www.bsc.ca.gov or (916) 263-0916
- ✓ **Residential:**
Department of Housing and Community Development, www.hcd.ca.gov or (916) 445-9471
- ✓ **Public Schools & Community Colleges:**
Division of the State Architect, Department of General Services, www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa or (916) 445-8100
- ✓ **Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facilities & Clinics:**
Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, www.oshpd.ca.gov or (916) 440-8356
- ✓ **Fire & Panic Safety:**
Office of the State Fire Marshal, www.osfm.fire.ca.gov or (916) 445-8200

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE...

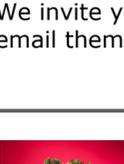
The commission will issue an Information Bulletin in December that will summarize all 2011 legislation that affects building standards. If you do not receive an electronic copy of the bulletin it will also be posted on the CBSC website: www.bsc.ca.gov.

WEB ALERT!

NEW FORMAT FOR WWW.BSC.CA.GOV

The commission launched its new website format at www.bsc.ca.gov this month. The purpose for developing a new format is to make the website more efficient for our stakeholders and to provide easier access to California's building codes, understanding of the regulatory process, and other related information.

We invite your comments and suggestions concerning the new website format. Please email them to cbcs@dgs.ca.gov or call us, (916) 263-0916!



From our offices to yours...
**Best Wishes for a Healthy and Happy
New Year!**

2012 Commission Meetings*

January 18	April 18
July 19	October 17

*Meeting dates are subject to change; watch the CBSC website, www.bsc.ca.gov for updates and meeting agendas.

Commission meetings are webcast at: <http://www.dca.ca.gov/stream/audiocast.aspx>

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