

**REACO Annual Membership Meeting: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**HELD AT: Jimmy's Lakeside Grill; 1320 19th Hole Dr, Windsor, CA**  
**MEETING START TIME IS 12:00 pm**

**You can also join virtually through the Zoom link below.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83896632857?pwd=wtMEN5FZQUkXf4benn5hmXnv8bBanw.1>

**CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**SELF INTRODUCTIONS** (Officers, Guests, Members)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

**OFFICER REPORTS**

President: Kevin Scheumann –

Treasurer: Betty Li –

1. Account transactions summaries  
Checking and savings beginning balance: \$  
Deposits: \$  
Debits and Checks: \$  
Checking and savings ending balance: \$

Vice President: Ryan Rose

Secretary: Rob Spaulding

Past President: Richard Angley

**LIAISON REPORTS**

SCFPO: Devon Gamberini –

ICC Rep: Karyn Beebe – See Link <https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/gr-monthly-update/>

CBOAC: Eric Seabrook –

CALBO: Doug Hughes –

CEC Rep: Gagandeep Randhawa –

IAEI: Doug Hughes, Mike Stone –

BayREN: John Pazos

RECSI: **Michael Wright**

ICC Region 1: Richard Angley –

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education Committee:** Eric Seabrook, David Willoughby and Kevin Scheumann –

**Web-Site Committee:** David Willoughby –

**ADU Committee:** Brad Cannon, Eric Seabrook, – See information on web page

**Scholarship Committee:** David Willoughby, Richard Angley, Kris Kuntz, Ian Broeske

**Nominations Committee:** [David Willoughby, Charles Lucus & Richard Angley; 2025](#)

## **PROGRAM**

**Tyler Shewbert: Fuseology- Intro to Fuses**

## **CODE ISSUES / QUIZ –**

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LEGISLATIVE NEWS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT – next meeting on February 3rd, at Jimmy's Lakeside Grill- meeting invite will be sent out later in the month for those attending virtually.**

# ICC Government Relations

January 2026

## Monthly Update

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### International Code Council Board of Directors delivers first Cayman Islands custom building code

The International Code Council (ICC) and its Board of Directors presented representatives from the Cayman Islands Ministry of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure with the islands' first custom building code. While the Ministry has adopted previous versions of the International Codes® (I-Codes®), the Cayman Islands Building Code is the first to be published under its name, signifying the islands' ownership of the code. The new code is based on the 2021 International Building Code® and is designed to align with modern global standards while accommodating local needs. It is anticipated that the code will be officially adopted in 2026. The Cayman Islands will also be adopting the 2021 versions of the International Residential Code®, International Mechanical Code®, International Plumbing Code® and the International Fuel Gas Code®. The first printed copy of the Cayman Islands Building Code was presented to Hon. Johany S. "Jay" Ebanks, Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure, by ICC Board of Directors President, Mike Bosco.

[Read more here →](#)

### UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

**2026 Public Comment  
Hearings – Group A & B**  
**April 19–28, 2026**  
The Connecticut Convention  
Center, Hartford CT

**2026 ICC Annual  
Conference and Expo**  
**October 18 – 21, 2026**  
Gaylord Opryland Resort  
Nashville, TN

### Norristown, Penn., receives HUD Secretary's Award

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary's Award for Excellence in Healthy Homes highlights the work of agencies, organizations and Tribes that are advancing healthier living environments while ensuring housing remains affordable. Administered through HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH), the award shines a spotlight on innovative strategies, effective policies and community-driven initiatives that reduce health risks, address environmental hazards and improve housing quality nationwide. The award honors ongoing achievement and sustainability while fostering innovative approaches to reduce lead and other health hazards in homes. The Municipality of Norristown in Pennsylvania is the recipient of the 2024 HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Healthy Homes.

[Read more here →](#)

## Belcik elected to American National Standards Institute Board of Directors

John Belcik, CEO, ICC, has been elected to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Board of Directors as a Director-at-Large beginning January 2026. Belcik will serve in a strategic leadership role, contributing to ANSI's governance over a three-year term, helping shape standards and conformity assessments to develop markets, drive innovation and gain international competitive advantages. The ANSI Board is comprised of a distinguished group of organizations, including the National Science Foundation, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute (CLSI), the National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Food and Drug Administration and more.

[Read more here →](#)

## National roundtable addresses housing affordability issue to seek solutions

The International Code Council (ICC), Pew Charitable Trusts, the National League of Cities and the American Planning Association recently hosted roundtable discussions on permitting and zoning best practices that support housing affordability. The discussions featured case study presentations by San Antonio, TX, and Fairfax County, VA, on permitting practices, and Raleigh, NC, and Seattle, WA, on zoning practices, as well as engagement by several members of ICC's zoning code development and education committees. National participants included representatives from National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), Habitat for Humanity, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, American Enterprise Institute, Urban Institute, National Zoning Atlas, Mercatus Institute, AARP, the Niskanen Center and the National Housing Trust. For a high-level overview of solutions posed during the discussions, which links to results of an ICC member survey on these topics conducted in Q3 of 2025, click [here](#).

## Code Council's Chief Knowledge Officer O'Neil Appointed Chair of SPAB

Joan O'Neil, Chief Knowledge Officer and Executive Vice President, Content and Services of the International Code Council (ICC), has been appointed Chair of Standards Publishing Advisory Board (SPAB) 2026 Annual Conference taking place Feb. 23-25 in Scottsdale Arizona. As a global organization comprised of Standards Development Organizations (SDOs), SPAB has been discussing matters impacting standards development, publishing and distribution for 50 years. The 2026 theme is *From Standards to Systems: Building the Interoperable Future*. As Chair, O'Neil will lead strategic discussions, guide the annual conference agenda and foster partnerships that advance interoperability and digital transformation across the industry. Her expertise will influence global standards and digital transformation.

[Read more here →](#)

## More than 50 earned Master Code Professional designations during 2025

The [International Code Council's \(ICC\) Master Code Professional](#) (MCP) designation is the highest level of ICC certification and is the "gold standard" for demonstrating proficiency in the code profession. A Master Code Professional's achievements contribute both to the advancement of code enforcement and the well-being of their communities. While thousands have been certified by ICC, only a select number have attained this high level of achievement. As of Dec. 3, 55 code professionals achieved the prestigious MCP designation in 2025. The MCPs were also recognized during the Annual Business Meeting at [ICC's 2025 Annual Conference](#) in Cleveland, Ohio. Obtaining this level of certification requires a commitment to the profession, diverse knowledge of codes and a high level of self-initiative. Typical MCPs hold 17 or more ICC certifications.

[Read more here →](#)

## New standard establishes test method for wall panel wythe connectors

The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI), in collaboration with the International Code Council (ICC), is developing a new standard, ICC/BSR/PCI 155-202x: Specification for Test Method of Precast Concrete Insulated Wall Panel Wythe Connectors, to establish test method protocol for the determination of wythe connector properties. Currently, designers rely on design properties, or entire insulated wall panel system design from wythe connector suppliers that may not be verified through a consistent test method across different connector types. This standard provides test method protocol requirements for fabricating specimens and testing wythe connectors, typically used in precast concrete insulated wall panels, to develop wythe connector properties. This will aid designers in creating backbone curves to be used in insulated wall panel design.

[Read more here →](#)

## Code Council joined key stakeholders and government officials at COP 30

The International Code Council (ICC) once again joined global stakeholders participating in the recent [UN Global Climate Change Conference \(COP30\)](#) in Belém, Brazil, to elevate the importance of having strong, right-sized building codes supported by a robust ecosystem for compliance to ensure both resilience and sustainability in the built environment. While national climate policy makers from around the world were negotiating carbon reduction and adaptation goals, the ICC team joined a large gathering of NGOs, industry, development banks and government leaders to discuss solutions and take action to support the overall aims of creating a more sustainable and resilient

world. The buildings and construction sector has had an increasingly important voice, and was comprised of stakeholders represented by the Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC), the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), UN Habitat and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). The idea of a “neighborhood” of like-minded organizations addressing the “Cities, Infrastructure and Water” aspect of the COP30 agenda was a response to the COP30 Presidency’s call for a Mutirão Global, or a space for collective action involving multilevel governance and private sector solutions.

[Read more here →](#)



## January 15 is the deadline for presentation proposals for 2026 Academy

The Code Council is seeking presenters for the [2026 Chapter Leadership Academy](#) (CLA) to be held April 17–18, 2026 in Hartford, Connecticut. This is your opportunity to motivate fellow chapter leaders and contribute to the mission of the CLA: *Empowering Chapter leaders through education, networking, and information sharing*. Help build a successful event by sharing your expertise on the 2026 theme: **Effective Chapter Administration and Management**. Proposals should include:

- Session overview
- Session length (30, 60, 90, or 180 minutes)
- Session type:
  - Presentation/Lecture
  - Breakout
  - Team building

**[The deadline for submissions is January 15](#)**. Selected presenters will be notified by February 1 and final presentations are due March 15. For more information on the CLA or to view the 2025 presentations, click [here](#).

## ICC Plumbing, Mechanical, and Fuel Gas Updates

### Geothermal HVAC Systems: Harnessing the earth for sustainable comfort

As the demand for energy-efficient and environmentally responsible building systems grows, geothermal heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems are emerging as a compelling solution. Geothermal HVAC systems, also known as ground-source heat pumps (GSHPs), operate by transferring heat between a building and the earth through a network of underground pipes called ground loops. These loops circulate a water-based solution that absorbs or releases heat depending on the season. These systems leverage the earth's stable underground temperature to provide heating and cooling with remarkable efficiency and longevity. For code officials, inspectors and contractors, understanding the technology, its benefits and the regulatory framework is essential to supporting safe and effective installations.

[Read more here →](#)

### Inspections help avoid disasters: Take the fuel gas protocols survey

Fuel gas inspections are the frontline defense against potential disasters. Regular inspections can identify leaks, faulty installations and aging systems that could lead to severe consequences if left unchecked. By identifying issues early, corrective actions can be taken to ensure the safety of homes, businesses and communities. This proactive approach not only enhances safety but also promotes energy efficiency, helping to lower utility costs. The frequency of gas explosions in the United States starkly illustrates the dire consequences of neglecting these inspections. With approximately 300 gas explosions occurring each year, resulting in loss of life and widespread property damage, the need for vigilant oversight is more pressing than ever. One of the most haunting examples is the 1937 New London School gas explosion in Texas, a tragedy that claimed nearly 300 innocent lives and forever reshaped safety



# Efficiency Division Updates

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

ICC Chapter Monthly Meeting

January 2026

## Energy Code Related Updates

- **Business meeting agendas and recordings**
  - **December 8** – Approved:
    - EnergyPro Version 10.0
    - Solar PV and BESS Requirement Determination for the Monte Vista Apartments Project. Order determining that per Section 10-109(k), Section 150.1(c)14 of the 2019 Energy Code shall not apply to the Monte Vista Apartments Project
    - Local ordinance for Moreno Valley
  - **December 19** – Nothing to report
  - **January 21 (agenda pending)**
  - **Next Business Meeting – February 11**
- **2025 Energy Code** webpage – effective January 1, 2026
  - **Restructured 2025 Energy Code** available. Requesting feedback. 30-minute training can be arranged
  - **2025 ADU FAQS** available
  - **2025 Covered processes FAQs** for commercial kitchens and controlled environmental horticulture available
  - CBECC 2025.2.0 and EnergyPro 10.0 compliance software are available on the **2025 Energy Code Compliance Software webpage**
    - Older versions will expire January 7, 2026
- **ECC- Providers - Energy Code Compliance Program** now in effect, webpage updated
- For information about valid CEC-approved ECC Providers, please visit the ECC webpage or contact [SCO@energy.ca.gov](mailto:SCO@energy.ca.gov)
  - **Home Energy Rating System Providers** webpage updated
    - Fraudulent CALCERTS website was taken down
- **2028 Energy Code** pre-rulemaking to begin in 2026. Visit the **CEC 2028 Energy Code webpage**
  - CBECC 2028.0.1 RV is available from the **2028 Energy Code CBECC Research Software web page**
- CEC **Workshop January 9** - Request for information on potential data reporting requirements for space heating, air conditioning, and water heating equipment sales in California
- **Blueprint Newsletter: Fall 2025**

## Energy Code Training and Events

- **Energy Commission training and events**
  - Jan 7 – 2025 Significant Changes Overview for Shasta Cascade ICC
  - Jan 8 – 2025 Single-family Changes for San Joaquin Valley ICC

- Jan 15 – 2025 Single-family Changes for Mammoth Lakes
- **Energy Code Ace training**
  - Jan 6 – 2025 Single-family Standards: Solar & Battery Storage
  - Jan 7 – 2025 Nonresidential & Multifamily Standards: Solar & Battery Storage
  - Jan 8 – 2025 Single-family Standards: Envelope
  - Jan 12 – 13 – 2025 Single-family Standards for Architects and Designers
  - Jan 13 – 2025 Residential Standards: What's New
  - Jan 14 – 2025 Nonresidential Standards: What's New
  - Jan 14 - 15 – 2025 Single-family Standards for Plans Examiners
  - Jan 21 - 22 – 2025 Nonresidential Standards for Architects & Designers
  - Jan 27 – 2025 Residential Standards: Lighting
- **BayREN training**
  - Jan 14 – 2025 Energy Code Changes – Single Family
  - Jan 14 – 2025 Decarbonization Showcase Informational Webinar
  - Jan 28 – 2025 Energy Code Changes – Multifamily
- **3C-REN training**
  - Jan 14 – Renewable Energy, Energy Storage and Resiliency
  - Jan 22 – Navigating the Energy Code
  - Jan 29 – Unitary versus Split Heat Pump Water Heating Systems
- **I-REN training**
  - Jan 15 – Heat Pump Water Heaters for Building Departments (2025 Code)
  - Jan 29 – Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
- **SoCal REN resources**
- **PG&E training**
- **Southern California Edison training**
  - Jan 15 – Electrification & Home Performance Series: 6 Testing Residential Building Pressure Webinar
  - Jan 21 – Building Electrification Fundamentals 1-Building Electrification & Me
  - Jan 22 – The Business Opportunity of Electrification
  - Jan 28 – Building Electrification Fundamentals 2-An Overview of Building Electrification
  - Jan 29 – Electrification & Home Performance Series: 7-Integrating Heat Pump Water Heaters
  - Jan 30 – Home Energy Series – Part 1: Electricity Usage
- **SoCal Gas education**

## Energy Code Resources

- **Energy Code Support Center**
- Energy Code Hotline: call 800-772-3300 or use [hotline submission form](#)
- **2022 Energy Code Compliance Software**
- **Local Energy Code resources**
- **CalGreen resources**
- **Building and Home Energy Resource Hub**
- **Inflation Reduction Act Residential Energy Rebate Programs**
- **2028 Energy Code - Codes and Standards Enhancement (CASE)**
- **Energy Code Compliance Study** – Email [SCO@energy.ca.gov](mailto:SCO@energy.ca.gov)

<https://forms.office.com/g/XtPD0SEdiP>

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- [Blueprint Newsletter email list](#)
- [Building Standards email list](#)
- [Appliance Standards email list](#)
- [Federal IRA Residential Incentives email list](#)

# BayREN Codes & Standards Program

## 2026 BayREN Energy Code Trainings & Events

<https://www.bayren.org/events-training>

### Live Online Events & Trainings

#### BayREN C&S Training: 2025 Energy Code Changes – Single Family

**Location:** live online

**Date:** Wednesday, January 14, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am –10:30 am

**Description:** This course will provide an overview of the 2025 Energy Code changes for single family buildings, including changes to the structure of the energy code as well as changes to mandatory measures and performance and prescriptive requirements.

**Topics Covered:** Energy Code, Single Family

**Target Audience:** Building Department Staff

ICC CEUs: 0.1

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

#### BayREN C&S Training: 2025 Energy Code Changes – Multifamily

**Location:** live online

**Date:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am –10:30 am

**Description:** This course will provide an overview of the 2025 Energy Code changes for multifamily buildings, including changes to mandatory measures and performance and prescriptive requirements.

**Topics Covered:** Residential Energy Code

**Target Audience:** Building Department Staff

ICC CEUs: 0.1

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

#### BayREN C&S Training: 2025 Energy Code Changes – Nonresidential

**Location:** live online

**Date:** Wednesday, February 11, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am –10:30 am

**Description:** This course will provide an overview of the 2025 Energy Code changes for nonresidential buildings, including changes to mandatory measures, new compliance forms, as well as updated performance and prescriptive requirements.

**Topics Covered:** Energy Code, Nonresidential

**Target Audience:** Building Department Staff

ICC CEUs: 0.1

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

#### BayREN C&S Training: ECC (formerly HERS) Registry

**Location:** live online

**Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026

**Time:** 9:00 am –10:30 am

**Description:** This course explores the advantages of using the online Energy Code Compliance (ECC) registry, formerly known as Home Energy Rating System (HERS), to track and verify compliance forms electronically and will cover how to navigate projects in the ECC registry.

**Topics Covered:** Energy Code, ECC Registry, HERS Registry

**Target Audience:** Building Department Staff

ICC CEUs: 0.1

[Webinar Registration Link](#)

*For information about BayREN resources and trainings contact John Pazos, Sonoma County BayREN Codes and Standards Program Representative: [John.Pazos@sonomacounty.gov](mailto:John.Pazos@sonomacounty.gov) or 707-565-3029.*



## BPR CODE QUIZ

December 2025

1. Per the 2022 California Electrical Code, Section 422.16, flexible cords shall be permitted as follows:
  - a. To connect appliances to facilitate their frequent interchange or to prevent the transmission of noise or vibration.
  - b. To facilitate the removal or disconnection of appliances that are fastened in place, where the fastening means and mechanical connections are specifically designed to permit ready removal for maintenance or repair and the appliance is intended or identified for flexible cord connection.
  - c. Both a and b
  - d. Either a or b
  - e. Neither a nor b
2. Per the 2022 California Historical Code, Section 8-902.1.2, existing mechanical systems which do not, in the opinion of the enforcing agency, constitute a safety hazard may remain in use.
  - a. True
  - b. False
3. Per the 2022 California Residential Code Appendix AH, Section AH103.1, Patio Cover enclosure walls shall be permitted to be of any configuration, provided that the open or glazed area of the longer wall and one additional wall is not less than 65% percent of the area below 6 feet 8 inches of each wall, measured from the floor. Openings shall be enclosed of any of the following:
  - a. Insect screening
  - b. Approved translucent or transparent plastic not more than 0.125 inch
  - c. Glass conforming to the provision of Section R308
  - d. Any Combination of the above
4. Per the 2022 California Mechanical Code, Section 502.1, exhaust openings terminating to the outdoors shall be covered with a corrosion-resistant screen having not less than \_\_\_\_ of an inch openings, and shall have not more than \_\_\_\_ of an inch openings.
  - a. 1/8" and 1/2"
  - b. 1/4" and 1/2"
  - c. 5/16" and 1"
5. Per the 2022 California Building Code, Section 1008.2, the means of egress serving a room or space shall be illuminated at all times that the room or space is occupied. Which of the following is not an exception?
  - a. Occupancies in Group U
  - b. Aisle accessways in Group A
  - c. Occupancies in Group S-2 low-hazard storage
  - d. Dwelling units and sleeping units in Groups R-1, R-2 and R-3
  - e. Sleeping units of Group I, R-2.1 and R-2 occupancies

Answer Key: 1: d 2: a 3: d 4: b 5: c

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