



February 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials
1007-B West College Avenue # 326 Santa Rosa, CA 95401
The February 4th meeting was held at Cattleman's in Petaluma

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 pm by Jay Bradford, which was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

2. SELF INTRODUCTIONS (Officers, Guests, Members)

There were 22 members and guests in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. All approved; no opposed.

4. OFFICERS REPORTS

President: Jay Bradford –

The executive board meeting was held on January 16, 2020 with current board members and education committee attending. We discussed the February 4, 2020 meeting and plans for this year's education committee and activities. Also, future meeting locations. Next executive board meeting will be held on February 12, 2020.

Jay also mentioned that the order in which officer reports was presented in the meeting has changed with the Treasurer presenting the budget and account transactions summary prior to the Vice President verifying the checking account balance.

Treasurer: Steve Buffenbarger – David Willoughby reported for Steve as he was not present.

Account transactions summary:

Checking beginning balance:	\$27,863.65	
Deposits:	\$ 2,038.58	
Debits and Checks:	\$ 1,708.24	(checks and withdrawals)
Checking ending balance:	\$28,193.99	

Vice President: David Willoughby –

No report.

Secretary: Steve Neely –

No report.

Past President: Charles Lucas –

No report.

LIAISON REPORTS

AIARE: No Report

CSI: Christian Holbrook & Matthew Cardel: No report.

SCFPO: Doug Williams noted the FPO meeting was the same time as the annual installation meeting he attended. He has not seen any results from the FPO planning session.

ICC: Chris Ochoa: Stated there were several upcoming deadlines:

3/15/2020 deadline for ICC annual report. They are implementing a new computer system.

4/1/2020 deadline for Emory Rodgers Leadership and Safety Scholarship which promotes professional growth by providing up-to \$20,000 for executive-level training.

May is ICC's 40th Annual Safety Month. ICC has their own dedicated website for safety month

Chris Provided ICC proclamations for Building Safety Month for jurisdictions to sign. Also, an electronic version is available at <https://www.iccsafe.org/advocacy/building-safety-month/2020-building-safety-month/>

The ICC Government Relations Report was not available yet. Chris will send it out as soon as it is available. January's report has all but the most current information and is attached.

See attached ICC calendar for more information.

CBOAC: Eric Seabrook:

Jay Bradford reminded the group that the Annual Conference and Business Meeting at Morro Bay on will be May 3rd to 7th. He will post more information and save-the-dates on the website or go to www.cboac.net

Also, one member of REACO will be allowed to attend the CBOAC ABM registration free, due to REACO's sponsorship, this year. Jay called for anyone interested to contact an executive board member.

CALBO: Brad Wungluck: Not present.

CEC: Amie Brousseau: Mentioned some highlights located in the Efficiency Division Updates pages that were attached to the agenda for February and are attached to these minutes including the City of Davis was approved for a local ordinance exceeding the 2019 Energy Code. Also, Trinity County received an exemption from meeting the Solar Photovoltaic requirement in the 2019 Energy Code due to financial infeasibility which was documented in a report provided to the Energy Commission.

February 20, 2020 Energy Business Meeting should have several local jurisdictions 2019 Energy Code amendments to consider.

The CEC Outreach and Education Office is offering in-house training (overview, or specific topics) for jurisdictions. See attached Efficiency Division Updates.

Energy Action Plan and California energy Commission 2022 Code Development Schedule are available now.

IAEI: Doug Hughes: Attended IAEI meeting in January and was sworn in as president of the Northern California chapter.

IAEI is attempting to form a state-wide chapter for better recognition at the state level.

Reminded the group about IAEI's session meeting August 30 – September 3 in Sparks, NV.

BayREN Christine Condon: Two training sessions at the North Coast Builder's Exchange 10 am. – 2 pm.

3/27/2020 Residential Code changes for new construction & additions

4/17/2020 Non-Residential Code changes.

Both include lunch and are for enforcement agencies and contractors. Christine will

Contact Christine Condon at Christine.Condon@sonoma-county.org for more information.

ICC Region 1 Charles Lucas: Attended a conference call on January 28, 2020. ICC Region 1 will have a face-to-

face meeting at the CALBO ABM, but Charles is not planning on attending.

ICC Seismic Retrofit Committee looking for input on seismic retrofit and resiliency issues.

Region 1 ICC ABM hospitality suite donations were in excess of their needs, so they made a nearly \$5,900 donation to the military families fund.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee: Eric Seabrook:

Jay reminded the group about the fire Code training currently going on at the NCBE.

Doug Hughes mentioned the Tri-Chapter East Bay formed a group for training and invited REACO to participate.

Jay mentioned the links for ICC training (February 2020) attached to the agenda and again in these minutes.

Charles noted that the Tri-Chapters did a Code update for Mechanical and Plumbing Codes and would be willing to give a presentation to the group.

Web-Site Committee: There was an Issue with accepting payment last month, but Steve Buffenbarger fixed it. Paying for multiple people appears to be a challenge. Jay mentioned that we may be able to find a better service provider.

Audit Committee Doug Williams: Steve Buffenbarger provided Mike and Doug copies of financial documents for the April audit. Jay offered his assistance if necessary.

PROGRAM :

Architectural Design Considerations for Segmental Retaining Walls.

Speaker: Victor Venuta, Basalite/Technical Representative and Ron Illium ron.illium@basalite.com

Victor is the North Bay and Northern CA technical representative for Basalite Building Products, LLC, specializing in engineered products and site solutions. Victor works with architects, engineers, municipalities and contractors and has been involved with large, high profile projects including Candlestick Point and Hunter's Point. Description: Examine the variety of uses for the mortarless retaining wall system in building gravity walls, soil-reinforced stabilized earth walls, parapets, tiered walls and much more. This seminar took participants step by step through the design, specification and installation process. We discussed old and current projects and the techniques and details used in these versatile and innovative systems.

6. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Possible relocation of REACO Membership Meeting Location for May.
2. ICC region 1 membership application provided to treasurer by Charles.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. LEGISLATIVE NEWS

10. CODE ISSUES

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm by Jay Bradford.

The next meeting will be held on March 3, 2020 at Cattleman's Steakhouse in Petaluma. Registration is \$25, lunch is provided. The meeting starts at 12 noon.

ICC Calendar of Upcoming Dates:

- **Feb 12** 10 am PT, [Premium Access and Online Digital Library webinar](#)
- **Feb 12** [2019 CRC Essentials Virtual Learning Seminar](#)
- **Feb 13** [2019 CBC Essentials Virtual Learning Seminar](#)
- **Feb 13** [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders](#) at ICC in Brea, CA
- **Feb 24** [Deadline to Submit Application for ICC Seismic Standard Committee](#)
- **Feb 27** [2015 IBC Special Topics - Day 1](#) at ICC in Brea, CA
- **Feb 28** [2015 IBC Special Topics - Day 2](#) at ICC in Brea, CA
- **March 5** [2018 IWUIC Overview](#) at ICC in Brea, CA
- **March 15** Deadline to submit 2020 [ICC Awards](#) application
- **April 1** Deadline for [Emory R. Rodgers Leadership in Building Safety Fellowship](#)
- **April 5-9** [CALBO Annual Meeting](#), Indian Wells, CA
- **April 29** [CALBO Leadership and Advocacy Day](#)
- **May** [Building Safety Month: Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World](#)
 - Week 1: [Disaster Preparedness](#)
 - Week 2: [Water Safety](#)
 - Week 3: [Resiliency. Sustainability. Innovation.](#)
 - Week 4: [Training the Next Generation](#)
- **May 3-7** [CBOAC Annual Meeting](#), Morro Bay, CA
- **June 8 – 10** Chapter Leadership Academy, Denver, CO
- **June 23** [Mass Timber Building and the IBC](#) at ICC in Brea, CA
- **June 24** [2019 CRC Essentials Seminar](#) in Oakland, CA
- **June 25** [2019 CBC Essentials Seminar](#) in Oakland, CA
- **Aug 13** [2019 CRC Essentials Seminar](#) at ICC in Brea, CA
- **Aug 14** [2019 CBC Essentials Seminar](#) at ICC in Brea, CA
- **Oct 11 -14** “Meet You in St. Louis” at [ICC’s 2020 Annual Conference](#) in St. Louis, MO

NOTES:

Click [here](#) for ICC’s Government Relations Department Chapter Monthly Update - February 2020

Listen to the latest ICC Pulse Podcast, Episode 24: Welcoming the Next Generation of Building Safety Professionals. [Click here](#) to listen.

Take the Building Safety Month Proclamation Challenge: Click [here](#) to download your STEPS to SUCCESS Proclamation Guide. Please submit your signed proclamation to your Government Relations Manager (sdowty@iccsafe.org or cochoa@iccsafe.org) for posting on the ICC website.

ICC Region I (CA, HI, and NV) Chapter website: <http://www.iccregion1.com/>

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

Follow @ICC_GR on [Twitter](#) for breaking news & announcements throughout the month

Deadline is March 15 to complete ICC Chapter Annual Report, using “new, improved” online format

Karla Price Higgs, Vice President Member Services, said the “new, improved” ICC Chapter Annual Report application will make the report process easier. The deadline to complete the reports is March 15 on the application, located in the ICC website. To open it, log in to your **myICC** page and click on “Chapters.” Then follow the prompts to “Add Annual Report.” “When you choose to complete the two-part report, your Chapter will be eligible for all benefits programs, including your Chapter Education Benefit Day, the Chapter Rewards Program, and the Chapter Awards program,” she said. Questions or comments? Contact the ICC Chapter Relations office by phone 888-ICC-SAFE x5268, or email chapters@iccsafe.org.

COUNTDOWN TO 2020 BSM: Do-it-yourself proclamation guide offers opportunities to celebrate

[Building Safety Month](#) can start now with your [Building Safety Month Proclamation Guide](#), a do-it-yourself kit online on the ICC website. The instructions, the language for the 2020 BSM Proclamations, suggestions for signing events, how to send your proclamation in and other ideas are in one spot to help you along. Who should sign the 2020 BSM Proclamation? Your city council and mayor. Your county commission chair. Your City Building Official on behalf of your department. Your Chamber of Commerce. Important stake holders in your community’s and state’s built environment. Building Safety Month is your profession’s opportunity to shine. The work you do everyday is designed to protect lives and property and to make communities stronger economically, more attractive and resilient. Share the spotlight [with events](#) and [educational handouts](#). For more information about the campaign, visit www.buildingsafetymonth.org. Follow along on social media using the hashtag #BuildingSafety365.

2020 Building Safety Month’s weekly themes illustrate the reach and importance of the building codes

While the primary theme of the 40th annual Building Safety Month, “Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World,” illustrates the broad appeal of the occasion, it’s the weekly themes that break down the wide variety of safety, economic and societal benefits communities enjoy by keeping their building codes updated with the latest model codes. The [weekly themes](#) are:

- [Week One](#), May 1-10: **Disaster Preparedness**
- [Week Two](#), May 11-17: **Water Safety**
- [Week Three](#), May 18-24: **Resiliency. Sustainability. Innovation.**
- [Week Four](#), May 25-31: **Training the Next Generation**

Call for nominations says the deadline is April 1 for 2020 Code Council’s annual awards

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their exemplary dedication? Nominations are being accepted for [ICC Awards to honor individuals and organizations](#) for their service to ICC and the building safety industry. The awards will be presented at various events, including but not limited to the 2020 Code Council Annual Conference in St. Louis. To nominate someone for a Code Council Award, complete and email the form attached here to Karla Price Higgs, Vice President, Member Services, at Awards@iccsafe.org. The deadline to submit nominations for this year’s ICC Awards is **April 1, 2020**.

Atlantic City is the site for the spring meetings of the ICC Membership Council Governing Committees

The [ICC Membership Council Governing Committees](#) (except for the Global Membership Council) and the [Major Jurisdiction Committee](#) will be among those gathering in late April in Atlantic City, New Jersey, at Bally’s Hotel and Casino. The main event is the [2020 Code Council Leadership Week and Building Safety Conference of New Jersey](#) (see next story below for details), a major Code Council event that features education opportunities for code officials. The [conference schedule](#) runs from Monday, April 28, to Friday, May 1, with the Membership Council meetings set for Thursday, April 30, from 8 to 11:45 a.m. and 2-4 p.m. Interested attendees and industry professionals can [click here](#) to register.

Early-bird savings ends February 21 for 2020 Code Council Leadership Week April 28-May 1

Registration is open for the 2020 Code Council Leadership Week and Building Safety Conference of New Jersey, April 28 to May 1, 2020, at the Bally’s Atlantic City Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. This year’s conference will offer three days of building safety training from leading experts in the industry,

expansive networking opportunities, educational sessions and much more. Interested attendees can [click here](#) to register. All are encouraged to register by Feb. 21, 2020, to take advantage of the conference's early-bird savings. Early-bird registrants will be entered into a drawing for a free registration and hotel stay. Registration officially closes April 15, 2020. This year's conference offers a variety of educational sessions led by industry experts and professionals. Seminars and training include:

- 2018 Mechanical Inspector M2 Certification Test Academy
- Fire/Life Safety Institute
- Permit Technician Academy
- 2018 IMC Design and Plan Review
- 2018 IRC Essentials
- 2018 IMC Combustion Air and Venting
- Residential Sprinklers: Homes to High Rise
- Common Fire Stop Issues

In order to register, attendees must print and fill out the full registration packet. Once complete, all packets should be sent to:

Building Safety Conference
c/o DCA Education Unit
PO Box 802, Trenton, NJ 08625-0802

For more information about the conference, visit www.iccsafe.org/leadershipweek. For registration questions, contact the DCA Education Unit at 609-984-7820.

SAVE THE DATE! June 8-10 are the dates for the 2020 ICC Chapter Leadership Academy in Denver

On June 8-10, 2020, the Code Council will host its fifth annual Chapter Leadership Academy at the [Crowne Plaza](#) in downtown Denver, Colo. This highly popular event for ICC Chapter activists focuses on management skills for ICC Chapters. Chapter leaders may use their annual Chapter benefit for either complimentary travel, hotel expenses and registration for the 2020 Chapter Leadership Academy in June **or** complimentary registration for the 2020 Annual Conference in October at St. Louis.

EduCode 2020's 'early bird pricing' extended to February 10 to attend weeklong institute in Las Vegas

The "early bird pricing" for this year's EduCode has been extended another 10 days to give attendees discounts on the annual event in Las Vegas. The institute will be held March 9-13 at the Orleans Hotel and Casino and is attended by anyone who needs building safety, fire, management and construction training. The event offers more than 90 training sessions (all ICC Preferred Provider approved), opportunities to sit for ICC Certification Exams (exam application), an opportunity to earn up to 4.0 CEUs, a trade show, ICC bookstore and loads of networking events. [Click for registration information](#).

Code Council Joins 35 Organizations in Submitting Comments to HUD on Housing Affordability

Last summer the President issued an Executive Order (EO) establishing a White House Council on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing. The EO puts the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) at the head of the White House Council, which is charged with making recommendations on what the federal government can do directly and indirectly (as an influencer of state/local governments) to make housing more affordable. The EO describes "cumbersome building and rehabilitation codes" and "excessive energy and water efficiency mandates" as regulatory barriers to affordable housing. HUD issued a request for information (RFI) on the EO. In response to the RFI, the Code Council submitted [joint comments](#) along with an additional 35 entities representing state/local, housing, emergency response, manufacturing, contractor, business, insurance, energy efficiency, engineering, design, and resilience interests. These comments discuss the important role modern building codes play in keeping housing affordable through reduced operations and maintenance expenses, utility bills, insurance rates, and disaster recovery costs. The comments outline how available studies show that building codes have no appreciable negative implications for affordable housing. The comments suggest that by promoting the adoption of current model building codes for modular and wood-frame homes, improved application of those codes, and more adoption of model zoning codes, HUD could improve affordability by reducing construction costs and operations and maintenance expenses while complementing existing Trump Administration efforts (at HUD, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the U.S. Department of Energy) to encourage current, well-enforced, codes.

Finally, the comments point to the benefits of proper code application and urge that efforts to streamline or expedite permitting be tied to resources for adequate staffing and training, as to do otherwise risks a regulatory regime that cannot adequately protect community safety and risks increasing insurance rates for the broader community and forgone energy cost savings.

Catch the latest on how the various Code Council standards are being revised or under development

The International Code Council references almost 1,300 standards in its International Codes and has been re-accredited for its American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard development activities under the ICC Consensus Procedures. The Code Council also develops a number of codes and standards, including mechanical, plumbing, structural, resilience, accessibility and green standards, and is accredited by ANSI as a standards developer. [Read this from Building Safety Journal](#) to learn how the standards updating process is coming along.

Preferred Provider Program offers more than 550 scheduled courses and 18,000 courses in catalog

The International Code Council's [Preferred Provider Program](#) (PPP) opens the door to extensive training opportunities by recognizing and promoting ICC-approved educational courses offered by a variety of education providers, focusing on the areas of construction codes, standards and guidelines, as well as building construction materials, products and methods. The Preferred Provider network currently offers more than 550 scheduled courses, and more than 18,000 approved courses in the main catalog. The participation by new providers is growing steadily and currently, more than 350 have joined the network. We are continually looking to improve and expand the program to better serve our customers. [Click here to see who renewed or signed up](#) for the PPP during December 2019.

New FEMA policies requiring public facilities be rebuilt to most current construction codes explained

Gabe Maser, Vice President of Federal Relations for the Code Council's Government Relations office, provides insights on new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) policies that require that rebuilding using federal public assistance program disaster aid to adhere to new construction codes to make them more resilient to future calamity. "All of this rebuilding now is going to have to start to be rebuilt to these stronger standards," said Maser in a recent edition of E&E News. Numerous studies show that following up-to-date construction codes generates substantial savings over a building's lifetime by increasing its resilience. [Read the news article here.](#)

I-Codes requirements in FEMA policy aim to advance national resiliency and lower community risk

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently updated its Recovery Interim Policy FP-104-009-11, Consensus-Based Codes, Specifications and Standards for Public Assistance (PA), Version 2.1, [adding several I-Codes](#), developed by the International Code Council, to the list of required Consensus-Based Codes, Specifications and Standards for FEMA-funded post-disaster reconstruction. The I-Codes requirements aim to advance national resiliency and reduce community risk before and after a disaster. The PA Program is FEMA's largest grant program averaging \$4.7 billion in assistance each year to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations. Through the PA program, following a federal declaration, FEMA offers grants to eligible communities for debris removal, life-saving emergency protective measures, and the repair, replacement, or restoration of disaster-damaged publicly-owned facilities and infrastructure to respond and recover from major disasters.

AWC and ICC jointly release "2015/2018 Structural Wood Design Examples" as a guide for designs

The [American Wood Council](#) (AWC) and [International Code Council](#) have released a joint publication, [2015/2018 Structural Wood Design Examples](#), intended to aid in the structural design of wood buildings using both Allowable Stress Design (ASD) and Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD). The document contains over 20 design examples and complete solutions for wood member design, connections, and shear walls. Solutions have been developed based on both the 2015 and 2018 *National Design Specification® for Wood Construction*, as well as AWC's 2015 *Special Design Provisions for Wind and Seismic*, as appropriate. References are also made to AWC's 2015 and 2018 *Wood Frame Construction Manual for One- and Two- Family Dwellings*. [Read more here.](#)

Maryland Plumbing Board chooses the International Plumbing Code in recent adoption action

The Maryland Plumbing Board recently adopted the 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC) and the 2018 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC). The adoption of these model plumbing and fuel gas codes helps solidify consistency in codes and code usage throughout the mid-Atlantic region. Maryland joins Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia and Pennsylvania as regional jurisdictions that have adopted the 2018 IPC and IFGC. [Read more here](#). Also, for the study “The Economic Impact of the International Plumbing Code,” which provides a comparative analysis of model plumbing codes, [click here](#).

Code Council and ICC-ES build prominent presence at Design and Construction Week in Las Vegas

ICC and the ICC Evaluation Service (ICC-ES) joined more than 80,000 residential construction and design professionals from around the world at the 2020 National Association of Home Builders’ (NAHB) International Builders’ Show (IBS) and the National Kitchen & Bath Association’s Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS) during the seventh annual Design and Construction Week in Las Vegas, Nev. The largest annual gathering of the residential construction and design industry, Design and Construction Week January 21-23 offered two shows with exhibits, education, networking and more during IBS, the largest annual light construction show in the world, and KBIS, North America’s largest trade show dedicated to all aspects of kitchen and bath design. [Read about ICC’s activities here](#).

Got Pulse? Emerging Leadership Membership Council leaders explain benefits to young professionals

Chair Andre Jaen and Vice Chair Allison Cook of the ELMC Governing Committee cite the advantages that membership brings to young code professionals and those who would consider a career in building codes. They are interviewed by ICC Government Relations’ Richard Hauffe [on Pulse Podcast #24](#).

Upcoming from the [ICC Learning Center](#): Institutes, training, seminars, 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:

- **February 12** - [2019 CRC Essentials](#).
- **February 13** - [2019 CBC Essentials](#).
- **February 20** - [2015 IRC® Essentials](#).
- **February 24** - [Heights and Areas and Construction Fire Safety \(New Mass Timber\)](#).
- **March 5** - [Legal Aspects of Code Administration](#).
- **March 23** - [Fire Safety \(New Mass Timber\)](#).
- **April 8** - [Fire and Connection Design and Special Inspection \(New Mass Timber\)](#).
- **April 15** - [2018 IPC Essentials](#).
- **June 4** - [2018 IECC® Essentials](#).
- **August 13** - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders](#).
- **August 18** – [Effective Communication](#).
- **September 10** - [Formulating an Effective Code Enforcement Program](#).
- **November 18** - [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders](#).

The following is the updated list of [ICC Institutes](#) and other training opportunities across the nation, many of which offer virtual options for those who cannot travel. Find course listings you’d like to attend in the [Learning Center](#) using the Search function:

- **February 3-7** at Chaska, Minn., [The Upper Great Plains Region III Educational Institute](#).
- **February 4** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [2018 IBC and IFC® Fire Protection Systems](#).
- **February 13** at Brea, Calif., [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders](#).
- **February 24-26** at Myrtle Beach, S.C., [Fire & Life Safety Institute](#).
- **February 27** at Brea, Calif., [2015 IBC Special Topics - Day 1](#).
- **February 28** at Brea, Calif., [2015 IBC Special Topics - Day 2](#).
- **March 5** at Brea, Calif., [2018 IWUIC® Overview](#).
- **March 9–13** at Las Vegas, [EduCode 2020](#).
- **March 18-19** at Atlanta, Ga., and Virtual, [Permit Tech Institute](#).

- **March 24** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Additional Training on Mass Timber Construction includes the Mass Timber Building and the IBC® Seminar.](#)
- **March 30-April 3**, Austin, Texas, [2015 Residential Building Inspection Institute.](#)
- **June 3** at Country Club Hills, Ill., [Essential Skills for Rising Leaders.](#)
- **June 24** at Oakland, Calif., Virtual, [2019 CRC Essentials.](#)
- **June 25** at Oakland, Calif., Virtual [2019 CBC Essentials.](#)
- **August 13** at Brea, Calif., Virtual, [2019 CRC Essentials.](#)
- **August 14** at Brea, Calif., Virtual, [2019 CBC Essentials.](#)
- **August 19** at Oakland, Calif., [Complaint Management from Start to Finish.](#)
- Available daily online, [2015 Permit Technician 14 Study Guide.](#)
- Available daily online, [IRC® Online Study Guide for Residential Building Inspectors B1.](#)

Steps to Success

PROCLAMATION GUIDE



One way to gain recognition for your Building Safety Month event is to obtain an official proclamation from your mayor, commissioner or governor. Proclamations make a special event official and can help you increase awareness with your colleagues and the news media.

1. Identify the right person to assist with the proclamation – it may take time so start early!

- Identify the appropriate contact at least eight weeks in advance.
- Research online or in your local phone book for city or state government addresses and phone numbers to write or call for information on requesting a proclamation. If no one deals exclusively with proclamations, try a public relations or public information officer contact. An office manager or an aide/administrator might be able to help as well.
- Be prepared to highlight the significance of the event and its impact on people in the local area.

2. Ask questions!

- Do they want you to draft a proclamation ready for signature or do they want you to provide just the text for them to format in their style?
- Can you include in the proclamation the special naming of the day/date? For example, "In honor of building safety, I _____ (Mayor/ Commissioner/Governor) proclaim May 2020 as _____'s Building Safety Month, etc."
- Do they want a hard copy of the text, electronic copy or both?
- Could you arrange a signing ceremony and invite media?

3. Draft the necessary documents and submit to the appropriate person.

- Draft the text for the proclamation using the Proclamation template provided on page 2 of this PDF or download the [Word version](#). (An International template is also available on page 3 or download the [Word version](#).)
- Draft a cover letter. Address the official using their title and name and explain that your chapter, the International Code Council's 64,000 members and building industry stakeholders across the country, are celebrating Building Safety Month.

- Include interesting facts and a brief description of the theme, the goals of increased public awareness, and your Building Safety Month plans. Ask for his/her help by proclaiming Building Safety Month for the city or state and include the draft proclamation for consideration. Close sincerely with name, credentials and title.
- Mail or hand deliver your cover letter, draft proclamation and support materials. Offer information that might be helpful to the politician – brochures, statistics or other items – which describe and explain strategies for building safe and sustainable structures.
- Once signed, pick up the proclamation in person. This ensures that the proclamation will not be damaged or lost in the mail and you can personally thank the person who helped out. You may want to do this again!

4. Arrange a signing ceremony at the official's office and invite media.

A signing ceremony is a great way to get media to cover your event. Ask your contact if he/she can assist you in getting the mayor involved in the presentation of the proclamation or make an appearance at the event itself.

- Confirm all details, including whether or not media and photographers can attend.
- Be sure to ask your membership to attend – take photos and post them online using the campaign hashtag #BuildingSafety365.
- Draft a one-page media alert with all event details and distribute to your local media. While print media may require more advanced notice, a television station may only need the media alert two or three days in advance. A follow up call is always a good idea.

5. The Code Council is here to help!

Follow this guide to increase your success of getting a signed government proclamation. If you need assistance, contact communications@iccsafe.org.

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Proclamation

Building Safety Month — May, 2020

Whereas, our (City, Town, County, State) is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together local, state and federal officials that are experts in the built environment to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play, and;

Whereas, our nation benefits economically and technologically from using the International Codes that are developed by a national, voluntary consensus codes and standards developing organization, our government is able to avoid the high cost and complexity of developing and maintaining these codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquake; which, according to a FEMA-commissioned study by the National Institute of Building Sciences, provide \$11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to America's prosperity, and;

Whereas, "Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World," the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all Americans to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2020 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses, and;

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, Americans are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, (Mayor, Supervisor, Commissioner, Governor) of the (City, Town, County, State) of _____, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

Signature



Proclamation

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Whereas, our (City, Town, Country, Organization) is committed to recognizing that our growth and strength depends on the safety and economic value of the homes, buildings and infrastructure that serve our citizens, both in everyday life and in times of natural disaster, and;

Whereas, our confidence in the structural integrity of these buildings that make up our community is achieved through the devotion of vigilant guardians—building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, plumbers and others in the construction industry—who work year-round to ensure the safe construction of buildings, and;

Whereas, these guardians are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a nonprofit that brings together building safety professionals and lawmakers to create and implement the highest-quality codes to protect us in the buildings where we live, learn, work, play, and;

Whereas, our communities benefit economically and technologically from using modern, up-to-date codes and standards, including the International Codes, which are the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the world;

Whereas, these modern building codes include safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters such as hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, wildland fires, floods and earthquakes; which, according to a study by the U.S. National Institute of Building Sciences, provide \$11 in future mitigation benefits for every dollar invested, and;

Whereas, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety—our local code officials—who assure us of safe, efficient and livable buildings that are essential to our prosperity, and;

Whereas, “Safer Buildings, Safer Communities, Safer World,” the theme for Building Safety Month 2020, encourages all individuals to raise awareness about the importance of safe and resilient construction; fire prevention; disaster mitigation, and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month 2020 encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure the safety of our built environment, and recognizes that the implementation of safety codes by local, regional and international agencies has saved lives and protected homes and businesses, and;

Whereas, each year, in observance of Building Safety Month, citizens worldwide are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential services provided to all of us by building departments, fire prevention bureaus and other agencies in protecting lives and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____, (Lawmaker, Elected Official, Department Head) of the (City, Town, Country, Organization) of _____, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2020 as Building Safety Month. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join with their communities in participation in Building Safety Month activities.

Signature



Efficiency Division Updates

- Business Meeting on January 22: Approved resolution determining that the solar photovoltaic requirement in the Energy Code shall not apply to newly constructed low-rise residential buildings in Trinity Public Utility District. Approved the City of Davis for local ordinance exceeding the 2019 Energy Code. Approval of National Environmental Balancing Bureau (NEBB) nonresidential mechanical Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider (ATTCP).
- Next Business meeting is February 20. **Business Meetings Agendas and Minutes:** <https://www.energy.ca.gov/proceedings/business-meetings>
- The **2019 California Energy Efficiency Action Plan** is now available. The plan covers issues, opportunities, and savings estimates pertaining to energy efficiency in California's buildings, industrial, and agricultural sectors. It discusses the three state goals driving energy efficiency activity: doubling energy efficiency savings by 2030, removing and reducing barriers to energy efficiency in low-income and disadvantaged communities, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the building sector. <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/energy-efficiency-existing-buildings>

Energy Standards Training and Events

- **Energy Commission training** upcoming dates and locations: www.energy.ca.gov/title24/orc/schedule_oe/index.php
 - 2/5: LA City Building & Safety, Los Angeles – 2019 Residential Requirements
 - 2/7: Sustainable Facilities Forum, Sacramento – 2019 Energy Code Changes
 - 2/12: LA City Building & Safety, Van Nuys – 2019 Residential Requirements
 - 2/13: Trane Commercial Systems, Rocklin – 2019 Nonresidential HVAC
 - 2/20: La Jolla Real Estate Broker's Assoc., La Jolla - 2019 Residential Requirements
 - 2/25: OJ Insulation, Sacramento – 2019 Energy Code QII Requirements
 - 2/26: City of Watsonville, Watsonville – 2019 Residential Changes
- **Energy Code Ace training:** www.energycodeace.com/training
- **PG&E training:** www.pge.com/pec
- **BayREN training:** 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 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 Utility Sponsored Stakeholder Meetings

- Visit the [California Energy Codes & Standards \(CASE\) website](https://title24stakeholders.com/) to review 2022 initiatives and participate in the development process stakeholder meetings:
<https://title24stakeholders.com/>

Meeting Topic	Meeting Date	Meeting Time
Lighting <i>Adjust DR Control Requirements for Lighting Systems in Response to Shift to Solid State Lighting (Grid Integration) submeasure added, Multi-zone Occupancy Sensing in Open Plan Offices removed</i>	Tuesday, March 3, 2020	8:30 AM -12:00 PM
Single Family Whole Building <i>FDD and AWHPs measures removed</i>	Thursday, March 5, 2020	8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Nonresidential Envelope Part 1: High Performance Envelope	Tuesday, March 10, 2020	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Nonresidential and Single Family HVAC Part 1: Data Centers, Boilers, Air Distribution, Variable Capacity <i>SF Variable Capacity measure added, Air Distribution submeasure removed</i>	Thursday, March 12, 2020	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Water Heating <i>MF All Electric measure added</i>	Tuesday, March 17, 2020	8:30 AM -12:00 PM
Grid Integration <i>MF All Electric measure and NR Grid Integration submeasure moved</i>	Thursday, March 19, 2020	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Multifamily HVAC & Envelope	Thursday, March 26, 2020	8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Covered Processes Part 1: Refrigeration System Opportunities <i>Steam Trap Monitoring and Compressed Air measures removed</i>	Thursday, April 2, 2020	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Nonresidential HVAC and Envelope Part 2: Reduced Infiltration, HVAC Controls (DOAS, Air Efficiency)	Thursday, April 14, 2020	8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Covered Processes Part 2: Controlled Environmental Horticulture	Thursday, April 16, 2020	8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Multifamily Restructuring	TBD	TBD

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