

UPCOMING CALBO EVENTS:

CALBO's 2021 Annual Conference (Newport Beach): May 16-20, 2021 In-Person & Full Virtual

Mini-Education Week Orange County (Newport Beach) – May 19-21, 2021 In-Person & Full Virtual

Education Week North (San Ramon) – September 13-16, 2021 In-Person & Full Virtual

Education Week South (Ontario) – October 25-28, 2021 **In-Person Only**

Building Officials Leadership Academy (Ontario) – October 25-29, 2021 **In-Person Only**

CALBO's 60th Annual Business Meeting (Los Angeles) – March 28-31, 2022 **In-Person Only**

CALBO'S 2021 ANNUAL (SUMMER) CONFERENCE

- Given that CALBO Board elections will not take place in 2021, CALBO is still hosting a professional development event to bring the membership together.
- Registration for the 2021 CALBO "Summer" Annual conference will be available March 19 on CALBO's website. More details to come on this front.
- The event will be offered as a hybrid, with a fully viewable professionally broadcast virtual viewing option. Onsite attendance is also available.
- Room reservations at the Newport Beach Marriott can be made in advance here. The overnight rate is \$159, with no resort fee.
- A golf tournament will be held on Sunday, May 16 at Strawberry Farms Golf Club in Irvine. More details will be available with the conference registration materials.
- If you have a registration from a previous CALBO event that you would like to use, please do not register separately. CALBO will reach out to you directly to transfer your registration to the new event.



COVID-19 NECESSITATED CHANGES

- CALBO encourages all members and industry professionals to heed all advice of federal, state and local health department officials to stay safe and well.
- Following the lead of the International Code Council (ICC) Board and at the written request of many members, elections for the CALBO Board will not be held in 2021. <u>All current CALBO Board Members and Officers will remain in place until the 60th Annual Business Meeting in March 2022 (Los Angeles).</u>
- <u>CALBO's 59th Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for March 2021 in Sacramento, has been cancelled at the request of the hotel.</u> The function space at this property was not conducive to social distancing.
- Given that no CALBO Board elections will occur in 2021, there will not be a need for a CALBO business session. However; CALBO will hold an annual conference May 16-20, 2021 at the Newport Beach Marriott. Making use of outdoor space will be a primary component for this conference. Registration available March 19 through CALBO's website.
- 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.
- We are living in changing times, and CALBO has done its best to adapt to our new circumstances surrounded the COVID-19 pandemic. 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.
- The CALBO Board continues to meet virtually and is committed to moving association business forward. Please reach out to your Board Liaison, if you have any specific questions or feedback about the upcoming new year.

CALBO GOVERNANCE

- The current CALBO Board will stay in place for an additional year. All terms have been extended until the next Annual Business Meeting in 2022, when Board elections will again be held. Thank you to the members and chapters who reached out requesting this change and ensuring continuality of leadership through this pandemic.
- The CALBO Board has continued its commitment to fiscal responsibility through the pandemic. To date, CALBO has continued to prudently operate by making necessary cuts and strategic modifications to CALBO's operational budget.
- 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 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 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. 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 Stuffler
 - 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 Stuffler
 - 20. Ventura Andrew Stuffler
 - 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 will be a valuable tool for those virtually attending the upcoming ICC
 hearings.
- CALBO continues to update its website <u>www.calbo.org</u>, 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
 availed 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 approved the following future ABM locations: Newport Beach Marriott (May 2021); Millennium Biltmore Los Angeles (March 27-31, 2022) and the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay/San Diego (March 5-9, 2023). Plans are underway to return to Sacramento and Indian Wells in 2024 and 2025 given that these locations were cancelled during the pandemic.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- The Newport Beach Education Week took place from December 14-17, 2020. This was CALBO's first hybrid and largest, single event in our 68-year history with 2,625 students trained during the week. It was produced and coordinated by an outside audio/visual company that allowed for both virtual and in-person attendance. Thank you to the instructors who taught the courses and subject matter experts who worked with the online students to ensure the best learning platform for all.
- CALBO will resume its Annual Education Weeks in San Ramon from September 13-16, 2021 and Ontario from October 25-28, 2021. There will be a virtual attendance option in San Ramon. Course information and registration will be available in late Spring 2021.
- CALBO continues to offer <u>monthly live webinars</u> a great way to earn CEUs from your home or office. These webinars are specialized training opportunities that provide insight into a single code topic that complements CALBO's full-day courses and have a smaller attendance to ensure students have more time for instructor engagement, including questions and answers with the instructor. Example webinar topics include accessibility 11A and 11B, energy code topics, solar photovoltaic and energy storage systems, ADUs, electrical code, egress and much more. Details and registration are currently available at <u>www.calbo.org</u>.
- The 2020 BOLA class meet in Southern California at the Newport Beach Education Week from December 14-17. Due to the pandemic, a smaller group was admitted into the 2020 program, so this year's program is expected to fill quickly. More information about the 2021 program will be released in Spring 2021. A waitlist is for the upcoming



- program is in place. Interested students should reach out to Lauren Herman at lherman@calbo.org.
- In 2019 and 2020, 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 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 2021-22 CALBO Training Catalog. Contact Lauren Herman at lherman@calbo.org with questions.

CALBO PARTNERS

- CALBO IS EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR THE UNWAIVERING SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS THROUGH THESE TRYING TIMES.
- 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 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 and Bureau Veritas
 - 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 Anne Jungwirth at ajungwirth@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.
- The state legislature reconvened for the first year of the 2021-2022 session on January 11, 2021.
- The bill introduction deadline was February 19, and almost 2,500 bills were introduced.
- CALBO has monitored and anlysed all bills introduced, which will be put before the Legislative Committee in the weeks ahead.
- Because of continued meeting constrictions, due to COVID-19, committee hearings and bill passage rates will be limited this year.
- Last year, many of CALBO's high priority issues were delayed and ultimately died due to the limitations placed on the number of bills that were passed off of the floor. This year, many of the same bills have been reintroduced in hopes that they might make the cut. However, since this is the first year of the two-year session, they will have the opportunity to pass in 2022 even if they do not make the September deadline.
- 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 970 (McCarty) Planning and zoning: electric vehicle charging stations: permit application approval

CALBO Position: *Oppose* (Pending)

Status: Introduced

Summary: Existing law requires a city, county, or city and county to administratively approve an application to install an electric vehicle charging station through the issuance of a building permit or similar nondiscretionary permit subject to a limited review by the building official of that city, county, or city and county. This bill 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. 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, (1) the city, county, or city and county has not approved the application, as specified, (2) the building official has not made a finding that the proposed installation could have an adverse impact upon the public health or safety or required the applicant to apply for a use permit, as specified, and (3) all required approvals from the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative have been obtained.

Observations: This bill is a reintroduction of the same language that was proposed last year. Yet again, the 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 <u>current law</u>, and are sponsoring this measure in order to streamline the process even further. CALBO reached out to its members last year to assess local processes, and would like to approach local compliance with further education rather than more legislation. CALBO plans on working with our local government partners, as we have in the past, to defeat the measure.

AB 1329 (Nazarian) Building codes: earthquakes: functional recovery standard

CALBO Position: Support (Pending)

Status: Introduced

Summary: Existing law provides for the adoption of building standards by state agencies by requiring all state agencies that adopt or propose adoption of any building standard to submit the building standard to the California Building Standards Commission for approval and adoption. This bill would require the Building Standards Commission to develop, adopt, and publish building standards that would require new construction of buildings, except for buildings regulated by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development or the Division of the State Architect, to be designed and built to a functional recovery standard, as defined, for earthquake loads. The bill would specify that if a functional recovery standard is not completed in time for inclusion in the building code with an effective date of January 1, 2026, engineered buildings will be assigned to Risk Category IV, as defined in the building code. The bill would require the commission to actively consult with interested parties in proposing and adopting functional recovery standards.

Observations: This bill is a revival of a similar bill from 2018, 2019, and 2020. Previous versions have been stopped in the Appropriations Committee due to budgetary concerns. CALBO previously 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. CALBO is supportive of functional recovery and looks forward to working with the author and other stakeholders to ensure building safety.

SB 55 (Stern) Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition.

CALBO Position: *Oppose* (Pending)

Status: Introduced

Summary: Existing law requires the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection to identify areas of the state as very high fire hazard severity zones based on specified criteria. This bill would, in furtherance of specified state housing production and wildfire mitigation goals, prohibit the creation or approval of a new development in a very high fire hazard severity zone or a state responsibility area. By imposing new duties on local governments with respect to the approval of new developments in very high fire hazard severity zones and state responsibility areas. **Observations:** SB 55 is a reintroduction of Senator Stern's bill from last year. Similar to last year, CALBO opposes this measure as it specifically targets rural areas also known as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones or State Responsibility Areas (SRA) which encompass almost a third of California. Prohibiting housing development in these regions is problematic as Building Departments are primarily funded by building permit and construction fees. The



Building Department, and its staff, would struggle to continue serving the community if all housing and commercial projects in the community were terminated. Ceasing all development in these areas would not only impact local building departments, which are already under financial strain, but also negatively affect the inhabitants of the region. CALBO will continue to closely monitor this bill.

SB 296 (Limon) Code enforcement officers: safety standards.

CALBO Position: *Watch* (Pending)

Status: Referred to the Senate Public Safety Committee

Summary: Existing law defines the term "code enforcement officer" as a person who is not a peace officer, who has enforcement authority for health, safety, and welfare requirements, and who is authorized to issue citations or file formal complaints, as specified. This bill would require each local jurisdiction that employs code enforcement officers to develop safety standards appropriate for the code enforcement officers employed in their jurisdiction. **Observations:** As introduced, this bill is currently in "spot" bill form. The author has introduced a concept, without putting substantive language into the measure. CALBO will monitor the bill closely to see what the author's intentions are.

SB 736 (Newman) Public safety: pools and spas: drowning prevention: home inspectors.

CALBO Position: *Watch* (Pending)

Status: Introduced

Summary: Under the Swimming Pool Safety Act, upon the issuance of a building permit for construction of a new swimming pool or spa, or the remodeling of an existing pool or spa, at a private, single-family home, the pool or spa is required to be equipped with at least 2 of 7 drowning prevention safety features. The act requires the local building code official to inspect and approve the drowning prevention safety devices before the issuance of a final approval for the completion of permitted construction or remodeling work. This bill would encourage the use of an isolation fence or removable isolation mesh fencing to meet these requirements, and would specify that these requirements are not met by an exit alarm and a self-closing, self-latching device used on the same door or on 2 separate doors that provide access to the swimming pool or spa. The bill would require these requirements to apply equally to all local jurisdictions, and would prohibit a local jurisdiction from imposing different or stricter requirements.

Observations: This is not a new issue to CALBO and we have been a strong propmoent of the Swimming Pool Safety Act in the past. CALBO has not been apprached by the spomsor or author on the issue, and we are in the fact gathering phase to develop a posotion on the issue.

