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**CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT  
OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL**

**JOINT WORKSHOP  
EXTERIOR ELEVATED ELEMENTS**

**February 16, 2018**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

(end time is an estimate; meeting may conclude earlier)

**MEETING LOCATION:**

2020 West El Camino Ave.  
FOURTH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 402  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95833

**Teleconference number: 877-336-1829, Participant number: 390588**

(teleconference number is for audio only)

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Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), in a joint effort with Department of Housing and Community Development, the Division of the State Architect/Structural Safety (and Community College) and the Office of the State Fire Marshal, will convene a workshop in the development of building standards for exterior balconies and elevated walking surfaces. Results of the workshop may affect Parts 2, 2.5 and 10 of the California Building Standards Code, (Cal. Code Regs., Title 24), for the 2018 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle. The public is invited to attend and provide their input or comments.

This workshop addresses public comments received during the certifying rulemaking of emergency regulations that became effective January 30, 2017, and recommendations of the Exterior Elevated Elements Subcommittee of the California Building Standards Commission. Note that future rulemaking will include an action to repeal California

amendments, permitting model code language to stand in place of the language of the emergency provisions.

Materials that may be reviewed, to promote discussion during this workshop can be viewed on the following CBSC website page:

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**Agenda items:**

1. Meeting schedule/housekeeping
  2. Workshop overview by CBSC staff
  3. Discussion items from the recommendations of the Commission Subcommittee, reflected in the Draft Express Terms:
    - a. Define terms, or create new terms, to refine applicability of the certified emergency regulations.
    - b. Amend occupancy and use identification in Section 1616 and Table 1607.1 of Part 2 of the certified emergency regulations, such that they correlate with terms used in the certified emergency regulations.
    - c. Require access panels for the on-going inspection of the enclosed portions of 'balconies' and 'elevated walking surfaces'.
  4. Other proposed discussion items from the Commission Subcommittee and from public comments:
    - a. Fire code issues related to venting requirements for framing, in the certified emergency regulations.
    - b. Incorporate appropriate regulations of the certified emergency into Part 2.5, for dwellings and certain townhomes.
    - c. Require durable/treated wood for the primary framing of 'balconies' and 'elevated walking surfaces.'
    - d. Require that repair/alteration trigger current code compliance for 'balconies' and 'elevated walking surfaces.'
    - e. Restrict horizontal sheathing of 'balconies' and 'elevated walking surfaces' to be of a particular type composition.
    - f. Revise a narrowly applied description of "water" to be a broader description.
  5. Other items not contained within this agenda may be briefly discussed as time permits.
  6. Next steps
  7. Adjourn
- ❖ If the meeting extends beyond mid-day, a lunch break will be taken.

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