

**Minutes of the February 7, 2006 Meeting
Of The
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials**

1. Call to order

Vice President Michael Enright (City of Santa Rosa) called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm at the Josef's Restaurant, Santa Rosa. President Williams (Rincon Valley Fire) was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

2. Self Introductions

Vice President Enright welcomed the 19 attendees (plus the guest speaker) and called for self-introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes for January 2006 meeting as amended with two changes by Michael Enright previously provided to DeWayne Starnes, Secretary, via e-mail. Motion Seconded. Approved by voice vote (all ayes).

4. Officers and Committee Reports

a. Treasurer

Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) reported balances of: \$7146.86 for the checking account and \$11,830.08 for the CD.

b. Secretary

No report. DeWayne Starnes (County of Sonoma) unable to attend due to Board of Supervisors meeting.

c. Vice President

No report.

d. President

No report.

e. Executive Committee

No report. Vice President Enright announced that the Executive Committee has scheduled a meeting for February 21, 2006.

5. Correspondence and Announcements

- CALBO Newsletter contained an article about Steve Jensen's confirmation as member of the Building Standards Commission.

6. Legislative News

Chris Warrick (County of Mendocino) asked if anyone had received additional information about Senate Bill 1054 regarding Charter Schools. He said that it is not clear if the legislation is intended to apply only to new buildings or if it will apply to existing buildings. No one at the meeting had any additional information.

7. Code Issues

- Glen Schainblatt, City of Sebastopol, indicated that the SFM Core Group is meeting on February 20. The Height and Area Committee still has issues / concerns about the changes from UBC to ICC allowable areas and heights. The SFM Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for March 24. The SFM is also creating an "internal review" group.
- Robert LaRose, City of Petaluma, asked if people were getting their Mechanical and Plumbing Certifications through IAPMO. Many in attendance said they were getting the ICC Certifications and others indicated that they were getting IAPMO Certifications. Robert LaRose indicated that the concern was that the results of the test information were no longer being provided in a way that the applicant could use to learn where they made their mistakes on the exam and where to focus their code studies (whether they passed or failed).

8. New Business

Glenn Schainblatt brought up that ICC was offering transition to the ICC codes this year. He also asked if the Chapter was interested in sponsoring Safety Assessment Program training in April. Glenn could provide the instruction (Glenn will check with OES to see if they are still offering free versions of the training or if the Chapter would have to arrange with CALBO to co-sponsor the training). FPO is offering a training / workshop on new construction. It is intended to be two ½ day sessions in May or June.

9. Old Business

No comments

10. Program

Nelson Pena, California Energy Commission, provided a presentation about when the Energy Commission was created, what their purpose is, the 2005 Energy code and potential changes that they are looking into for the 2008 Energy Code. There are approximately 10 people working in the Standards Division of the Energy Commission. Building Departments have access to a phone number, not available to the general public, for energy code related questions. The number is 1-800-752-6245. Highlights of the presentation include:

- The Energy Commission is hosting workshops on February 22 and 23 to discuss issues relating to the next energy code adoption.
- The Energy Commission is setting up a complaint investigation program to work with building departments to ensure codes are properly implemented.
- The most common enforcement issues are HERS testing for residential projects and documentation for non-residential projects.
- The Energy Commission website has links to the 2005 Energy Standards, downloadable versions of the Residential and Non-Residential manuals and Video clips discussing common energy code review and inspection issues. Go to <http://www.energy.ca.gov> to see what is available.
- Clarification that duct testing is required when furnaces are replaced unless the new furnace is a high efficiency unit (duct testing typically costs \$600).
- Potential changes being considered for the 2008 Energy code:
 - Refinements to the existing requirements
 - Indoor Air Quality
 - Photo-voltaic systems
 - Working with NFRC on site built fenestration default values
 - Clarifying what wall assemblies can be used in the computer programs (used listed assemblies only, no customized assemblies).

Nelson provided a CD containing the 2005 Energy efficiency standards and the manuals to those who attended the meeting. (A Power Point slide file of what Nelson based his presentation on is attached for your use.)

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Enright (filling in for DeWayne Starnes)