



# September 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials  
1007-B West College Avenue # 326 Santa Rosa, CA 95401

The August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was held virtually on WebEx

## 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 pm. by David Willoughby, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

## 2. PRESENTATION: -

None

## 3. SELF INTRODUCTIONS (Officers, Guests, Members) skipped because list of attendees was on the screen. There were 18 members and guests in attendance.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Minutes are going to be delayed due to the Secretary's having been evacuated for the second half of August. They will be posted soon for comment.

## 5. OFFICERS REPORTS

**President: Jay Bradford** – Not present

**Treasurer: Steve Buffenbarger** –

We have not received the bank statement for last month yet, but nothing much has changed since the last report.

### May Account transactions summary:

Checking beginning balance:	\$25,252.14
Deposits:	\$ .21
Debits and Checks:	\$
Checking ending balance:	\$ 25,252.35

**Vice President: David Willoughby** –

- Verified checking account balance.

**Secretary: Steve Neely** –

No report.

**Past President: Charles Lucas** –

No report.

**No Program:**

## LIAISON REPORTS

### **SCFPO:**

- Kemplen Robbins reported FPOs had to cancel their meeting due to the fires.

**ICC: Susan Dowty** –

- ICC is holding a week-long educational and networking virtual event offering topics such as: COVID-19 Global Perspectives Channel, 2021 Code Changes. Going Virtual: How to Embrace the New Normal, and Remote Virtual Inspections: Recommended Practices from 11/9/2020 – 11/13/2020. See attached Building Safety Journal for more details.

- CARES Act Fund information (for use by Building Departments for virtual needs: E.g. software, hardware, programs upgrades/updates, digital code access) is included in the September Government Relations Newsletter will be attached to these minutes along with Recommended Practices for virtual Inspections.
- ICC received over 800 completed COVID-19 surveys from the initial offering and is in the process of asking for second-round surveys to be completed. They use the information to advocate for jurisdictions' recovery and mitigation purposes.
- ICC is adopting Mass Timber Building Standards in July 2021 and making the code book available soon.
- **Jim Sayers –**
- The Code Council Bylaws Committee will begin to have meetings to update current bylaws to better fit today's environment. They are requesting input from current Building Department Administrators along with input from the next generation of Building Department Administrators.

**CBOAC: Eric Seabrook --**

- CBOAC annual conference has been cancelled. They have secured Tenaya Lodge for next year's conference in early May. Officers will retain their current positions until then.

**CALBO: Brad Wungluck – Not present**

- The August Chapter Report was attached to the agenda for today's meeting. We will either attach the September report to these minutes (if they become available prior to posting) or post them on the REACO website when they do become available.
- Education weeks are currently scheduled for the end-of-the-year and into January of next year for San Ramon location.

**CEC: Amie Brousseau --**

- Is looking for non-residential Energy Code inspector focus group volunteers to provide input into potential changes to the Non-Residential Energy Code forms. Contact Amie or see the announcement in the Energy Code ACE newsletter.

**BayREN: Christine Condon –**

- Codes and Standards forum on Decarbonization of Existing Public Buildings to be held on 9/16/2020 via Zoom (9am – noon).
- See newsletter attached to agenda and here.
- No training being offered in September but working on offering some in October.
- Contact Christine Condon at [Christine.Condon@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Christine.Condon@sonoma-county.org) for more information on all the above.

**ICC Region 1: Charles Lucas –**

- Next meeting to be held later in September.

**IAEI:**

- No report.

**AIARE:** No Report

**CSI:** No report

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Education Committee: Eric Seabrook –**

- No report

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

- No issues to report.

## **Audit Committee Doug Williams –**

- Audit report has been put on hold as REACO is not currently conducting business outside of meetings.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

Trainings are being offered by SVABO. See flyer attached to the agenda and minutes for more details.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

## **9. LEGISLATIVE NEWS**

## **10. CODE ISSUES**

- Open discussion on jurisdictional responses to COVID-19 limitations and potential solutions for maintaining Building Department services.
- **City of Healdsburg:– David Willoughby**
  - Have provided bins outside of Building Department for plans and supporting documentation to be placed in for two-days prior to handling by staff.
  - No public counters open yet.
  - Conducting inspections and plan reviews.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm by David Willoughby.

**The next meeting; TBA via WebEx**

# ICC [Government Relations](#) Monthly Update – September 2020

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**YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED: Take the survey now.** Help us obtain funding to help make your job safer. Work by ICC's Government Relations staff helped to get funds for local jurisdiction code offices through the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) to protect essential services. Last April, 1150 jurisdictions from every state across the country provided feedback. Read the survey analysis, [here](#). Responses from ICC Members helped ICC GR staff alert state and local governments to better understand departments' virtual capabilities and to collect best practices that could help inform other departments' approaches. [Now, we need you to update that information](#). Please take a few minutes and answer the questions as best as you can. Identities are protected. [Take the survey](#).

## **WATCH IT NOW: Webinar features four ICC Members on how their offices used federal CARES Act funding to address virtual needs**

You can see the webinar featuring four code officials from across the country who discuss how their offices received funds to upgrade to virtual office systems and make their jobs safer. Panelists were permit technician **Barb Williams**, Otsego, Minnesota; ICC Board Member **Mike Boso**, Grove City, Ohio; **Becky Baker**, Jefferson County, Colorado, and **Ruben Barrera**, Ventura County, California. They described how their jurisdictions successfully secured federal CARES Act funds to protect and support their departments and communities through hardware, as well as virtual and digital solutions. They outlined opportunities for federal funding and steps to receive funds, the solutions they've sought and why, and their advice on navigating the process. The panel was moderated by former Tennessee Fire Marshal Gary West and West Allis, Wisconsin, building official Ed Lisinski. [Click here to see the webinar](#).

## **International Code Council releases recommended practices for remote virtual inspections**

For no cost, code officials can obtain "[Recommended Practices for Remote Virtual Inspections](#)," the Code Council's guideline document for an effective, consistent remote virtual inspections program. It reflects research and discussions from Code Council members (including responses to April's survey of U.S. code officials on COVID-19 response), partners and industry experts. Remote virtual inspections use visual or electronic aids that allow inspectors to observe specific construction projects, products or materials from a distance. [These remote inspections](#) are beneficial when the materials or buildings are inaccessible, in dangerous environments, or in other circumstances, prevent an in-person inspection. [Read about the recent experiences](#) in Florida using video inspections and [click here to see how drones](#) are used indoors. Read about [electronic plans submittals in Ranch Cucamonga, California, here](#).

## **SAVE THE DATES: Code Council launches ICC LEARN LIVE webinars during November 9-13**

This November, the International Code Council is launching **ICC LEARN LIVE**, a week-long virtual training and education event that will cover the latest topics in building safety — from the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the building industry to remote virtual inspections and the 2021 International Codes. [This innovative event will be held](#) from Nov. 9–13, 2020. Here are the dates and sessions.

- **Monday, November 9** - 2021 IBC Highlight of Structural Changes; Best Practices for Building Departments; COVID-19 Global Perspectives Panel.
- **Tuesday, November 10** - 2021 Code Changes – Break Outs.
- **Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day (dedicated to veterans and will include related issues)** - Going Virtual: How to Embrace the New Normal; Remote Virtual Inspections – Recommended Practices; Innovation in 3D Printing.
- **Thursday, November 12** - Energy Storage; Careers in the Building Safety Industry; Careers in Building Safety Panel.
- **Friday, November 13** – Plumbing; Keynote Speaker/Networking.

We expect ICC Learn Live to reach more building safety professionals than ever before now that we're making our content available to professionals around the world at their desks. Indeed, our webinar sessions in April and May, in the wake of the pandemic, saw between 500 and 1,100 participants each, and ICC Learn Live will showcase five days of content. Attached to this edition of **ICC Government Relations Monthly Update** is a **LEARN LIVE** prospectus outlining the sponsorship opportunities for this event. To discuss how ICC Learn Live might help accomplish your business development goals, please contact David Coyne at [dcoyne@iccsafe.org](mailto:dcoyne@iccsafe.org).

**Code Council CEO Dominic Sims offers column published in new issue of "Governing" magazine**  
[Governing](#) featured [a column by Code Council CEO Dominic Sims](#) titled "Building Safety's Essential Role in Resilience and Recovery" which stresses the importance of code departments in pandemic response, ensuring building occupants' life safety, promoting community disaster mitigation and recovery, and facilitating construction and related economic activity. It urges state and local government to leverage federal CARES Act funding to address code departments' virtual capability needs. "Building code adoption and enforcement are the backbone to a safe built environment," Sims wrote. "According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, modern and well-enforced building codes are one of the most effective means to prepare communities for natural hazards. Strong code enforcement can help to reduce losses from catastrophic weather events such as windstorms by 15 to 25 percent, which makes funding critical so that building departments can make the switch to digital processes and maintain full function as they face down the dual threats posed by the virus and other natural hazards."

**Education opportunities are available involving AWC and ICC resources on mass timber construction**  
The Learning Center at ICC is [presenting new training opportunities on Mass Timber Construction](#). This training series is being co-sponsored with the American Wood Council (AWC). [AWC and ICC](#) recently issued released [Mass Timber Buildings and the IBC](#), an overview of requirements for mass timber construction as found in the 2015, 2018, and 2021 *International Building Code* (IBC). The series includes:

- [Introduction to Mass Timber Products](#)
- [What's New in 2015/2018 IBC® for Mass Timber Construction](#)
- [Background and Overview \(New Mass Timber\)](#)
- [Heights and Areas and Construction Fire Safety \(New Mass Timber\)](#)
- [Fire Safety \(New Mass Timber\)](#)
- [Principles of Fire and Connection Design and Special Inspection \(New Mass Timber\)](#)

On November 19, [a Virtual Training Room on Mass Timber Building and the IBC](#) will provide an overview of mass timber which includes any product currently permitted for use in Type IV (heavy timber) construction such as cross-laminated timber (CLT), structural composite lumber (SCL), glue laminated timber (glulam), mechanically laminated decking (aka nail-laminated timber, NLT), and large section sawn timbers. This course is at 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Central.

#### **Appeals Board approves merger of two hearings to begin Monday morning, September 14**

As announced in the Notice of Appeal Hearings, the appeals for the 2019 Group B Code Cycle were split into five groups since a significant amount of crossover was identified between some of the appeals. After receiving a request by the affected appellants for the fourth and fifth appeal hearings – Leading Builders of America and the National Association of Home Builders – the Appeals Board approved the merger of the hearings originally scheduled on September 10 and 14. The resulting appeal hearing will take place on September 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Central. The hearing will include the following appeal basis as noted in the [Notice of Appeal Hearings](#):

- Impact of online voting (CP 28)
- Cost impact
- Voting guides
- Voter eligibility
- Validation process

The deadline for comments was August 31. The hearing for federal preemption was held August 31, and the hearing for scope and intent is September 3. Registration links for the view only YouTube live stream of the hearing is available [here](#). As advised in previous notices, those interested in participating during the hearings are strongly encouraged to use the presentation template linked below. The template ensures the quality and formatting of the presentation follows the recommended [presentation guidelines](#). All presentations will be posted to the Code Council [appeals webpage](#) as they were submitted, without edits. Only Microsoft PowerPoint (.ppt) files will be accepted. Presentations are due Tuesday, September 8, by close of business. This webpage serves as the notification vehicle and repository for all documents related to the processing of the appeals in accordance with CP1 Appeals.

### **Wyoming's Jim Brown heads select committee making the first major review of Code Council bylaws**

Code Council President Greg Wheeler recently appointed a committee to conduct the first major review of the ICC bylaws since their creation. The Code Council Board and Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims agree that a comprehensive review is needed given the growth of the organization, the Code Council's 2025 strategic plan, and the changing world around us. The following were appointed:

- [Jim Brown, CBO, CFPS](#) – Chair
- [David Spencer, CBO](#) – Vice Chair
- [Bill Bryant, MCP, CBO](#)
- [Alan Boswell, MCP, CBO](#)
- [Ron Hampton, MCP, CBO](#)

Wheeler also appointed three ex officio, non-voting members from the [Emerging Leaders Membership Council](#) to serve on the committee: Elizabeth Arrington of Kentucky, Andre Jaen of Colorado and Benjamin Breadmore of Maine. The Committee will conduct a series of meetings throughout the fall and develop a detailed report for the Code Council Board to consider in December 2020. Members wishing to submit comments related to the bylaws should email them to [memberinput@iccsafe.org](mailto:memberinput@iccsafe.org).

### **Disaster Savings and Resilient Construction Act legislation praised by stake holders in construction**

United States Representatives Bill Pascrell, Jr. (D-NJ-09), Tom Reed (R-NY-23), Peter DeFazio (D-OR-04) and Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-25) introduced the Disaster Savings and Resilient Construction Act, legislation that will create a \$3,000 tax credit for homes and a \$25,000 tax credit for business to help their owners rebuild after natural disasters. The Code Council worked closely with the bill sponsors on this effort, which would provide tax credits property owners for construction or reconstruction that adheres to one of the two most recent editions of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code or the ICC 600 Standard for Residential Construction in High-Wind Regions. In response to the bill's introduction, Code Council CEO Dominic Sims said. "We applaud Rep. Bill Pascrell, Rep. Tom Reed, Chairman Peter DeFazio and Rep Mario Diaz Balart for introducing the Disaster Savings and Resilient Construction Act of 2020. With natural disasters expected to increase in frequency and severity, this legislation would boost our national resilience by providing tax incentives to help Americans strengthen homes and businesses against wildfire, high winds, and other natural hazards through the use of modern building codes and standards." [Read more here](#).

### **FEMA issues funding opportunities notice for its new pre-disaster mitigation grant program**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency [posted the fiscal year 2020 hazard mitigation assistance Notification of Funding Opportunities for the new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) pre-disaster mitigation grant program](#), which provides funding for eligible mitigation activities to strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness by reducing disaster losses and protecting life and property from future disaster damages. The Code Council supported the creation of the program, ensured it could benefit code activities, and has worked closely with FEMA on its further development. This year, there is \$500 million available for the BRIC program and FEMA is offering a series of webinars in August for prospective applicants. The program can fund code adoption/updating (staff time, consultants, code books/digital licenses), training/certifications (including International Code

Council's When Disaster Strikes), electronic permitting and remove virtual inspection software, and building department accreditation. The application deadline is Jan. 29, 2021. Stay tuned for information on an early September ICC webinar on this opportunity and how to best leverage it.

### **U.S. House of Representatives spending bill supports continued funding of EPA's WaterSense Program**

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed [a consolidated appropriations act for fiscal year 2021](#) that includes funding for programs within the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other agencies. The Appropriation Committee's [report](#) includes language that supports EPA's WaterSense Program and directs the agency to continue funding the program at the enacted levels. The program has saved \$4.4 trillion gallons of water and \$87 billion of water and energy expenses since its inception in 2006, and more than 34,000 WaterSense plumbing product models are available, according to the most recent [WaterSense Accomplishments Report](#). [Read more here](#).

### **Last part of series examines flexibility and savings in installing venting fixtures and traps in 2021 IPC**

In the fourth and final part of the series from "[Methods of Venting Plumbing Fixtures and Traps in the 2021 International Plumbing Code: Installation, Flexibility and Opportunity for Savings](#)," writer Lee Clifton delves into Chapter 9 of the IPC and its variety of methods to vent plumbing fixtures and traps. The methods have been laboratory tested to determine sizing and installation requirements that provide proper venting to a drainage system. The venting methods have also been field-tested, establishing a long history of satisfactory service. These venting provisions offer the installer and designer different paths to achieving an adequately vented system, which could result in cost savings along with ease of installation in different types of construction. [Read more here](#).

### **ICC-ES provides proof of compliance to state and regional codes and eases approval for installation**

With an expanding worldwide demand for safe and resilient buildings, it is more important than ever to prove that the products used to build them meet the local regulations. ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) evaluates products to help code officials approve them for installation. ICC-ES evaluation reports are tailored to meet the needs of the code official enforcing the international family of codes. The reports contain factual, relevant information needed by code officials in order to support their decision to allow subject building products in their jurisdiction. Many states and cities are already using ICC-ES reports, such as the state of California, state of Florida, and the City of Los Angeles. Learn more [here](#).

### **ICC Evaluation Service technical staff is primed for the developing 3D printing construction industry**

Realizing that 3D printing is quickly becoming an in-demand technology, ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) technical staff have been closely monitoring developments in the 3D printing construction industry. As the leading evaluation service in the industry whose reports are widely accepted by building officials and jurisdictions in the United States, ICC-ES has been working with leading 3D printing construction companies to develop building code compliance for one-story, single-unit, residential dwelling walls constructed using 3D printing technology. [Read more here](#).

### **Code Council releases update on current standards development activities**

The critical role of standards in the building regulatory process is such that the standards are an extension of the code requirements and are therefore equally enforceable. Consequently, standards that are referenced in codes carry an expectation of being as clear, direct and enforceable as code requirements that are primarily text. For a list of International Code Council standards that are current, being revised or are under development, [read more here](#).

### **ICC-ES in-person meeting slated for October 6-7 now changed to an online meeting via live WebEx**

The in-person meeting of the ICC Evaluation Service Evaluation Committee, scheduled for October 6-7, 2020, in Birmingham, Alabama, will now be held via live WebEx. A list of all acceptance criteria

[development documents](#) that will be presented for review is now available. Those interested in joining the meetings must register for the events scheduled on each day. [Registration](#) will close on October 2.

**Fannie Mae issues the Multifamily Modular Construction Toolkit in response to housing supply crisis**  
Modular construction is seen as a possible solution to the nation's affordable housing supply crisis due to its many potential benefits, including cost savings, shorter development timelines, and an overall safer and more efficient development process. Fannie Mae recently [released its Multifamily Modular Construction Toolkit to support the use of modular construction in multi-family housing](#). Developed with the support of the National Institute of Building Sciences Off-Site Construction Council and Code Council Vice President of Innovation Ryan Colker, the toolkit includes best practices, case studies and resources.

#### **New online membership tool makes reinstating ICC memberships easier than ever**

A new membership tool allows members to reinstate their memberships online. Previously, former members had to call or send a PDF form with a check. [Now, all they need to do is log in to myICC and click on the "Reinstate" button found in the membership area](#). There's no extra fee to reinstate a lapsed membership; just rejoin for the regular dues fee. Available 24/7, this new feature offers convenience for restoring member benefits and we're still available for you by phone at 888-ICC-SAFE x33804.

#### **Recently issued whitepaper examines COVID-19 impact on fiscal viability for states and jurisdictions**

The Council of State Governments released its report — [COVID-19: Fiscal Impact to States and Strategies for Recovery](#) — which examines near-term budget impacts, the economic risk of ongoing pandemic effects and shutdowns, the resiliency of states to respond, and strategies for fiscal recovery. States plan for unanticipated events in the development of state budgets, but nothing could have prepared states for the shock the COVID-19 pandemic is inflicting on revenue and expenditures in such a short time. Based on the latest state-by-state estimates, states face an estimated \$169-253 billion shortfall for the combined fiscal years ending in 2020 and 2021.

#### ***GOT PULSE?* Episode 29 focuses on Society of Fire Protection Engineers and performance-based design**

In this episode Code Council Senior Staff Engineer [Beth Tubbs](#) leads a discussion about the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and performance-based design. Tubbs is joined by ARUP Principal and Past President of SFPE [Ray Grill](#) and Building Official of Summit, N.J., [Gary Lewis](#). Click [here](#) to listen.

#### **Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, webinars, etc.**

Online learning is available from the ICC Learning Center. Find course listings you'd like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function. Single-day training events are an opportunity to focus on topics to ensure your code knowledge stays up to date, with some seminars offering a Virtual Classroom option so you can participate in the event from any location with an internet connection:

- **September 1 – IMC Webinar Series, [Administration and General Requirements](#).**
- **September 1-2 - [Permit Tech Institute](#).**
- **September 2 – Permit Tech Webinar Series, [Legal Principles](#).**
- **September 3 – Code Enforcement Webinar Series, [Effective Communication](#).**
- **September 8 – IMC Webinar Series, [Ventilation and Duct Systems](#).**
- **September 9 – Permit Tech Webinar Series, [Finding the Answers in the I-Codes®](#).**
- **September 10 - [Formulating an Effective Code Enforcement Program](#).**
- **September 14 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [General Inspection Administration](#).**
- **September 15 – IMC Webinar Series, [Exhaust Systems](#).**
- **September 16 – Permit Tech Webinar Series, [Simple Plan Review](#).**
- **September 16 – Standalone Webinar, [Simple Plan Review](#).**
- **September 17 - Leadership Webinar Series, [Building Your Bench](#).**

- September 21 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [General Provisions and Fire Safety, Part I.](#)
- September 22 – IMC Webinar Series, [Combustion Air and Venting.](#)
- September 28 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [General Provisions and Fire Safety, Part II.](#)
- September 29 – IMC Webinar Series, [Boilers and Hydronic Piping.](#)
- September 30 - [Millennials in Code Enforcement.](#)
- October 5 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [Special Occupancies and Operations.](#)
- October 6 – IMC Webinar Series, [Refrigeration, Fuel Oil Piping and Storage and Solar Systems.](#)
- October 13 - 2018 Fire Inspector Webinar Series, [Regulated Materials and Processes .](#)
- November 18 - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders.](#)
- November 19 - [Virtual Training Room on Mass Timber Building and the IBC.](#)
- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide.](#)
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1.](#)

Plus check out more upcoming virtual learning and webinar offerings here:

- Virtual landing [page](#)    Webinar landing [page](#)

Dear California Chapter Officers:

I hope this email finds you safe and healthy. It's been great connecting virtually at chapter meetings.

Attached please find the ICC Government Relations August Report for sharing with the chapter membership. Here are a few highlights:

- The City of San Diego has an interesting story about their switch to digital codes posted [here](#).
- Certification renewal dates have been extended to Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> as explained [here](#).
- **Code Development:** The [2021 Group A code development process](#) will begin with the code change proposal deadline of Jan 11, 2021. Several appeals have been filed in response to the 2019 Group B cycle with Appeals Hearings beginning August 26<sup>th</sup>; more information [here](#).
- **ICC's Coronavirus Response Center:** A new webinar on federal aid to local governments through the CARES Act Coronavirus Relief Fund is posted [here](#).
- **Learning Center Opportunities:** Upcoming virtual and webinar offerings can be found here:  
[Virtual landing page](#)  
[Webinar landing page](#)
- **Pulse Podcast Episode 29: SFPE & Performance Based Design:** ICC Senior Staff Engineer Beth Tubbs leads a discussion about the Society of Fire Protection Engineers (SFPE) and performance-based design. Tubbs is joined by ARUP Principal and Past President of SFPE Ray Grill and Building Official of Summit, NJ Gary Lewis. Listen [here](#).

Please let me know if I can answer any questions or be of assistance.

Thank you and take care,  
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The link for the Sept report should be live on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>...until then it will link to the August report. <https://www.iccsafe.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-September-ICC-GR-Monthly-Update.pdf>

And here are 3 links that will be featured in the Sept 1<sup>st</sup> report that will be of particular interest:

- [ICC Learn Live: November 9-13](#)
- [Using Federal CARES Act Funds: A Panel of Code Officials' Success Stories Webinar: SLIDES and RECORDING](#)
- [Recommended Practices for Remote Virtual Inspections](#)

I wanted to share a follow-up survey ICC launched last week about current COVID operations.

The feedback, either as a first-time or repeat survey respondent (from our March-April Survey), would be greatly appreciated and help inform our efforts to identify best practices and advocate for needed resources; plus the results will be shared with the membership.

The survey shouldn't take more 10 minutes. [Click here to take the survey: "Follow up: Building Safety and COVID-19"](#)

Your insights make a big difference. Thank you for your consideration and time. If you've already completed the survey, thank you so much!

If there is anything I can assist with, please let me know.

Thank you, Susan

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## Chapter Report Summer 2020

### Upcoming CALBO Events:

**All CALBO events through July 1, 2020 have been postponed due to COVID-19**

CALBO's 2020 Annual Conference (Carlsbad) – RESCHEDULED to October 4-7, 2020

Building Officials Leadership Academy (Ontario) – RESCHEDULED to October 19-22, 2020

CALBO Education Week South (Ontario) – October 19-22, 2020

CALBO Education Week Orange County (Newport Beach) – December 14-17, 2020

CALBO Education Week North (San Ramon) – RESCHEDULED to January 25-28, 2021

CALBO's 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting (Sacramento) – March 7-11, 2021

### Upcoming Industry Events:

League of California Cities Annual Conference (Long Beach) – October 7-9, 2020

CANCELLED - ICC Annual Business Meeting (St. Louis, MO) – October 11-14, 2020

IAPMO Annual Conference (Charlotte, NC) – September 13-17, 2020

### CALBO GOVERNANCE

- **All CALBO events scheduled for June have been postponed. CALBO encourages all members and industry professionals to heed all advice of federal, state and local health department officials to stay safe and well.**
- The newest CALBO website resource is the “COVID-19 Response” page that includes a toolkit of CALBO member highlights, online resources, and events and webinars. As jurisdictions are developing new processes through the COVID-19 pandemic to serve their communities, please use these resources to learn from one another and gain resources for your departmental needs. If you have a suggestion for this page, please reach out to the CALBO office at 916-457-1103 or [info@calbo.org](mailto:info@calbo.org).
- We are living in changing times, and CALBO has done its best to adapt to our new circumstances surrounded the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June 1, the CALBO office is fully operational so do not hesitate to reach out via phone or email should you need assistance.
- CALBO reminds all members that the Listserve is a great way to stay connected with your professional peers.

- CALBO launched a “good news” and “best practices” communications program in May telling the stories and creative practices of our members. Emails have been going out several times a week to CALBO members. Should you have a story to share, please email it to [kalmand@calbo.org](mailto:kalmand@calbo.org).
- CALBO held its first virtual Annual Business Meeting on April 8, 2020. The ABM was held to provide organizational updates and elect the 2020-21 Board of Directors. Nearly 200 people were in attendance, with 62 voting members present.
- Shane Diller (Elk Grove) was elected President; David Gonzalves (Loma Linda) was elected First Vice President; Brad Wungluck (Manteca) was elected Second Vice President; Sharon Goei (Milpitas) was elected Immediate Past President; Victor Cuevas (Los Angeles), Jesse De Anda (Beverly Hills) and Andrew Stuffer (Santa Barbara) were all elected to two-year terms on the Board of Directors.
- The CALBO Board continues to meet remotely, but is still committed to moving association business forward.
- CALBO still would like to host an in-person conference that will focus on programs, education, industry partners and social opportunities. CALBO has made arrangements to host our annual conference October 5-7, 2020 at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad (San Diego area). This is an exceptional location and an enhanced opportunity to come together after a long period of quarantine and social distancing.
- **For all members and guests who registered for the postponed ABM in Indian Wells, no action is needed on your part.** Your registration has been transferred to the October conference.
- Rooms are available for the Annual Conference at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort for the CALBO rate of \$199 per night. Information and the reservations link available on the CALBO website. If you had an overnight room booked in Carlsbad for the July conference, your reservation has been moved to October.
- The 2020 conference program has been developed in conjunction with membership feedback and is available for viewing on the CALBO website. Three full education courses are also available for individual registration on Wednesday, October 7.
- In addition to the formal program, a social golf tournament will be held on Sunday, October 4 at the Aviara Golf Club.
- CALBO will also host a lively President’s Dinner on Tuesday, October 6 with hot air balloons and food trucks.
- President Diller has chartered a new policy committee entitled Alternative Housing & Practices Committee to work with state legislators and local officials on reasonable and enforceable solutions. Interested persons should send their resume to [info@calbo.org](mailto:info@calbo.org) for consideration as a member of the committee.

- An advisory committee has been chartered of major jurisdictions with populations above 400,000. Recognizing the leadership role major jurisdictions play in their regions, CALBO hopes to support their efforts.
- Based on member feedback, the CALBO Board continues to work towards Board driven goals to include:
  1. Focus on legislation and advocacy at the state level
  2. Developing the next generation of code officials
  3. Education & training for the code change year
  4. Code development at all levels; national, state and local
  5. Input on tall wood structures (continued involvement in code change proposals)
  6. ISO surveys; research and share information on process and procedure
  7. Post disaster recovery toolkits & handouts
  8. Advancement and promotion of the Building Official profession
  9. Creation and recording of CALBO history
- Each ICC California Chapter has been assigned an interim CALBO Board Member liaison. Board Member liaisons serve as the conduit between local chapters and the CALBO Board. Board Members will supply updates and attend meetings throughout the upcoming year. Given that the Board has not been able to meet yet this membership year, the liaisons are subject to change. The CALBO Board is committed to engaging as much as possible with chapters through this pandemic.
  1. CalBIG – Sharon Goei
  2. Central Coast – Bryan Spain
  3. Citrus Belt – Jesse De Anda
  4. County Building Officials – Mike Brinkman
  5. East Bay – Mike Brinkman
  6. Foothill – Victor Cuevas
  7. High Desert – Andrew Stuffer
  8. Los Angeles Basin – Victor Cuevas/Jesse De Anda
  9. Monterey Bay – Sharon Goei/Bryan Spain
  10. Napa/Solano – Shane Diller
  11. NorCal FPOs – David Gonzalves/Shane Diller
  12. Orange Empire – Victor Cuevas/Jesse De Anda
  13. Peninsula – Sharon Goei
  14. Redwood Empire – Brad Wungluck
  15. Sacramento Valley – Shane Diller
  16. San Diego – Board
  17. San Joaquin Valley – Mike Brinkman
  18. Shasta/Cascade – Shane Diller
  19. SoCal FPOs – Andrew Stuffer
  20. Ventura – Andrew Stuffer
  21. Yosemite – Mike Brinkman, David Gonzalves and Brad Wungluck

- CALBO is seeking to serve as an information gathered for Code Development efforts at all levels. Given the vigilant work of the codes committees of regional (Tri) chapters throughout California, CALBO did not want to be in conflict with their efforts. CALBO has created a webpage to post and coordinate all California code change proposals. We hope this page, <https://www.calbo.org/node/1248>, will be a valuable tool for those attending the upcoming ICC hearings.
- CALBO continues to update its website [www.calbo.org](http://www.calbo.org) that was completely revamped two years ago, which includes large enhancements to the registration portal designed for member ease. Initial feedback on the design has been favorable. More features will be added to adopt to membership needs.
- The Board is working on a few membership toolkits. The idea behind these toolkits is that template policies, ordinances, best innovative practices and procedures would be available to the CALBO community as optional resources. Current toolkits under development include: innovative practices, internship programs, and seismic resiliency, inventories and procedures.
- The CALBO Board has continued its commitment to fiscal responsibility. Six percent of the 2020-21 year has been committed to reserve accounts, a practice that the Board plans to emulate each year.
- The CALBO Board has approved the following future ABM locations: Hyatt Regency Sacramento (March 7-11, 2021), Millennium Biltmore Los Angeles (March 27-31, 2022) and the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay/San Diego (March 5-9, 2023). The Hyatt Regency hotel chain has made a continued partnership viable ensuring that CALBO members receive reasonable overnight rates with the meeting space conducive to our needs.

### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

- CTI is working with instructors to finalize course development for this year's Education Weeks in preparation for the continued adoption of the 2019 codes. The Education Weeks will take place in Ontario (October 19-22, 2020), Newport Beach (December 14-17, 2020), and San Ramon (January 25-28, 2021). Online registration for the Education Weeks is now available, and you can download the 2020-21 CTI Training Catalog on the CALBO website.
- The San Ramon Education Week was rescheduled to January 25-28, 2021, which takes the place of the event originally scheduled for September 2020. CALBO will host another Education Week in San Ramon in 2021 – scheduled for September 13-16, 2021.
- CALBO has started development on a new online delivery model. The concept is still in its infancy, but webinar opportunities are expected in Summer 2020. These webinars will provide members with the opportunity for in-depth discussion and review of code topics that compliment CALBO courses. Please visit the CALBO website under the "Training Dates and Registration" tab for a full list of upcoming education opportunities.

- In order to host our events in person, the CALBO Board and CTI have been working on social distancing protocols for students, instructors and exhibitors. Each event and venue will have a specific set of guidelines to follow based upon the location and local regulations.
- In 2019, large changes were made to the CALBO online training registration system based on feedback from membership. This new and improved system will serve jurisdictional needs across the state when registering staff for their CEUs. New features include listing course descriptions, ICC and AIA course numbers with course titles on the online registration page along with new internal course management features for staff.
- CALBO will continue to supplement Education Week training with in-person trainings called independent offerings. Registration is now available for Summer 2020 in-person courses in Moreno Valley, Corona and Santa Barbara. CTI is currently planning additional training for Fall and Winter 2020. Please visit the CALBO website under the “Training Dates and Registration” tab for a full list of upcoming education opportunities. If a jurisdiction is interested in hosting an in-person course, please contact Lauren Herman at [lherman@calbo.org](mailto:lherman@calbo.org).
- The 2020 BOLA class will meet in Southern California at the Education Week Ontario from October 19-22, 2020. A waitlist for next year’s program in Sacramento is in place. Interested students should reach out to Lauren Herman at [lherman@calbo.org](mailto:lherman@calbo.org).
- CALBO has again collaborated with ICC to offer publications for the code change year; 2019 Significant Changes to the California Building Code and the 2019 Significant Changes to the California Residential Code. Both publications were jointly produced and the profits shared between the organizations. The publications are currently available through the ICC Bookstore.
- The CALBO Training Institute (CTI) is seeking new instructors and course developers. CTI will help you develop your speaking and listening skills, provide you an opportunity to co-teach with a seasoned instructor to gain hands-on experience in the classroom, learn how to create and implement a course plan, and utilize your knowledge to become a subject matter expert. Look for more information and an application in the upcoming 2020-21 CALBO Training Catalog. Contact Lauren Herman at [lherman@calbo.org](mailto:lherman@calbo.org) with questions.

### **CALBO PARTNERS**

- CALBO successfully launched the CALBO Partner Program in 2018 which offered annual packages granting special access to CALBO’s Education Weeks and Annual Business Meeting Sponsor and Exhibitor Program. Due to its popularity, CALBO is once again offering exclusive sponsorship opportunities to its members. Sponsors can make one

payment and streamline their participation in these events for the remainder of the year. Sponsorships run with the membership year: April 1 – March 31.

- CALBO would like to recognize the following companies for their participation in the new CALBO Partner Program. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration!
  - Gold Sponsors: CSG Consultants, Interwest Consulting Group, Optimum Seismic, 4LEAF, Inc, and Willdan Engineering.
  - Silver Sponsor: TRB + Associates
  - Bronze Sponsors: International Code Council, Shums Coda Associates, and Simpson Strong-Tie
  - If you would like more information about this program or other advertising, exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, contact Katie Little at [kalmand@calbo.org](mailto:kalmand@calbo.org).

### **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

- Up to the minute legislative updates, when the state legislature is in session, are always available to members at [www.calbo.org](http://www.calbo.org).
- CALBO started this legislative strong, tracking dozens of measures and combing through thousands of new bills that were introduced in February.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State legislature recessed for six weeks before returning to the Capitol in May. This brought most processes to a screeching halt as March and April are the busiest times for policy committee hearings and language amendments.
- With this nationwide pandemic taking precedence, many legislators are postponing moving bills in order to prioritize the impacts of COVID-19. Most bills did not even pass out of policy committees in order to be reviewed fiscally. Fiscal committees in both houses held their hearings in early June passing only priority measures – which has set the tone for the rest of the session.
- Most of CALBO’s legislative priorities have been postponed by the State legislature, but CALBO will continue to keep a close eye on their actions during this unique time.
- In order to stay current on legislative priorities internally, CALBO’s Legislative Committee is working on a set of webinars for the entire membership. These webinars will address specific issue areas that effect Building Departments and their staff. These will be released in the upcoming months.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT/BILLS OF INTEREST**

#### **AB 429 (Nazarian) Seismically vulnerable buildings: inventory**

**CALBO Position:** *Support*

**Status:** Placed on the Inactive File

**Summary:** This bill would require the Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission, by specified deadlines, to identify funding and develop a bidding process for hiring a third-party contractor to create an inventory of potentially vulnerable buildings, as defined. The bill would require the third-party contractor, in conjunction with the commission, by July 1, 2022, to develop a statewide inventory of potentially seismically vulnerable buildings in 29 specified counties in California using information developed by local jurisdictions pursuant to the above-described provisions.

**Observations:** In 2018, CALBO opposed a similar bill by the same author. That bill was ultimately vetoed by the governor and died. Over the past year, CALBO worked with the author's office and the Seismic Safety Commission to come up with a solution to our previous concerns. Unlike last year's bill, AB 429 will specifically target 29 seismically prone counties in the state – rather than the whole state. Either federal grants or the General Fund, instead of local funds, will also fund this bill. This program will not burden local building departments, as a third party will conduct the work.

**AB 1993 (Nazarian) Building codes: earthquake safety: functional recovery standard**

**CALBO Position:** *Support*

**Status:** Held in Appropriations – Suspense File – **DEAD**

**Summary:** This bill would require the California Building Standards Commission, by June 30, 2021, to assemble a functional recovery working group comprised of certain state entities and members of the construction and insurance industries, as specified. The bill would require the working group, by June 30, 2023, to consider whether a “functional recovery” standard is warranted for all or some building occupancy classifications, using specified criteria, and to investigate the practical means of implementing that standard, as specified. The bill would require the working group to advise the appropriate state agencies to propose the building standards, as specified. The bill would authorize the commission to adopt regulations based upon the recommendations from the working group for nonresidential occupancies. The bill would define “functional recovery” for purposes of these provisions, as specified.

**Observations:** This SEAOC sponsored bill is a revival of a similar bill from 2018 and 2019. It has been stopped in the Appropriations Committee in the past due to budgetary concerns. CALBO also opposed a past version of this bill as it contained restrictive language regarding the working group. That language has been removed, and CALBO supports the current language.

**AB 2168 (McCarty) Planning and zoning: electric vehicle charging stations: permit application approval**

**CALBO Position:** *Oppose*

**Status:** Referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee

**Summary:** Would require an application to install an electric vehicle charging station to be deemed complete if, 5 business days after the application was submitted, the city, county, or

city and county has not deemed the application to be incomplete, as specified. The bill would require an application to install an electric vehicle charging station to be deemed approved if, 15 business days after the application was submitted, the city, county, or city and county has not approved the application through the issuance of a building permit or similar nondiscretionary permit, and the building official has not made findings that the proposed installation could have an adverse impact, as described above, and required the applicant to apply for a use permit.

**Observations:** This bill is sponsored by Electrify America, the producers and installers of electrical vehicle charging stations. CALBO has met with their staff to understand the intent of this bill and express our concerns. The sponsors have communicated frustration with local jurisdictions lack of compliance with [current law](#), and are sponsoring this measure in order to streamline the process even further. CALBO has reached out to its members to assess local processes, and would like to approach local compliance with further education rather than more legislation. CALBO has collaborated our local government partners, The League of California Cities and Rural Counties Representatives of California, to develop a coalition letter to oppose the measure.



## Efficiency Division Updates

- Business meeting on August 12:
  - Approved BamCore prime wall exceptional method compliance option. BamCore Prime Wall, and dual panel hollow walls, will be incorporated into the residential California Building Energy Efficiency Code Compliance (CBECC-Res) performance compliance software, and for use in demonstrating compliance with the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code).
  - Approved the local jurisdictions of the city of Davis and the city of San Luis Obispo for energy ordinances that exceed the energy efficiency requirements of the 2019 Energy Code.
- Next business meeting is September 9. **Business Meetings Agendas and Minutes**: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/business-meetings>
- New **2019 Water Heater efficiency guides** are now available. <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/online-resource-center/water>
- New **2019 HERS counter cards** and **2019 ATTCP counter cards** now available on the Online Resource center. [www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc](http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc)

## Energy Standards Training and Events

- **Energy Commission training**: [www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc/schedule\\_oe/index.php](http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc/schedule_oe/index.php)
- **Energy Code Ace training**: [www.energycodeace.com/training](http://www.energycodeace.com/training)
- **PG&E training**: [www.pge.com/pec](http://www.pge.com/pec)
- **BayREN training**: [www.bayrencodes.org/services/trainings/](http://www.bayrencodes.org/services/trainings/)

## Energy Code Resources

- **Online Resource Center**: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/online-resource-center>
- **Energy Standards Hotline email** [Title24@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Title24@energy.ca.gov) or call 800-772-3300

*To receive regular updates, sign up and respond to the confirmation email:*

- **Blueprint Newsletter email list**: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/newsroom/blueprint-newsletter>
- **Building Standards email list**: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards>
- **Appliance Standards email list**: <https://www.energy.ca.gov/rules-and-regulations/appliance-efficiency-regulations-title-20>

## 2022 Energy Code Pre-Rulemaking

- Visit the [California Energy Codes & Standards \(CASE\) website](https://title24stakeholders.com/) to review 2022 initiatives: <https://title24stakeholders.com/>
- California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will conduct a series of workshops to present and discuss proposed changes to the 2022 Energy Code. The goal of these workshops is to solicit feedback from members of the public before the start of the formal rulemaking process. Workshops will be announced two weeks prior to their schedule date. For the most recent updates, visit the [CEC docket 19-BSTD-03](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2022-building-energy-efficiency) or the [CEC 2022 Energy Code web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2022-building-energy-efficiency): <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2022-building-energy-efficiency>
- CEC staff **announced a webinar** will be held on September 1, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to present and discuss proposed changes to the regulations for existing residential building additions and alterations for the 2022 Energy Code. Public comments will be accepted until September 16.

## California Energy Commission 2022 Code Development Schedule

Estimated Date	Activity or Milestone
July 2019 - April 2020	Utility-Sponsored Stakeholder Workshops
April, 2020	All Initial CASE/PUBLIC Reports Submitted to Commission
April - August 2020	Commission-Sponsored Workshops
July, 2020	All Final CASE/PUBLIC Reports Submitted to the Commission
July - September 2020	Express Terms Developed
January, 2021	45-Day Language posted and set to list serve, Start of 45-Day review/comment period
January, 2021	Lead Commissioner Hearing
April, 2021	Adoption of 2022 Standards at Business Meeting
May - November 2021	Staff work on Software, Compliance Manuals, Electronic Documents
May - November 2021	Final Statement of Reasons Drafted and Approved
October, 2021	Adoption CALGreen (energy provisions) - Business Meeting
December, 2021	CBSC Approval Hearing
January, 2022	Software, Compliance Manuals, Electronic Documents Available to Industry
January - December 2022	Standards Training (provided by 3rd parties)
June 1, 2022	6 Month Statutory Wait Period Deadline
January 1, 2023	Effective Date



## No Missed Opportunities: Decarbonization of Public Buildings

Wednesday, September 16, 2020  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
via Zoom

[bayrencodes.org/events/](https://bayrencodes.org/events/)

**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 9AM – 12PM

**Location:** Zoom

(Zoom conference line information will be sent out shortly before the event.)

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) Codes & Standards team invites you to register for our upcoming regional forum:

No Missed Opportunities: Decarbonization of Public Buildings

As local jurisdictions look for ways to meet more aggressive climate goals, many are considering decarbonizing existing municipal buildings. However, there are still myths and barriers that keep jurisdictions from taking on projects and ensuring there are no missed opportunities. This Forum will share information and local examples to help jurisdictions develop a more complete picture of the opportunities and challenges for decarbonizing their own portfolios. This free event is open to all.

For more information and to register visit: [www.bayrencodes.org/events](https://www.bayrencodes.org/events)



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**September 15** [Register Here](#)
3. Highlights of the IBC Chapter 1 and Legal Aspects of code  
Administration (part 1 of the complete permit tech series)  
**September 24** [Register Here](#)
4. IBC Occupancy use Groups and Types of Construction (part 2  
of the complete permit tech series) **October 1** [Register Here](#)
5. Fiber-Reinforced Concrete: Design Guides & Applications  
**October 6** [Register Here](#)
6. Basic Plan Review, Calculating Fees and IBC Required  
Inspections (part 3 of the complete permit tech series) **October  
8** [Register Here](#)
7. Highlights of the International Zoning Code Webinar (part 4 of  
the complete permit tech series) **October 15** [Register Here](#)
8. From the Ground up (for Permit Technician and Counter Staff)  
**October 20-21**, two 2-hour days. [Register Here](#)
9. Keeping the Home Fires from Burning: 2019 CBC, Including  
Chapters 2303.2 and Chapter 7A , WUI, Update on Fire-  
Retardant-Treated Wood.– **October 27** [Register Here](#)