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## Office of the State Fire Marshal WUI / 7A Task Force Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, May 6th, 2020  
**Time:** 0900 – 1200  
**Location:** 2251 Harvard Street, Sacramento, CA

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### I. Welcome Members and Introductions

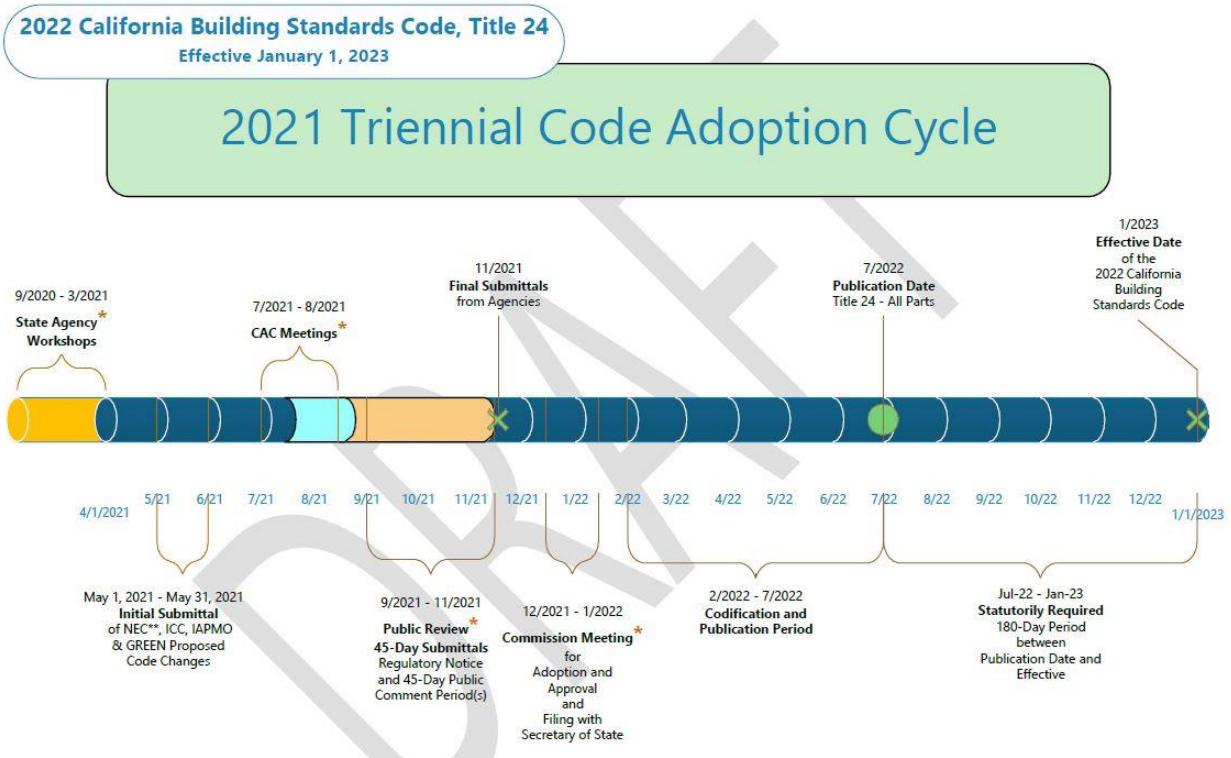
### II. WUI Task Group Overview 2022 codes:

#### a. Scope / Goal

- i. To create and propose code regulations to the State Fire Marshal for the 2022 Triennial Code Cycle
- ii. **The proposals shall**
  - State the specific purpose
  - State the problem it is solving
  - State the Rationale of the solution
  - Outline the benefits
  - State the cost increase or decrease in construction and how the cost may impact small or big business in California
  - The proposals shall meet the 9 point criteria
    1. The proposals do not conflict with, overlap, or duplicate other building standards.
    2. The proposals are within the parameters established by enabling legislation, and are not expressly within the exclusive jurisdiction of another agency.
    3. The public interest requires the adoption of the building standards. The public interest includes, but is not limited to, health and safety, resource efficiency, fire safety, seismic safety, building and building system performance, and consistency with environmental, public health, and accessibility statutes and regulations.
    4. The proposals are not unreasonable, arbitrary, unfair, or capricious, in whole or in part.
    5. The cost to the public is reasonable, based on the overall benefit to be derived from the proposals.

6. The proposals are not unnecessarily ambiguous or vague, in whole or in part.
7. The applicable national specifications, published standards, and model codes have been incorporated therein as provided in this part, where appropriate.
8. The format of the proposal is consistent with that adopted by CBSC.
9. The proposal, if they promote fire and panic safety as determined by the State Fire Marshal, have the written approval of the State Fire Marshal.

**b. Timeline**



**III. Update of the 2019 Intervening Code Cycle proposals**

- a. <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/Rulemaking/Intervening-Code-Adoption-Cycle2019/2019-Public-Comments>

**45-Day COMMENT FORM**

All comments for the state agency proposals must be submitted to the commission no later than close of business on the last day of the public comment period. Due to the volume of comments received, CBSC cannot guarantee that all comments are posted on this website. While every attempt is made to include all submissions online, it is not required by statute or regulation. Note: only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable via CBSC's website. Contact CBSC for a copy of non-viewable comments. Use the e-Comment form to ensure accessibility.

- b. <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC/Rulemaking/Public-Comment-Form>

- c. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM**

For written comments to be provided to the commission members or Code Advisory Committee members as part of their meeting packet, comments must be submitted by the date identified on the meeting agenda.

45-Day or 15-Day public comments must be submitted on or before the close of the public comment period identified in the Notice of Proposed Action.

You must submit a separate comment form for each agenda item on which you are providing a comment.

Written and oral comments may also be submitted at a CBSC public meeting.

The use of this e-Comment form is optional; however, it aids CBSC and other state proposing agencies to administer your comment.

#### **IV. Legislative Update from Bob-Raymer**

- a. The legislative schedule has been updated
- b. July 2020 will have a short break from July 3 and be back July 13<sup>th</sup>
- c. There are several modified deadlines
  - i. Policy committee in one house then
  - ii. Fiscal committee in that same house
  - iii. When finished moves over to the other house for the same process.  
The process goes both ways for the House and the Senate.
- d. This month and the following week will have massive amount of hearings
- e. Bills to watch are:
  - i. SB292
  - ii. SB1199
  - iii. AB2367
- f. These few bills are being proposed in the insurance code for clarity for the hardening of homes in the WUI area
- g. In the past, energy and other issues were focused on new homes.
- h. There is a trend on looking at existing homes
- i. The State Budget is hurting
  - i. Thus, State Agencies, will be tasked with looking at spending.  
There may be some directives, TBD.
- j. The insurance committee will meet next week (Wednesday or Thursday)

#### **V. Subgroup updates/ revaluation for next cycle**

- a. Subgroup 1 – CFC Chapter 49

Chair – Crystal Sujeski ([crystal.sujeski@fire.ca.gov](mailto:crystal.sujeski@fire.ca.gov))

- Presented a draft scope with community criteria to develop a mitigation plan.

- The subgroup is working on proposed language and where the proposal could be submitted. (Maybe an appendix, or other title)

b. Subgroup 2 – Alternate Technologies

Chair – John Simontacchi [johns@firefree.com](mailto:johns@firefree.com)

Co-chair Lorraine Ross [intech.ross@gmail.com](mailto:intech.ross@gmail.com)

- Presented 707A2 (Proposal to delete Wall coverings)
- Presented 707A3
- Added a definition for Exterior Wall Assembly
- Comments-
  - Want an easy to follow path to compliance
  - This goes into alt. technology because it looks at the assembly
  - Want the prescriptive approach
  - Add an exception- for the water barrier
  - Don't want to make the regulations to complex
  - Paul Merrick proposed wall assembly testing
  - Share document/ report about the water barrier causing a chimney.  
Look at commentary in the IBC.
  - Rain warp? Furred out system?
  - Lorraine will find the original IBC code change proposal
  - NFPA 285 comparing SFM standards

c. Subgroup 3 – Exterior Siding and Coatings

Chair – John Simontacchi ([johns@firefree.com](mailto:johns@firefree.com))

- Marcelo Hirschler presented editorial changes

d. Subgroup 4 – Decking and Vents

Chair – Marcelo Hirschler ([mhirschler@gbhint.com](mailto:mhirschler@gbhint.com))

- Nothing new to report
- Action look at through roof vents
- Come up with prescriptive approach to the through roof vents

- Waiting for a standard that has been in development for 10 years
- Send Marcelo proposals for through roofs vents

e. Subgroup 5 – Accessory Buildings / Structures

Chair – Crystal Sujeski ([crystal.sujeski@fire.ca.gov](mailto:crystal.sujeski@fire.ca.gov))

- Presented summary of draft concepts and proposals
- Presented an opposition letter and a possible resolution
- Editorial clean up on the work “applicable”

f. Subgroup 6- Design Fire Exposure

Chair – John Woestman ([jwoestman@kellencompany.com](mailto:jwoestman@kellencompany.com))

- Presented concepts and ideas and meeting minutes
- Presented questions and goals
- Presented a PDF presentation for the Wildfire Summit

g. Subgroup 7 – SFM Part 12 Standards

Chair – Marcelo Hirschler ([mhirschler@gbhint.com](mailto:mhirschler@gbhint.com))

- This is a new sub-group tasked with comparing the existing Part 12 SFM standards with ASTM
- Must have representation from SFM Fire Engineering weigh in on proposals
- There needs to be an avenue for existing building materials to comply.

**VI. Open discussion for the upcoming cycle**

- a. Manny Muniz proposed changes to CBC 709A.3
- b. Chief Andersen explained that editorial changes shall be submitted when they in fact make the code easier to read and are needed.

**VII. Future Meetings June 12, 2020**

- a. **Will look at using a different platform, such as Teams or ZOOM.**