



## From the Executive Director...

I'm pleased to announce the appointment of the commission's new Deputy Executive Director, Jim McGowan. Jim brings a tremendous amount of code knowledge along with experience in the private sector. He will be a tremendous asset to the commission. I hope you will take the time to familiarize yourself with Jim's background in the enclosed feature article.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome our two new commissioners recently appointed to the Building Standards Commission by Governor Schwarzenegger. Danielle Paxson will fill the Structural Engineer position and Doug Williams will fill the Local Fire Official position on the commission. We are excited about the appointments and look forward to working with them as we begin the New Year and our upcoming code adoption cycle. You can find their bios on our website.

As 2010 comes to a close I would be remiss in not recognizing the tremendous efforts of everyone involved in the triennial code adoption cycle and publication. The number of hours logged by commission staff, other state agency personnel, and the many subject matter experts and stakeholders is beyond expectation. I offer my sincere thanks on behalf of the commission and the current administration.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and happy holidays,

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## NEW COMMISSION DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jim McGowan assumed his role as Executive Deputy Director of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on October 1, 2010, after an already notable career in state service.

With an interest in construction and design Jim studied architecture... [Read More](#)



Jim McGowan,  
Deputy Executive Director

## New Commissioners Appointed...

Governor Schwarzenegger appointed two new commissioners to the California Building Standards Commission on November 22, 2010.

Danielle Paxson of Playa del Rey, and Douglas Williams of Santa Rosa were appointed [Read more](#)

Next Commission Meeting

**January 19, 2011**

**Note: Meetings may be viewed live on the web at [www.bsc.ca.gov](http://www.bsc.ca.gov)**

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## Legislative Update...

This bulletin summarizes the legislative changes for 2010 to the California Building Standards Law, located in the California Health and Safety Code, Division 13, Part 2.5, and other specific provisions of law. The amendments, repeals, or additions to the California laws summarized in this bulletin are effective on January 1, 2011, unless otherwise specified in the legislation. [Read more](#)

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## Education & Outreach

### Code News

#### Ordinances

This is the time of year when cities and counties statewide are under the gun to submit their local ordinances. If you have any questions concerning ordinance filings please contact Kevin Day at the 916-263-0916 or email [cbssc@dgs.ca.gov](mailto:cbssc@dgs.ca.gov).

#### Know Your Coordinating Council

Anyone familiar with the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) knows that there is an eleven (11) member commission and six (6) Standing Code Advisory Committees. Additionally, the commission may establish Special Code Advisory Committees as it deems necessary. But did you know that the CBSC also has a Coordinating Council created in law with specific responsibilities and duties? [Read More](#)

**CALGreen** News

Governor Schwarzenegger stopped by the CALGreen exhibit at the Global Summit held at the UC Davis Mondavi Center, November 15-16, 2010.

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The Architects Institute of America California Council (AIACC) offers CALGreen online courses to help members of the design and construction industry get up to speed on both the requirements and implementation strategies - providing real world strategies to comply with the mandatory provisions of CALGreen. [Read More](#)



## California Green Schools Summit & Exposition, December 2010

In partnership with the Department of General Services– Division of the State Architect the CBSC hosted a booth at the Schools Summit & Exposition in Pasadena. Technical staff from both agencies were available to field questions concerning CALGreen’s impact on schools. CALGreen applies to new construction on a new campus site or new construction on an existing site of public elementary and secondary schools.

The Green Technology **‘Understanding CALGreen’ workshops** are scheduled into Spring 2011 throughout the state. For more information about their CALGreen programs go to the Green Technology web site:

<http://www.green-technology.org/calgreen/>

The following article is provided courtesy of Green Technology Magazine.



*by Bob Graves*

The City of Los Angeles, at approximately 4 million people, has a population greater than the four next largest California cities combined. No other city faces the challenges of implementing an entirely new building code like CALGreen on such a scale. Editor-at-Large Bob Graves met recently with Osama Younan, chief of the Green Building and Mechanical Engineering Section, Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, to learn how the City's planning and preparations for CALGreen are proceeding in advance of its January 1st, 2011 start date.

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## Green Building: Natural Resources Defense Council's Santa Monica Offices

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) offices located in the Robert Redford building in Santa Monica were designed with conservation and the environment in mind. Utilization of land and the resulting



Robert Redford building in Santa Monica were designed with conservation and the environment in mind. Utilization of land and the resulting environmental consequences, water consumption, sustainable building materials and indoor environments were areas the NRDC and the Pasadena firm, [Moule & Polyzoides](#), Architects and Urbanists focused. Tour the impressive facility on the [NRDC](#) website.

[View](#) additional information and photographs of the building courtesy of Moule & Polyzoides.



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