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Message From the Board Chair



Working with strong and dedicated partners is vital to the success of any organization, including CSLB. During my time as a Board member, and now as the Board chair for the next year, I'm reminded about the importance of CSLB's partnerships with other groups that share our same visions and goals – and how we must continue to

strengthen existing ties and forge new ones.

An example of CSLB's active alliances was on full display at our June Board meeting in Fairfield. In what has become an annual event, we met jointly with our counterparts to the east, the [Nevada State Contractors Board](#), to discuss such mutual interest issues as problems that arise from the solar industry's continued rapid expansion, construction industry trends, and public outreach strategies.

It's not just cooperation and information-sharing at a policy level; these connections extend to the field and involve staff from both agencies. Our investigators and senior staff members stay in close touch with their Nevada counterparts about issues that cross state lines.

On a national level, we teamed up in late June with contracting boards from around the country, through the [National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies](#) (NASCLA), to simultaneously conduct undercover sting operations that targeted unlicensed contractors. An [article](#) in this issue further details the joint efforts and national media coverage.

CSLB also depends on its partnerships closer to home. As a member of the state's [Labor Enforcement Task Force](#) (LETF), CSLB and the Department of Industrial Relations' Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) and Division of Labor Standards Enforcement,

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Department of Insurance, Board of Equalization, and Employment Development Department visit job sites to check for compliance with state license, safety, health, labor, insurance, tax, and employment regulations. In 2014, LETF conducted 613 inspections and found violations at 512 workplaces, or 84 percent of those businesses.

Our Enforcement division staff also has been active in cultivating stronger ties, and establishing new ones with city and county building departments, and district attorney offices.

We value all of our partners and look forward to developing new alliances.

We welcomed two new Board members during the most recent meeting: Governor-appointed **Marlo Richardson**, a Los Angeles Airport Police Department lieutenant and business entrepreneur from Playa Del Rey; and San Bruno resident **David De La Torre**, a Bay Area labor union representative. David was first appointed by Assembly Speaker Toni G. Atkins. Another newcomer (although this was his second meeting) is **Johnny Simpson** of San Diego, who was appointed earlier this year by the Senate Rules Committee. Mr. Simpson, a wireman by trade, is a longtime officer with International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569. Also, I'm pleased to welcome back Board colleagues **Joan Hancock** and **Frank Schetter**, who were both reappointed to new four-year terms by the governor.

The appointments bring our Board up to full strength with 15 members.

We extend our many thanks to outgoing Chair **David Dias** for his leadership during the previous fiscal year. In particular, Mr. Dias has been at the forefront of CSLB's stepped-up campaign against predatory HVAC contractors. His background in the HVAC industry has been invaluable during CSLB's town hall meetings, his work with industry leaders and regulators, and in getting the word out that CSLB will not tolerate deceptive contractors who cut corners. Mr. Dias also has been an enthusiastic supporter of CSLB's **Ambassador Program**, which provides materials for C-20 contractors to educate consumers who plan to purchase and install new HVAC units.

You, too, can help CSLB and the construction industry by reporting incidents where you suspect illegal contracting. A **form** to report violations is available on the CSLB **website**.

Respectfully,

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CSLB joined with eight other state contractor licensing agencies to conduct simultaneous sting operations in late June. With the assistance of the [National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies](#) (NASCLA), the effort helped

elevate nationwide awareness of the risks of using unlicensed operators and the value of hiring licensed contractors.

California, Arizona, Florida, Nevada, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Washington took part by conducting simultaneous undercover sting operations in their states from June 15-26, 2015. CSLB's summer "California Blitz" rounded up the highest number of illegal contracting suspects at 105. The other regulatory agencies reported issuing dozens of citations for violations of their states' contracting laws.

The national sting operation was declared a success by [CSLB Registrar Cindi Christenson](#) and other agency directors who praised the initiative

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taken to strike a blow against the underground economy.

"Unlicensed contracting is a problem that knows no state lines," said Ms. Christenson, who became CSLB's chief executive in January.

"Consumers everywhere benefit if they ask the right questions before hiring anyone to work in or around their home."

Angie Whitaker, NASCLA's executive director, said the coordinated operation "provided a national partnership opportunity among our state members to protect consumers, deter illegal construction activity, and level the playing field for legitimate contractors in the construction industry."

CSLB conducts an average of one sting operation or construction site sweep each week throughout the state, and conducts at least three statewide blitzes each year. During the most recent blitz, investigators from CSLB's **Statewide Investigative Fraud Team** (SWIFT) partnered with several local law enforcement agencies to conduct a total of 14 undercover sting operations in eight cities from June 23-25, 2015: Apple Valley (San Bernardino County), Cypress (Orange County), Lafayette (Contra Costa County), Paso Robles (San Luis Obispo County), Sunnyvale (Santa Clara County), San Jose (Santa Clara County), Visalia (Tulare County), and Yuba City (Sutter County).

Among those arrested for various contracting law violations were three repeat offenders, four suspects with an active arrest warrant, two suspects on probation, one registered sex offender, and three with either revoked or suspended CSLB licenses.

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CSLB's policy board is back to full strength with the addition of two new members. The recent appointments of David De La Torre, of San Bruno, and Marlo Richardson, of Playa Del Rey, brings the Board to its full complement of 15 members.

Three current board members also were granted new terms that will continue until June 1, 2019. Joan Hancock, of Sacramento, appointed in 2007 by then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, was reappointed to a new four-year term by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.; Frank Schetter, also of Sacramento, and a governor-appointed Board member since 2011, was reappointed; and Johnny Simpson, of San Diego, who was first appointed in February 2015, was reappointed by the Senate Rules Committee.

Mr. De La Torre was appointed by Assembly Speaker Toni G. Atkins in May 2015. He is secretary-treasurer of Laborers Union Local 261, representing 5,000 members in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Mr. De La Torre is a third-generation labor member who has worked for a variety of local and regional construction contractors. He was first elected as a union officer in 2005. Mr. De La Torre also serves as board president for the San Francisco chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, and is a representative on San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee's 100% Renewable Energy Task Force. Mr. De La Torre's term continues through June 1, 2016.



Ms. Richardson was named to the Board by Gov. Brown in June 2015. Ms. Richardson has been employed by the Los Angeles Airport Police Division since 1999 and is a lieutenant. She has an extensive background as a

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business entrepreneur with experience in the restaurant, real estate, home health care, import/export, and financial services industries, and mentors other business entrepreneurs. Ms. Richardson is an executive board member of the Westchester-Playa Democratic Club, and also is a member of the Los Angeles African American Women's Public Policy Institute, and California Women Lead. Ms. Richardson's term continues through June 1, 2016.

Mr. Simpson is the business manager/financial secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 569, which represents over 3,100 electrical workers in San Diego and Imperial counties. A third-generation IBEW wireman, Mr. Simpson graduated from the IBEW California Apprenticeship Program in 1981. He is highly involved in his community and has spent more than 20 years volunteering alongside IBEW 569 members to fix electrical systems in the homes of San Diego's low-income seniors, disabled veterans, and families. He also is a San Diego Electrical Training Center trustee; president of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council; and vice president of the San Diego County Building Trades Family Housing Corporation, which provides affordable housing for low- and moderate-income working families.



CSLB Welcomes New Slate of Officers

CSLB's Board selected the following members to serve as officers for the 2015-16 fiscal year at its quarterly meeting, June 18-19, 2015:

Ed Lang – Chair



Mr. Lang, of Rancho Cordova, takes over the chair position held by David Dias. Mr. Lang was first appointed to the Board by then-Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in January 2007. A retired supervisor for the California Franchise

Tax Board, Mr. Lang serves as the Board's member of a statewide senior citizen organization.

Agustin Beltran – Vice Chair





Mr. Beltran, of Oakdale, was appointed to the Board in January 2014. He currently serves as the President and Director of Public and Governmental Relations for the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council.



Linda Clifford – Secretary

Ms. Clifford, of Sacramento, joined the Board in July 2013. She is a licensed contractor and chief financial officer at Sacramento construction firm C.C. Myers Inc. since 1986.



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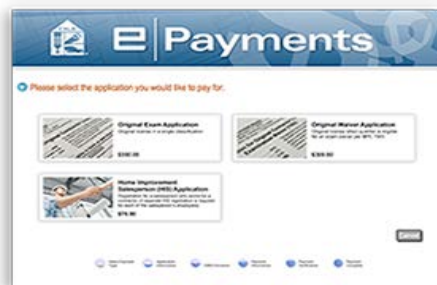
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CSLB's computer payment system for contractors who pay their fees by credit card is being added to field offices in Fresno, San Diego, and San Bernardino. The upgraded system was installed in Sacramento headquarters in the spring and for the first time in Norwalk.

Easy-to-use payment "kiosks" provide a computer with a touchscreen to navigate through available payment options, which are displayed as images to simplify and streamline the process. A computer mouse also is available at each kiosk if a contractor prefers that over the touchscreen monitor.

Contractors who use the ePayment system must bring the necessary documents to submit to a CSLB representative immediately after charging their fees to a credit card. License and/or application documents that accompany the fee payment are not processed at the field offices but are sent to Sacramento headquarters for verification. **License renewals do not take effect until all relevant documents have been processed**, so contractors or salespeople who use the ePayment system to renew their license or registration are encouraged to provide adequate time before the expiration date for document processing.



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Documents for renewals, reactivations, and all application types **must be signed**. No documents are required for re-examinations or the initial license fee.

There are 16 license or registration payment categories; the ones most frequently used are available for ePayments. Check this [CSLB page](#) for the complete list of fees.



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CSLB is tracking the following bills that may affect your contracting business.

Senate Bill 465 (Sen. Jerry Hill, D-San Mateo) was drafted in light of the June apartment balcony collapse in Berkeley that killed six students and critically injured seven

others. The bill would have required licensees and insurance companies to report to CSLB any civil settlements worth \$50,000 or more, or binding arbitration actions worth \$25,000 or more; however, the bill failed to pass out of the Assembly Business & Professions Committee on July 14, 2015.

SB 465 is a two-year bill and it will be considered next year after revisions are made. CSLB board members are scheduled to discuss SB 465 at the Board **meeting** teleconference July 29.

The Board also will review two other pending bills July 29 teleconference meeting:

- **SB 119** (Hill) would create a committee under CSLB's purview to investigate all alleged violations of the state's excavation notification requirements. The Board previously voted to "watch" the bill.
- **SB 467** (Hill) would extend CSLB's sunset date to enable continued operations until 2020. The bill also would eliminate the requirement that contractor applicants prove they have \$2,500 in working capital as a condition of obtaining a license, and would

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raise the amount of the contractor bond that licensees must post from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

The Board earlier took a position of support for [Senate Bill 561](#), and is a sponsor of the legislation authored by Sen. Bill Monning, D-Carmel. SB 561 would allow home improvement salespersons (HIS) to maintain a single registration with CSLB that they can use to work with more than one licensed contractor.

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Currently, an HIS must register separately with CSLB for each of his or her contractor employers. Under SB 561, contractors would be responsible for notifying CSLB in writing before employing a registered HIS.

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The need for a new HIS registration process is being prompted by the sharp growth in applications in recent years, particularly from salespeople entering the solar industry. HIS applications submitted to CSLB averaged nearly 800 per month during the 2013-14 fiscal year – a 40 percent jump compared with the average of the previous three years.

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To prevent increased HIS processing times, an industry group proposed changing the current system, and CSLB endorsed the idea and agreed to sponsor the legislation.

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The legislative session ends September 11. October 11, 2015, is the last day for the Governor to take action on legislation.

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You can follow a bill's progress and amendments, or search for legislation of interest, on the Office of Legislative Counsel's legislative information [website](#).

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When CSLB found that contractor citations for failing to obtain a building permit had more than doubled in the past three years, a compliance initiative became part of the Enforcement division's priorities.

"Citations for building permit violations increased from 93 in 2012 to 212 in 2014," said CSLB Registrar Cindi Christenson. "Fortunately, the great response and coordination we've had so far from building officials gives us hope that those numbers will drop in 2015."

The focused outreach project has been under way for several months in northern California and already is yielding results through an increased number of [building permit violation referrals](#) that have been submitted to CSLB for investigation by local building departments.

CSLB's Northern [SWIFT](#) (Statewide Investigative Fraud Team) investigators have been conducting this effort with building officials of more than 30 city or county departments in Sacramento, Yolo, Solano, Placer and El Dorado counties this year, and will expand to other parts of the state.

Suspicious building activities, deceptive [owner-builder](#) permits,

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contractor compliance with government permits, and contractor law education, are among the issues that have been addressed. Investigators also have reminded building departments that CSLB has free educational publications that can be ordered and provided at their public counters for local residents and contractors.



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With public works construction kicking into high gear, prime contractors are reminded to submit the contractor license number of each subcontractor they plan to hire when bidding a job. This requirement was added under [Assembly Bill 44](#), which amended Public Contract Code section 4104 to require the inclusion of the subcontractor license number in public works bids starting in July 2014. Previously, prime contractors were only required to list the name and business address of a subcontractor whom they planned to employ, not his or her license number.

The goal of the legislation was to stop prime contractors from knowingly or unknowingly hiring unlicensed subcontractors to work on public works projects.

Subs whose portion of the work is expected to amount to more than one-half of 1 percent of the total bid, or \$10,000, must be listed by the prime contractor in the bid package.

CSLB and the state Department of Industrial Relations conducted a [joint seminar](#) on AB 44 in April.





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To fulfill its consumer protection mission, CSLB's Enforcement division — with the help of partnering state agencies and local law enforcement — works hard to hold accountable those contractors who harm the public through illegal business practices.

Glare of Public Spotlight Cast upon L.A. Unlicensed Contractor

Barry Earnest Walker was singled out by the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office as an example of a predatory unlicensed contractor being brought to justice during a widely publicized news conference on June 8, 2015, in Los Angeles. Walker skipped out on a 2010 CSLB fine for a contracting violation, but was caught four years later and successfully prosecuted in May 2015 for his second, separate case in Los Angeles that involved an elderly homeowner.



Officials from CSLB, the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, and other agencies jointly announced a crackdown on unlicensed operators.

CSLB's investigation revealed that Walker, doing business as B&R Beautiful Home, took almost \$85,000 from the elder victim to make home improvements that included handicapped-accessible modifications. Walker allegedly performed substandard work and ultimately abandoned the project, costing the victim tens of thousands of dollars to correct and complete.

Walker was ordered to perform 30 days of community labor, given a three-year probation term, and ordered to pay \$61,620 in victim restitution.

Walker first ran afoul of CSLB when he was cited in 2010 for unlicensed

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contracting, stemming from a \$57,630 construction contract in Inglewood. He was fined \$1,600 for his actions, but never paid the judgment. The case was turned over to the state Franchise Tax Board and a collections agency.

Long Prison Term, Restitution Ordered for Repair Job that Hit the Roof

A licensed contractor who turned a roof repair into a \$1.3 million project at the home of an elderly Ojai man won't be upselling any construction work for a while. Mark Loren Adams, of Ventura, was sentenced to seven years in prison by a Ventura County Superior Court judge in May after pleading guilty to seven felonies in connection with the 2009 case.

Adams, who held "B" General Building and C-39 Roofing licenses, originally contracted to repair the roof of the Ventura County home. But within three months, the victim paid Adams more than three-quarters of a million dollars for 17 more contracts at the home. Adams had accepted full payment of \$775,000 and had demanded an additional \$523,000 before the victim's family began to ask questions.

Instead of providing an accounting, Adams filed a mechanics lien on the home for additional payment. A complaint filed with CSLB in August 2012 grew into a joint investigation with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, resulting in the filing of criminal charges against Adams.

The investigation revealed Adams hired mostly unlicensed workers for the job, and failed to obtain building permits. A CSLB industry expert concluded that only \$393,000 of work had been done. Adams eventually admitted to felonies that included elder theft, obtaining money by false pretenses, diversion of construction funds, filing a fraudulent instrument (lien), with "white collar" enhancement for a crime exceeding \$500,000 in value. In addition to the prison sentence, the judge ordered Adams to pay the victim \$1,266,689 in restitution.



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Report Unlicensed Contracting Ads that Undercut Yours

Imagine your surprise when you see your advertisement for construction services next to one posted by an unlicensed contractor offering to tackle the same projects, even though the work clearly will exceed the \$500 legal limit for combined labor and material costs.

You can help stop this illegal practice, thanks to a recently strengthened law. Senate Bill 315 amended [Business and Professions Code section \(§\) 7027.2](#) in 2015 to further clarify CSLB's authority to pursue civil sanctions against individuals who, despite stating in their advertisement that they are unlicensed, offer to perform construction work that typically costs thousands of dollars, such as kitchen and bathroom renovations, and requires a contractor license.

Unlicensed individuals are allowed to advertise as long as: 1) the aggregate contract price for labor, material, and all other items on a project or undertaking is less than \$500; and, 2) the individuals state in their advertising that they are unlicensed. But, CSLB is still finding unlicensed operator ads for comprehensive projects. If you notice these ads – whether in print, online, or broadcast – fill out an [advertising complaint form](#) and send it to the [appropriate CSLB office](#) (depending on your county).

These leads are used as evidence for CSLB to take disciplinary action against the unlicensed operator, or provide investigators valuable leads in future sting operations that target unlicensed activity in your area.

Sting Properties Needed to Help Fight Unlicensed Contracting

Residential and commercial properties are needed throughout California

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to conduct undercover sting operations that help curb the underground economy. These properties help CSLB's **Statewide Investigative Fraud Teams** (SWIFT) target those suspected of contracting without a license. Many are identified through online ads, some from industry leads, and others from complaints.

To offer a property or for more information, contact:

Northern SWIFT (Sacramento), 916.255.2924

Central SWIFT (Fresno), 559.490.0580

Southern SWIFT (Norwalk), 562.345.7600



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Roofing Accidents Prompt Stepped-Up Cal/OSHA Inspections

Cal/OSHA is conducting a safety awareness campaign for roofers, where the potential for workplace injuries and fatalities is higher compared with other industries.

Between 2012 and 2014, [Cal/OSHA](#) conducted 126 investigations of roofing operations where an accident had occurred. Three out of four of those accidents occurred at roofing operations found to be in violation of state safety regulations.



Cal/OSHA's "Roofing Maximum Enforcement Program," which continues through November 1, 2015, involves targeted inspections of roofing operations throughout California. This program helps ensure that employers provide the necessary training and safety equipment to protect their workers.

Fall protection is among the items Cal/OSHA inspectors review at the site visits, from railings on buildings to

personal devices such as hooks that attach to vests. Inspectors verify that workers have safe access to rooftops and are protected from electrocution hazards posed by overhead power lines. Inspectors also review the employer's heat illness prevention program at roofing operations where reflected surfaces can increase the heat factor.

If inspectors find an onsite protection or hazard concern or violation, they

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can issue a stop order until the problem is corrected. C-39 Roofing contractors who fail to comply with Cal/OSHA safety regulations can be cited and ordered to correct violations.

Cal/OSHA offers [online resources](#) for workers and employers, with a fact sheet about preventing slips and falls for roofers, and other safety publications.

Hazardous conditions at roofing operations and other work sites can be reported to Cal/OSHA's [enforcement offices](#). Enforcement officers respond immediately to such reports.

Cal/OSHA, a partner in the [Labor Enforcement Task Force](#) (LETF) along with CSLB, also is a member of the Roofing Compliance Working Group. This multi-agency coalition includes LETF enforcement agencies, local district attorney offices, roofing contractors, and labor groups.

Employers can receive free assistance from Cal/OSHA's [Consultation Program](#) to help them improve their health and safety compliance by calling 800.963.9424.

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They need only take 10 to 15 minutes, but regular tailgate and/or toolbox safety meetings could make the difference between an accident-free project and one that results in serious injury or even death.

These Injury and Illness Prevention Program meetings actually are required by law in the construction and tunneling industries for projects that employ general contractors and subcontractors (California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 8, Sections [8406](#) and [1509](#)). However, all California employers must establish an Injury and Illness Prevention Program program to train employees in safe work practices ([Title 8, CCR, Section 3203](#)).

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meetings must be conducted by supervisory personnel, such as a foreman or project superintendent, and take place at least every 10 working days, according to the law. A record of the meeting also is required that notes the time, date, personnel present, subjects discussed, and corrective actions taken, if any.

Supervisors also should talk to employees about actual problems or potential issues that workers could face while on the job, according to

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the **California Department of Industrial Relations** (DIR). Discussions can center on work practices, equipment, tools, job site challenges, and even worker attitudes or behavior that could contribute to problems.

Managers also can raise particular topics that pertain to the work being performed. The **Cal/OSHA Pocket Guide for the Construction Industry** summarizes Title 8 safety requirements, and can be used to talk about best available safety practices specific to the work site.

DIR suggests that 10- to 15-minute tailgate safety meetings:

- Be held at the work site, at a spot where workers can relax and give their full attention;
- Take place at the beginning of a shift or after a break;
- Focus on safety or health problems particular to the job or work site. Avoid topics that are too broad or don't focus on issues at hand; and
- Encourage employee participation, and draw on the experience of the workers to remind all employees – especially newer ones – of the potential dangers present on the site. If an accident or near-accident has already happened there, talk about the incident in hopes of learning from it and avoiding another occurrence.

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Outdoor Worker Safety in Summer Heat is a Priority

Cal/OSHA urges contractors who employ outdoor workers to take steps that ensure their safety while working in hot summer temperatures.

Preparation is essential to prevent heat illness, which, in the early stages, can include headaches, fatigue, excessive sweating, and muscle cramps, and can rapidly progress to mental confusion, vomiting, fainting, seizures and death.

Employers are required to take the following minimum, basic steps:

- Train all employees and supervisors about heat illness prevention.
- Provide employees with enough cool, fresh water to drink at least one quart per hour, and encourage them to do so.
- Provide access to shaded areas, and encourage employees to take rest breaks of at least five minutes – before they feel ill.
- Develop and implement written procedures – in English and other languages as necessary – for complying with Cal/OSHA's **Heat Illness Prevention Standard**.

Employers also must take special protective measures when temperatures reach 95 degrees or above. Supervisors are required to:

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- Observe workers for signs of heat illness.
- Provide close supervision of workers in their first 14 days of employment (to ensure acclimatization)
- Have effective communication systems in place for calling emergency responders, if necessary

Cal/OSHA, a division within the state Department of Industrial Relations, offers additional information and resources on [heat illness prevention](#) online, with illustrated heat illness fact sheets, videos and training kits available in multiple languages. The online resources include details on free training for all employers with outdoor worksites in Northern and Southern California.

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Do You Qualify for Covered California Health Insurance?

Special enrollment available now; open enrollment begins November 1

Contractors who need health care coverage for themselves or their families may qualify for "special enrollment" because of a life-qualifying event before open enrollment begins on November 1, 2015.



A life-qualifying event includes such situations as losing health insurance coverage, income changes, no longer being covered under a parent's insurance, a residence change, having or adopting a child, getting married or entering into a domestic partnership, becoming a citizen,

or being a member of a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native tribe.

Covered California is the state health insurance exchange, established under the federal Affordable Care Act. Individuals, families, and small businesses can compare private, name-brand health insurance plans to find the one that is best for their needs.

Covered California also is the only place for state residents to receive financial help to pay for health care coverage. The financial help works on a sliding scale, so the less you make, the less you might have to pay. Complete income guidelines can be found on the Covered California [website](#).



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CSLB's Industry Expert Program (IEP) is recruiting licensed contractors in San Diego and Imperial counties to assist CSLB's Enforcement division with consumer complaint investigations.

IEP is comprised of a statewide pool of licensed tradespeople who serve as independent consultants and are compensated by the board for their time.

IEs have a unique opportunity to help ensure that construction safety and industry standards are being met. An IE inspects assigned projects, and prepares unbiased, professional reports to help protect the public from unscrupulous or incompetent licensed and unlicensed contractors. An IE also may be called upon to testify in arbitration and/or administrative hearings.

IEs must be licensed and in good standing with five (5) years of experience as the license qualifier, and have no legal or administrative disciplinary actions against them within the past seven (7) years to qualify for the program.

CSLB has a need for qualified contractors in the San Diego and Imperial areas who hold these "C" Specialty license classifications:

- **C-10 Electrical**
- **C-13 Fencing**

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- [C-17 Glazing](#)
- [C-20 Warm-Air Heating, Ventilation, and Air-Conditioning](#)
- [C-29 Masonry](#)
- [C-35 Lathing & Plastering](#)
- [C-46 Solar](#)
- [C-54 Ceramic and Mosaic Tile](#)

To participate as an IE or for additional information, review CSLB's [Industry Expert publication](#), or send an [email](#).



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1. **True or False: A street sweeper requires a contractor license.**
2. **The most appropriate classification for the installation of synthetic turf in a yard is:**
 - a. Only a C-61/D-12 Synthetic Products contractor
 - b. Only a C-27 Landscaping contractor.
 - c. Either a C-27 Landscaping contractor or C-61/D-12 Synthetic Products contractor.
3. **True or False: An "A" General Engineering contractor cannot build a residential home.**
4. **True or False: A C-16 Fire Protection license is required to install fire suppression systems.**
5. **True or False: A licensee can use any name style they chose.**
6. **True or False: An applicant applying for an original license when a trade exam is required can apply for multiple classifications on one application.**



Answers:

1: False; 2: C; 3: True – unless there is a special case where specialized engineering is required to build the home; 4: True ; 5: False

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– name styles must be compliant with [BPC § 7059.1](#); 6: False.

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