



## Chapter Report Spring 2020

### Upcoming CALBO Events:

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

CALBO's 2020 Annual Conference (Carlsbad) – RESCHEDULED to July 12-15, 2020

Building Officials Leadership Academy (Brea) – RESCHEDULED to August 17-21, 2020

CALBO Education Week North (San Ramon) – September 21-24, 2020

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

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

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

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 April and May 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.**
- We are living in changing times, and CALBO has done its best to adapt to our new circumstances surrounded the COVID-19 pandemic. CALBO is fully operational, albeit remotely, through this “stay in place” period, 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 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 July 12-15, 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 July conference.
- Rooms are available for the Annual Conference at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort for the CALBO rate of \$199 per night.
- 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, July 15.
- In addition to the formal program, a social golf tournament will be held on Sunday, July 12 at the Aviara Golf Club.
- CALBO will also host a lively President's Dinner on Tuesday, July 14 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.
- CALBO and ICC are still considering a co-hosted "Wildland-Urban Interface" roundtable, building upon the momentum from last year's Seismic Roundtable. Details are still pending, but the one-day event is slated for summer in Sacramento.
- 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 and ICC will again host a booth at the California League of Cities Expo, to be held in Long Beach October 7-8, 2020. The theme of the booth is local government outreach, building upon our joint successes in 2019.

- CALBO launched our completely revamped [www.calbo.org](http://www.calbo.org) last year, which includes large enhancements to the registration portal designed for member ease. 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.
- 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 planning this year's Education Weeks in preparation for the continued adoption of the 2019 codes. Three Education Weeks will be held in 2020: San Ramon (September 21-24, 2020), Ontario (October 19-22, 2020) and Newport Beach (December 14-17, 2020). Registration will be available in the Spring 2020.
- CALBO has started development on a new online delivery model. The concept is still in its infancy, but initial offerings are expected to begin in 2020.
- 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.
- CALBO will continue to supplement Education Week training with independent offerings across the state. Registration is now available for Spring and Summer 2020 courses in Irvine, Moreno Valley, San Jose, Garden Grove, Glendale and Corona. CTI is currently planning additional courses for Fall and Winter 2020. Please visit the CALBO website under the "Training Dates and Registration" tab for a list of education opportunities throughout California. If a jurisdiction is interested in hosting a CALBO training, please contact Lauren Herman at [lherman@calbo.org](mailto:lherman@calbo.org).
- The 2020 BOLA class will meet in Southern California at the ICC Western Regional Office from August 17-21, 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 and Shums Coda Associates
  - 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).
- The state legislature reconvened on January 6, 2020 for the second year of a two-year session.
- Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, the legislature is out on recess which has suspended all legislative action and committee hearings. Lawmakers were supposed to return to the building on April 13, but this date has been pushed out to May 4 to reflect the governor's request to shelter in place until the end of the month.

- With this nationwide pandemic taking precedence, many legislators might postpone moving bills in order to prioritize the impacts of Covid-19. The Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez, stated “Our focus with the budget is that other spending is going to have to be really limited.”<sup>1</sup> The most likely result will be the allocation of a majority of the state funds towards the current crisis, leaving minimal funds for other measures.
- Over 2,200 bills were introduced this year in addition to the hundreds of 2-year bills that carried over from 2019. CALBO continues to track 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 session, CALBO has sponsored 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). This bill was moved to the Inactive File in September, but will be reviewed in the months ahead. CALBO will continue to work with the author’s office.

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

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

**CALBO Position:** *Support*

**Status:** Will be taken up again this year

**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

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.latimes.com/politics/newsletter/2020-03-23/coronavirus-crisis-means-policy-efforts-california-legislature-fizzle-newsletter-essential-politics>

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:** Referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee

**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.

