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## Chapter Report Spring 2019

### **Upcoming CALBO Events:**

- CALBO/ICC Seismic Roundtable (Sacramento) – July 25, 2019
- CALBO Education Week Orange County (Newport Beach) – August 26-29, 2019
- CALBO Education Week North (San Ramon) – September 9-12, 2019
- CALBO Education Week South (Ontario) – October 14-17, 2019
- CALBO Education Week Peninsula (Burlingame) – December 16-19, 2019
- CALBO's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting (Indian Wells) – April 5-9, 2020
- CALBO's Leadership & Advocacy Day - April 22, 2020

### **Upcoming Industry Events:**

- League of California Cities Annual Conference (Long Beach) – October 16-18, 2019
- ICC Annual Business Meeting (Las Vegas, NV) – October 20-22, 2019
- IAPMO Annual Conference (Reno, NV) – September 26-29, 2019
- California Fire Prevention Institute (Buellton) – March 9-13, 2020

### **CALBO GOVERNANCE**

- CALBO held it's 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting in San Diego last March, and it was a tremendous success.
- Mr. Mike Brinkman of Newman was elected to a two-year term as a Board Member.
- Based on member feedback received at the ABM, the CALBO Board has rolled a series of 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

- CALBO and ICC are partnering to co-host a “Seismic Roundtable” discussion in Sacramento on July 25. This event is open to all interested stakeholders and is a collective effort to facilitate dialogue between national and state agencies that are working on seismic standards and regulations. FEMA, NIST and California Assemblyman Adrin Nazarian are all confirmed participants. More details to follow via CALBO blast emails.
- Each ICC California Chapter has been assigned a 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.
  1. CalBIG – Sharon Goei
  2. Central Coast – Bryan Spain
  3. Citrus Belt – Board
  4. County Building Officials – Jeff Janes/Mike Brinkman
  5. East Bay – Mike Brinkman
  6. Foothill – Victor Cuevas
  7. High Desert – Andrew Stuffer
  8. Los Angeles Basin – Victor Cuevas/Bryan Spain
  9. Monterey Bay – Sharon Goei/Bryan Spain
  10. Napa/Solano – Shane Diller
  11. NorCal FPOs – David Gonzalves/Shane Diller
  12. Orange Empire – Victor Cuevas
  13. Peninsula – Sharon Goei
  14. Redwood Empire – Brad Wungluck
  15. Sacramento Valley – Shane Diller
  16. San Diego – Jeff Janes/Board
  17. San Joaquin Valley – Jeff Janes/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 gatherer 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 will be working to create a central posting location for everyone to view code change proposals of interest to Californians.
- CALBO and ICC are partnering to host a speaker series at our enlarged booth at the California League of Cities Expo, to be held in Long Beach October 16-17, 2019. The topic of presenters and the booth will be seismic resiliency.

- CALBO launched our completely revamped [www.calbo.org](http://www.calbo.org) last year. Initial feedback on the design has been favorable. This project has been underway for over a year and the CALBO Board is excited to share it with you.
- What's changed about [www.calbo.org](http://www.calbo.org)? There's a member only component! Along with a more user-friendly interface, the new [member portal](#) will allow CALBO members to pay invoices online, access receipts, register for trainings at member pricing, and much more. For access to the CALBO member only portal, contact CALBO to set-up your username and password. It's a one-time set up process for our new system.
- The Board is working on a few membership toolkits. The idea behind these toolkits is that template policies, ordinances and procedures would be available to the CALBO community as optional resources. Current toolkits under development include: disaster response/emergency preparedness, internship programs, ride along forms and procedures, and seismic resiliency practices, inventories and procedures.
- The CALBO Board has continued its commitment to fiscal responsibility. Six percent of the 2019-20 year has been committed to reserve accounts, a practice that the Board plans to emulate each year.
- CALBO's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting will take place April 5-9, 2020 in Indian Wells (Palm Springs area). Program and registration materials will be available in the Fall.
- The CALBO Board has approved the following future ABM locations: Hyatt Regency Indian Wells/Palm Springs (April 5-9, 2020); Hyatt Regency Sacramento (March 7-11, 2021), Los Angeles area (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 planning this year's Education Weeks in preparation for the new code cycle. Education Week: Newport Beach will take place August 26-29, Education Week: San Ramon will take place September 9-12, Education Week: Ontario will take place October 14-17, Education Week: Burlingame will take place December 16-19.
- The 2019-20 CALBO Training Catalogue will be released in May 2019 with changes 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.
- In the 2019-20 CALBO Training Catalogue, there are 13 new courses and all other courses are updated for the new code cycle. Eleven new instructors will teach courses as well as returning, seasoned instructors with new and updated content.

- CALBO will supplement Education Week training with independent offerings across the state. Upcoming courses for spring and summer 2019 will take place in Glendale, Irvine, Fremont, Moreno Valley and Corona. Please see other education opportunities throughout California posted on the CALBO website under the “Training Dates and Registration” tab. If a jurisdiction is interested in hosting a CALBO training, please contact Lauren Herman at [lherman@calbo.org](mailto:lherman@calbo.org). CTI is currently planning courses for Winter 2019.
- The BOLA program was held at the University of Southern California State Capital Center in Sacramento from April 15-19, 2019. Twenty-one students are currently enrolled in the program, with a waitlist in place for 2020. 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 California Residential Code. Both publications will be jointly produced and the profits will be 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 2019-20 CALBO Training Catalogue. Contact Lauren Herman at [lherman@calbo.org](mailto:lherman@calbo.org) with questions.

### **CALBO PARTNERS**

- CALBO successfully launched the CALBO Partner Program last year 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: Camino.
  - Bronze Sponsors: Shums Coda Associates, VCA Code, and International Code Council.
  - If you would like more information about this program or other advertising, exhibitor and sponsorship opportunities, contact Katie Almand 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).
- Over 2,700 bills were introduced this year, CALBO is currently tracking close to 40 measures that affect issues such as seismic safety, wildfire recovery standards, and affordable housing.
- Following the veto of AB 2681 of last year, CALBO is sponsoring legislation (AB 429) authored by Assemblymember Nazarian relative to seismic resiliency. The bill is currently in place, with CALBO having developed a local government coalition surrounding the measure including the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC).
- CALBO hosted its annual Leadership & Advocacy Day (Lobby Day) at the State Capitol on April 17. Over 45 representatives attended the event to speak on behalf of California local government and building departments. This was CALBO's largest legislative day in our history.

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT/BILLS OF INTEREST

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

**CALBO Position:** *Support*

**Status:** Referred to the Appropriations Committee

**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:** Last year CALBO opposed a similar bill by the same author. That bill was ultimately vetoed by the governor and died. Over the fall recess, 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.

**SB 13 (Wieckowski) Accessory dwelling units**

**CALBO Position:** *Oppose Unless Amended*

**Status:** Referred to the Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** This bill would authorize the owner of an accessory dwelling unit that receives a notice to correct violations or abate nuisances to request that the enforcement of the violation be delayed for 10 years if correcting the violation is not necessary to protect health and safety, as determined by the enforcement agency, subject to specified requirements.

**Observations:** Senator Wieckowski introduced a similar bill last year, SB 831. This bill would have required Building Officials to delay enforcement of safety measures on ADUs, and even delay an imminent risk for no less than 10 years. This year’s bill has similar language, but the office has removed the language specifically identifying an “imminent risk.” The bill now reads that an owner can ask for a 10-year delay, as long as it does not interfere with the health and safety of the inhabitants. CALBO is still concerned with the delay of enforcement, and looks forward to discussing amendments with the author.

**SB 190 (Dodd) Fire safety: building standards**

**CALBO Position:** *Support*

**Status:** Referred to the Appropriations Committee

**Summary:** Would require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to develop, in consultation with representatives from local, state, and federal fire services, local government, building officials, utility companies, the building industry, insurers and insurance research organizations, and the environmental community, a model defensible space program to be made available for use by a city, county, or city and county in the enforcement of the defensible space provisions. The bill would set forth required components of the program.

**Observations:** The recent wildfires have devastated large areas of California, only exacerbating the current housing shortage in California. This bill would increase fire safety efforts in communities moving forward. It would also increase training for local enforcement officers, including Building officials, in WUI standards.