

CWUI WORK GROUP MEETING

Meeting Minutes – May 7, 2025

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Work Group Representatives

Contacts:

California State Fire Marshal – Daniel Berlant

Chair - Crystal Sujeski, OSFM-CDA-Div. Chief, (510) 846-1276, crystal.sujeski@fire.ca.gov

Co-Chair – John Morgan OSFM – CWPM Staff Chief

Co-Chair – Mitchel Baker (HCD representative)

1. CALL TO ORDER: Sujeski called the meeting to order at 13:00

Sujeski

A. Welcome/Introductions

B. Introductions - Roll Call/Roster Update – All participated

i. Sujeski

1. We would appreciate it if you could fill out that form so we can capture everyone's correct e-mail address.

C. Agenda Review –

i. Sujeski

1. The meeting agenda will be posted in the committee section of the OSFM website with Minutes.
2. Constant Contact distribution list is the best way to stay informed and receive meeting updates

Motion: Mitchel Baker Motioned to Approve
John Morgan Seconded.

Action: Approved

2. OLD BUSINESS

Sujeski

A. Charter Review

i. Sujeski

1. Covered charter review
2. Can we get a motion to approve the charter as modified?

Motion: George Barnes Motioned to Approve
Bob Raymer Seconded.

Action: Approved

ii. Sujeski

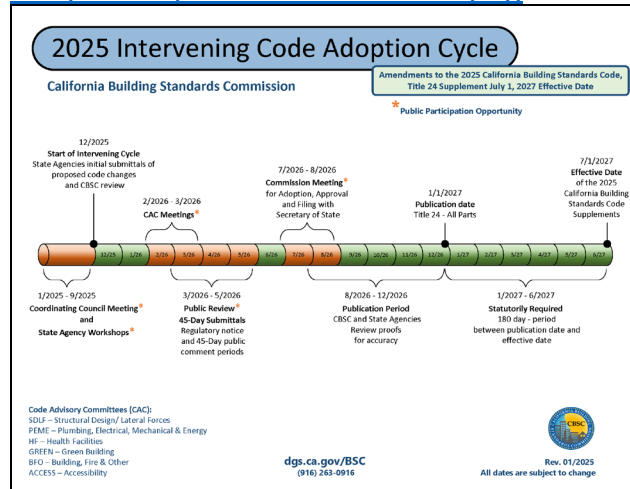
1. We'll send it to our legal for review.

B. Timeline

i. Sujeski

1. Covered timeline and showed the webpage on Building Standards Commission website for reference

- a. <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/code-development-and-analysis/title-24-development>
- b. <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/-/media/Divisions/BSC/03-Rulemaking/2025-Intervening-Cycle/2025-Intervening-Code-Adoption-Cycle-Timeline-FINAL.png>



c.

C. Information Bulletin – Part 7

i. Sujeski

1. We need some more feedback on this information bulletin. What would the committee or this work group like to see besides just what it is?
2. Right now we're planning to use the introduction of Part 7 as the information bulletin.

ii. Mitchel Baker

1. I would love a chance to look at that before it's released to the larger group and provide some input there. Just from at least HC stakeholder standpoint.

iii. Joshua Costello

1. County of Los Angeles fire department. I think it would be helpful if there was a summary of whether or not there have been any substantive changes to what is currently in place versus what will be in place once part 7 goes live on the 1st of the Year.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Sujeski

- A. AB 2322 CH7A ASCE 7 Sub-Group – No Update- (Paul Armstrong/Sunup Matthew) - Chairs to continue further study to continue further study

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- i. Include HCAI/OSHPD and DSA
- ii. Need real costs for the impact of any proposed regulations

B. Proposed Sub-Groups

- i. Scope Subcommittee - Robert Raymer rraymer@cbia.org
- ii. Roofing Subcommittee –

1. Crystal recommending Bill Hendrix and will reach out to get his consent to be Chair.
 - a. Additional Members
 - i. Payam Bozorgchami
 - ii. Kevin Scott
- iii. Accessory Buildings – Milad Shabanian Miladshabanian@me.com
 1. We didn't have any chance to get together for working on the accessory structures requirement as we were all in Orlando, but we're planning to meet next week Friday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM Eastern Time and 1:00 to 2:00 PM Pacific Time.
 2. Additional members –
 - a. Kevin Scott
 - b. Jason McBroom
- iv. Weathering / Ignition-Resistant Materials – Marcelo Hirschler mmh@gbhint.com – No Update
- v. Vents- Kevin Scott khscottassoc@gmail.com
 - a. We have a very short list of items that we want to look at, but one of the things that has come up is just a clarification in the terms that we use in the code and I'm kinda thinking we do something like Ridge vent we already have requirements for vertical, horizontal, so we're gonna have vertical horizontal Ridge and then I don't know if it's gonna be incline slope. Something to cover basically everything else that's not in one of those two groups.
Right now we have Ridge and off Ridge.
Then there's some confusion or dislike into using those terms.
 - b. One of the big issues is the fact that we don't have the right standard to do testing and listing for all of these, or that incorporates all of these various installations.
 - c. We have not met yet. We will probably be meeting the end of next week. Invite coming out.
2. Additional Members –
 - a. Slate Meyer
 - b. Stephanie Daniels
 - c. Andrew Miller
 - d. Dave Mutter
 - e. Aaron R. Phillips
 - f. Brad Douglas
 - g. Dennis Mathes
 - h. Milad Shabanian
 - i. Brent Pickett
 - j. Kevin Reinertson
 - k. Payam Bozorgchami

4. ROUNDTABLE

- A. Sujeski - I'd like to start this out with a conversation about expanding the regulations into "LRA moderate" and what that may look like?

- i. Bob Raymer
 - 1. I suspect a large chunk of California's going to fall into those moderate zones. The question will then become what would be the impact on general construction in terms of cost and design, would we need? The entirety of the fire hardening regs that used to be in 7A to apply to this moderate zone.
 - 2. Would there be prioritized items?
 - 3. Would there be a lesser list?
 - 4. We definitely wanted to have HCD involved in that so that we would not only look at fire resistance, but look at affordability impact.
- ii. John Neal
 - 1. If you're going to apply the same regulations to moderate, high, and very high, why do we have 3 zones? Suggest having tiered standards if we're going to consider them different hazard levels.
- iii. Larry Williams
 - 1. Agrees with John Neal's comment
- iv. George Barnes
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- v. Kevin Reinertson
 - 1. Suggest keeping 3 FHSZ so local jurisdictions can increase requirements if they choose to.
- vi. Joshua Costello
 - 1. Sees value in the tiered approach, especially from an insurance perspective
- B. Larry Williams – Would like to look at CFC Chapter 49 items moved to Chapter 6 of CWUI to make sure nothing needs to be updated there.
- C. Bob Raymer – Thinks we should look at putting together a retrofit recommendation for existing buildings
 - i. Sujeski – That could be part of the Scoping Subcommittee
 - ii. George Barnes – Should we consider putting together triggers that add retrofitting requirements for certain types of permits?
 - 1. Sujeski – That's a good idea. Can you put together draft language?
 - iii. Kevin Scott – Would there be a priority list of retrofits so homeowners know what to tackle first?
 - iv. Larry Williams – How do we address changing zones and application of the code. I.e. Zones split lots. Most restrictive. Creating own GIS layers.
 - v. James Gillespie – Agreed with Larry Williams approach.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Aaron Phillips – Regarding committee comments. What direction do you give to folks who may want to offer some suggestions for consideration?
 - i. Sujeski – Comments can be sent to Crystal Sujeski, John Morgan, or Mitchell Baker
- B. Sujeski – We will add a “Miscellaneous” section to the agenda
- C. Sujeski – I want to mention the Wildfire Mitigation Advisory Committee. Meetings are once per month on the 3rd Tuesday at 1 PM.
 - i. <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/committees/wildfire-mitigation-advisory-committee>

6. UPCOMING MEETING DATE FOR 2024

Sujeski

A. Meetings will be held the **first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm** and will remain virtual

i. Next Meeting – June 4, 2025

7. MEETING ADJOURNED (Motion Required) 2:32 PM

Sujeski

Motion:	Crystal Sujeski Motioned to Adjourn John Morgan Seconded.
Action:	Approved

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YouTube: <https://youtu.be/DDf2yqclSqk>