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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...



Jim McGowan

Happy Holidays from all of us at CBSC! I don't know about you, but as this year comes to a close I am deeply appreciative for the

recent rain here in California! While we remain mindful that we are a long way from overcoming the drought, water conservation continues to be a serious priority in California.

CBSC staff is already well into plans for the 2015 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle. Pre-cycle workshops will continue into the new year. CBSC is scheduled to hold another

Green Building Workshop around the end of January and the workshops for the plumbing and mechanical codes will follow close behind. Notifications for all CBSC workshops will be issued at least 15 days prior to actual meeting dates.



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CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEES: APPLY NOW!

Prior to each Triennial Code Adoption Cycle, CBSC reestablishes the six standing Code Advisory Committees in their entirety. Chairpersons and new committee members are appointed for the Triennial and ensuing Intervening Code Adoption Cycles of the California Building Standards Code. The standing CAC panels include:

1. Accessibility Committee (ACCESS)
2. Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical and Energy Committee (PEME)
3. Building, Fire and Other Committee (BFO)
4. Structural Design/Lateral Forces Committee (SDLF)
5. Health Facilities Committee (HF)
6. Green Building Committee (GREEN)



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GENERAL SERVICES

Other state agencies that develop codes for Title 24 have been holding workshops or are in the process of scheduling them. If you haven't already done so I encourage you to sign up for email alerts from each state agency. Contact information may be found at the bottom of the CBSC [2015 Pre-Cycle Activities](#) Web page.

The Code Advisory Committee (CAC) application process is now underway. CBSC will be accepting [applications](#) for appointment to one of six advisory panels through January 23, 2015. CAC members include industry stakeholders and affected public constituents who are knowledgeable in particular subject matter pertaining to California's building codes. Members serve for three years and play a truly vital role in reviewing and making recommendations concerning proposed new codes and necessary state amendments. If you are interested in serving in this capacity and would like more information about the application process and the make-up of the

respective committees see the CAC article in this issue.

Lastly, I hope you have noticed recent improvements to the CBSC [website](#). We have minimized the sheer volume of information on the homepage in order to make the most relevant topics easier to locate. The CBSC home page now features two main sections front and center. One section is titled, *2013 Intervening Code Adoption Cycle*, and the other is for the *2015 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle*. The most pertinent information, along with links to key CBSC Web pages, is featured.

Please enjoy a safe and sound holiday season and...

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEES...

In accordance with Article 2, Section 1-209, California Administrative Code, Title 24, each CAC panel consists of ex-officio and voting members who represent specific professional criteria. Individuals appointed to a CAC must be knowledgeable and qualified in the type of work embraced by the subject building standards undergoing review. To further understand the guidelines and applicant criteria visit the CBSC CAC [Web page](#) and the [California Administrative Code](#) section noted above.

CAC members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual necessary travel expenses. [Applications](#) for appointment to the 2015 triennial cycle will be accepted through January 23, 2015.

WEBSITE UPDATE...



www.bsc.ca.gov

2015 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle
[Timeline](#)

[2015 Pre-Cycle](#) Activities

CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS LAW UPDATE...



Health & Safety Code 18940.6

Effective January 1, 2015, CBSC will be charged with conducting research to assist in the development of mandatory green building standards for the installation of recycled water systems for newly constructed commercial and public buildings. In consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board and other interested parties, including but not limited to public water systems, recycled water producers, product manufacturers, local building officials, property owners, California licensed contractors, and the building industry as a whole, CBSC will commence with the development processes in the year ahead. Both indoor and outdoor applications will be considered.

The new mandatory standards will be proposed for adoption during the 2016 Inter-vening Code Adoption Cycle, which will be effective in 2018.

[Recycled water](#) is defined in the California Department of Public Health Recycled Water Regulations, Chapter 3 of Division 4, Title 22, California Code of Regulations.



California-Australia dialogue on drought solutions

If the term “Millennium Drought” was overheard in a conversation, it is likely that most Californians would assume that someone had coined a phrase for the golden state’s long-term water troubles. However, the term Millennium Drought actually refers to Australia’s decade-long drought of the 2000s. Comparisons between Australia’s drought and California’s current water crisis have been drawn for some time. Similarities between the two states suggest the strong potential to learn from Australia’s water challenges and subsequent policy changes, improved water efficiencies and waste reduction. To that end, the *California-Australia Dialogue on Drought Solutions* was held on December 10, 2014, at the Department of General Services headquarters in West Sacramento.

Water experts discussed what actions in Australia could be implemented in California including water conservation, green infrastructure, responses to drought emergencies and long-term drought solutions, among others. Agriculture water reforms, urban water management, and innovative water technologies were a focus of panel discussions throughout the day-long program.

Click [here](#) for more information concerning the G’Day USA Tour.





The 2015-2016 legislative session convened at noon on December 1, 2014, where both houses organized for the first time since their last adjournment at midnight on November 30, 2014. After this initial convening, the Legislature will be in recess until January 5, 2015, when an increase in bill introductions affecting buildings and building standards is likely.

Each legislative session new bills are introduced in the California State Legislature. Some of these bills affect CBSC while others address issues that relate to the design or construction of buildings in California.

Following is a bill that pertains to building standards that has been introduced thus far during the 2015-2016 legislative session:

- [SB 7 \(Wolk\) Housing: water meters: multiunit structures](#)

Note: Statutes from the 2013-2014 legislative session will take effect January 1, 2015, unless otherwise specified.

2013 INTERVENING CODE ADOPTION CYCLE SUPPLEMENT...

The following Supplements and Errata will be published on or before January 1, 2015. Code subscribers who have registered with the respective publisher(s), (e.g., ICC, IAPMO or BNi Books) will receive the updates in the mail or electronically. Otherwise, the documents will be available on the CBSC [website](#).

Supplement (blue pages)

- Part 1, California Administrative Code
- Part 2, California Building Code (Volumes 1 & 2)
- Part 2.5, California Residential Code
- Part 3, California Electrical Code
- Part 5, California Plumbing Code
- Part 9, California Fire Code
- Part 11, California Green Building Standards Code



Errata (buff pages)

- Part 2, California Building Code (Volumes 1 & 2)
- Part 2.5, California Residential Code
- Part 6, California Energy Code
- Part 9, California Fire Code

... AND ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

The [Alzheimer's Association of Northern California](http://www.alz.org) received over \$1750, from CBSC staff fundraising efforts in 2014. Multiple fundraisers including a vendor fair and nacho sale culminated with the 4th Annual Silent Auction at the end of October.

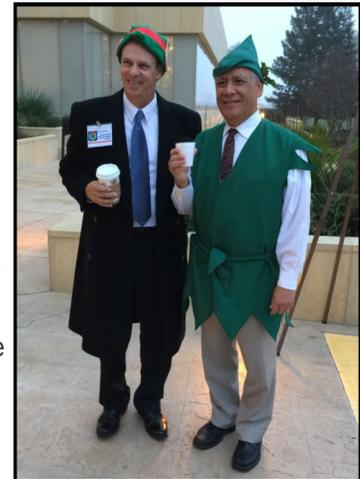


The annual **State Employees Food Drive** kicked off in November. Since that time staff has filled the CBSC "Best Decorated" award-winning shopping basket with over 230 pounds of food!



CBSC Deputy Executive Director Michael Nearman (shown left) joined DGS Acting Director Esteban Almanza during the "Executive Elves" charity fundraiser event on December 9, 2014, for a drive-up food and cash collection at the DGS headquarters at the Ziggurat building. Proceeds from all of the state employee food drive events benefit the

[Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services](http://www.sfbf.org).



2015 COMMISSION MEETINGS...

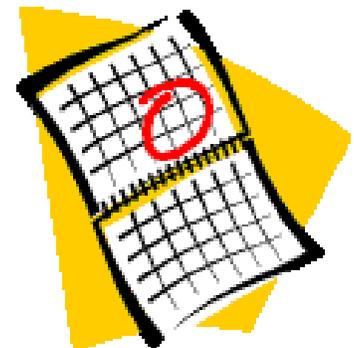
Notices including agenda items for the following will be published and posted on the CBSC [website](http://www.cbsc.org) 15 days prior to each meeting. Please note that meeting dates are subject to change:

January 22, 2015 (*cancelled*)

April 22, 2015

July 22, 2015

October 21, 2015



QUIZ...

The 2015 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle will officially begin on January 1, 2015, and will result in the publication of the 2016 edition of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations. The code adoption process will include activities and participation by proposing [state agencies](#), CBSC, the [Coordinating Council](#), [Code Advisory Committees](#), and the general public and building industry. Answer these questions regarding the entities involved in the code adoption process.

- 1.) The first review of the developed proposal for the 2016 code will be conducted by the:
 - A.) Coordinating Council
 - B.) Commissioners
 - C.) Code Advisory Committees
 - D.) Office of Administrative Law
 - 2.) The Code Advisory Committee members are:
 - A.) Appointed volunteers with code expertise
 - B.) Elected for a term of five years
 - C.) Appointed by the Governor
 - D.) Appointed by the Legislature
 - 3.) The Coordinating Council:
 - A.) Reviews and makes recommendations on the proposed code
 - B.) Coordinates pre-cycle activities among the state agencies
 - C.) Considers adoption of the proposed code following public review
 - D.) All of the above
 - 4.) The Code Advisory Committee meetings will occur:
 - A.) Following the public comment period
 - B.) Prior to the public comment period
 - C.) During the public comment period
 - D.) None of the above
 - 5.) The state agencies responsible for the code proposals must:
 - A.) Consider recommendations by the Code Advisory Committees
 - B.) Amend proposals according to Code Advisory Committee recommendations
 - C.) Consider only the recommendations of the Coordinating Council
 - D.) Consider only those comments from the general public
1. Reference CBSC website, *Guide to Title 24*, and Section 1-209, Title 24 Part 1.
 2. Reference Health & Safety Code Section 18927, CBSC website, *Guide to Title 24*, and Section 1-409, Title 24 Part 1.
 3. Reference Health & Safety Code Section 18926, and CBSC website.
 4. Reference CBSC website, *Guide to Title 24*, and Section 1-209, Title 24 Part 1.
 5. Reference CBSC website, *Guide to Title 24*, and Section 1-409, Title 24 Part 1.



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Answers:

1.)C; 2.)A; 3.)B; 4.)B; 5.)A