

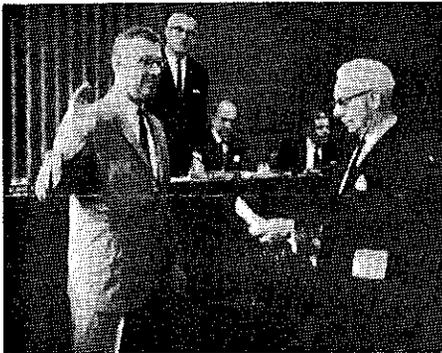
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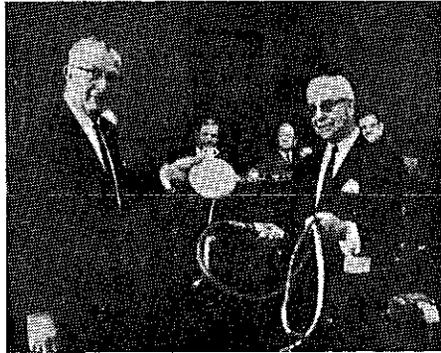
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INDUSTRY HONORS CHRIS McKEON



McKeon swears in McKeon



Nottingham, McKeon and mementos

Friends and associates of Chris McKeon gathered on the evening of April 8 to honor him on his retirement from the Contractors' State License Board. Tony Meley, Sheet Metal Contractors Association of San Francisco, acted as Chairman and Master of Ceremonies at a dinner in

the Empire Room of the Senator Hotel at Sacramento.

Among the distinguished guests were T. Eugene McAteer, Senator from San Francisco; Board Members, Robert W. Bolster, Richard Gardner, Joe Herman, Martin Matich, Mark Nottingham, Alfred Smith and Nor-

man Van Valkenburgh; former Board Members, Edgar Buttner, H. Earl Parker, Forrest D. Pugh, H. Cedric Roberts, and Buell Slater; Director of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, Harold (Butch) Powers; and his Deputy, T. Charles Cowan; and the Registrar of Contractors, Leo B. Hoschler.

The construction industry was well represented by Al Atwood, John Banister, Clyde Bell, Andy Bourke, Carl Brown, Frank Callahan, Richard Doyle, Carl Gellert, Paul McCarran, Les Miller, Gerson Ribnick and Ken Ross.

The well-known Board Meeting protagonists, Eley, Meley, Mack and Kramm, presented Chris with a desk clock in recognition of the many hours in which they clashed over issues before the board.

At the regular board meeting on the following day an event unique in the annals of administrative agencies took place when Chris administered the oath of office to his successor on the board, his son, George McKeon.

Board Chairman, Mark Nottingham, and the other members of the board presented Chris with appropriate mementoes of his tenure including a clock which runs in reverse and a bull whip, the latter for the many years during which Chris, as the senior member, was a prime mover in all the board activities.

LICENSE REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

In 1963 the Legislature added Section 7031.5 to the Contractors License Law. This section provides that each county or city which requires the issuance of a permit as a condition precedent to the construction, alteration, improvement, demolition or repair of any building or structure shall also require that each applicant

for such a permit file as a condition to the issuance of a permit a statement which he has prepared and signed stating that the applicant is licensed under the provisions of Chapter 9 Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code, giving the number of the license and stating

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I certify that I have read this application and state that the above information is correct. I agree to comply to all County Ordinances and State laws relating to building construction. I certify that in the performance of the above work I shall not employ any person in violation of the Labor Code of California relating to Workmen's Compensation Insurance.

CONTRACTORS SIGN BELOW

I certify that I am a licensed contractor and that my license is in full force and effect.

By _____

Contractor

Authorized Agent

OWNER-BUILDER SIGN BELOW

I certify that I am exempt from the provisions of Chap. 9, Div. 3, B. and P. Code (Contractor's License Law) because: (check one)

- I am the owner of the above property and will personally perform the above work.
- I am the owner of the above property and I will contract to have all of the above work performed by licensed contractors.

By _____

Owner's Signature

Authorized Agent

Assistance to Applicants

Approximately one-third of the applications filed with the Examination Section of the Contractors' State License Board cannot be accepted because they have not been completed properly. Questions are not answered, detailed information is not submitted, signatures are lacking or other requirements are not met.

Many applicants do not fully understand what information is required and that the forms and information

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN—3RD QUARTER—1964—1965

REVOKED

Name	Address	Effective date	Violations
Abracia, R. G., Masonry	2064 University Dr., San Jose	1/15/65	Sec. 7113.5
Aga Con Construction Company	2802 N. Kern St., Bakersfield	2/ 2/65	Secs. 7120, 7122.5, 7100, 7110, 7113
Alexander, Jack William	357 E. Ramona Dr., Bialto	3/ 2/65	Sec. 7113.5
Baxter, R. E.	P.O. Box 186, Salinas	1/ 5/65	Sec. 7113.5 Revocation stayed with conditions Suspended indefinitely
Bell Plastering Co.	4537 Hornbrook Dr., Baldwin Park	1/29/65	Sec. 7113.5
Benson, Robert E.	P.O. Box 670, San Gabriel	3/25/65	Sec. 7122.5
Berman, M., Products Co.	1455 S. Canfield, Los Angeles	2/ 9/65	Sec. 7122.5
Bell Construction Co.	P.O. Box 5203, Vallejo	3/16/65	Secs. 7113, 7115, 7108
Bowles, Howard D.	493 N. 2nd Ave., Upland	2/ 5/65	Secs. 7112, 7110
Boyle, James F., Builder and Developer	7850 Milna, Whittier	2/11/65	Sec. 7122.5
Buckley, William G.	1535 Greenwood Dr., San Carlos	2/23/65	Sec. 7122.5
Butler, Clifton D.	5326 Tondilla, Woodland Hills	1/12/65	Sec. 7113.5
Calc, Bill, Painting & Drywall	1015 Mariposa, Ontario	2/10/65	Sec. 7112
California Garden Supplies	11539 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills	1/ 8/65	Secs. 7113, 7107
Callahan Const. Co.	424 Semplo Cir., Aptos	2/26/65	Sec. 7112
Cautwell Construction Co.	1317 Payette Ct., San Jose	3/23/65	Secs. 7107, 7110, 7113.5, 7120
Centrus Construction	1054 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles	1/26/65	Secs. 7110, 7113.5
Citrus Bolt Tile Co.	1450 Colton Ave., Colton	3/ 2/65	Sec. 7113.5 Revocation stayed with conditions
Cody, R. C.	1051 Vino St., El Centro	3/25/65	Sec. 7113.5
Conner & McKanna Construction Co.	516 Sperry St., Bakersfield	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7112
Cor-Built Corporation	14626 E. Firestone Blvd., La Mirada	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7113.5
Cor-Built Homes, Inc.	14626 E. Firestone Blvd., La Mirada	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7113.5
Con, Budd, Landscape Contractor	4608 River Ave., Newport Beach	2/ 3/65	Sec. 7113.5
Crown Specialties	6125 San Pablo Ave., Oakland	2/11/65	Sec. 7113.5
De Flavio Construction Co.	13230 Medallion Lane, Lakeside	2/16/65	Secs. 7112, 7122.5
Delgene Corp., dba Catalina Pool Company	14246 Hart St., Reseda	3/11/65	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7120
Du Mont Associates	175 S. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos	2/ 3/65	Secs. 7107, 7120, 7108, 7113
Dunne Rite Drywall	1586 Willowdale Dr., San Jose	2/16/65	Sec. 7113.5
Ebony Builders	1959 La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles	1/22/65	Sec. 7098
Elliott, F. E., Co., General Contractor	3752 Sundale Rd., Lafayette	2/19/65	Secs. 7120, 7112
Elliott, Robert A.	3514 N. San Jose, Covina	2/24/65	Sec. 7113.5
Faught, Jack	P.O. Box 471, Rio Linda	2/16/65	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7116, 7120
Fuller, Rex L.	2217 Starobridge Ave., Castro Valley	1/14/65	Secs. 7108, 7113, 7120
Garretson, J. E., Builder	Rt. 3, Box 399, Carmel	2/ 9/65	Sec. 7113.5
General Concrete Enterprises	13503 1st St., Victorville	2/ 9/65	Sec. 7113.5
Gerritsen, Vern J., Company	4681 Camino Mirasol, Santa Barbara	1/12/65	Sec. 7113.5
Gitler, Samuel	1959 Chocoma, Hollywood	3/ 3/65	Secs. 7109, 7113, 7114 Revocation stayed with conditions Suspended 3/3/65 for 30 days
Gordon, Douglas Wm.	P.O. Box 18, Carmichael	2/26/65	Sec. 7113.5
Grebau, Ernest H.	1845 S. Baseon Ave., Campbell	3/ 5/65	Secs. 7113.5, 7116, 7107, 7108, 7113
Grigolla, Jessie M.	909 N. Orange Ave., Azusa	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7112
Gunn, Kenneth	1380 W. Lincoln, Banning	3/30/65	Sec. 7112
Higgins, Leo M.	9537 E. Linden St., Bellflower	2/ 2/65	Secs. 7120, 7113, 7107, 7113.5
Hooper, Fred M., General Building Contractor	327 Michigan St., Redlands	3/ 8/65	Sec. 7113.5
Hooper Tile Co.	327 Michigan St., Redlands	3/ 8/65	Sec. 7113.5
Inland Tilers, Inc.	1450 Colton Ave., Colton	3/ 2/65	Sec. 7112 Revocation stayed with conditions
Kimberly Construction Inc.	252 Townsend, San Francisco	2/23/65	Secs. 7120, 7113, 7111
Klennzak, Richard	2714 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles	1/15/65	Sec. 7107
Larson Plumbing Co.	18 Willow St., Salinas	1/ 5/65	Sec. 7113.5
Lea Co Corporation	5714 Loma Linda Ct., Sacramento	3/ 4/65	Sec. 7113.5
Maceon Construction Company	518 Sperry St., Bakersfield	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7112
Matt-Glas Construction Co.	910 S. Glendale Ave., Glendale	3/31/65	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7113.5, 7120
McElroy, Jack, Sewers	843 E. Central, Redlands	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7113.5
McKittrick, E. S.	10775 Capistrano Ave., Lynwood	2/26/65	Sec. 7113.5
McMurray Bros.	2519 Artesia Blvd., Redondo Beach	3/12/65	Sec. 7098
Monteo Construction Co.	8943 Rose Ave., Montclair	2/11/65	Sec. 7112
Moore Construction, Siding Division	1130 S. Pacific Ave., Apt. 8, Santa Ana	1/15/65	Secs. 7113.5, 7120
Newmark Building Company, Inc.	849 Washington Blvd., Montebello	3/24/65	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7113.5, 7120
Onell, Elvis	7723 Cole Ave., Highland	2/ 2/65	Secs. 7113.5, 7110
Overhead Garage Door Co.	14867 Cerritos, Bellflower	1/29/65	Sec. 7113.5
Phillips, H. R.	525 Dee Ct., Redding	3/24/65	Sec. 7113.5 Revocation stayed with conditions
Phillips, Joseph J.	4583 Carol Ave., Fremont	1/15/65	Secs. 7107, 7113
Plemous, T. C., Liquid Asphalt Company	10440 N. White Rd., San Jose	3/24/65	Sec. 7112
R & R Sheet Metal	P.O. Box 41104, Sacramento	3/16/65	Secs. 7120, 7110, 7113.5
Roberts, H. C.	20926 De La Guerra, Woodland Hills	3/ 5/65	Sec. 7122.5
Rossmore Homes Inc.	463 N. 2nd Ave., Upland	2/ 5/65	Sec. 7112
Sanitary Engineering Company	11931 Magnolia St., Garden Grove	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7113.5
Scotty's Models Inc.	10720 Atlantic, Lynwood	2/11/65	Secs. 7113, 7119, 7120
Seac Rebar, Inc.	1401 Middle Harbor, Oakland	3/17/65	Secs. 7107, 7113
Sedeo Roofing Co.	540 Tamarisk Ln., San Marcos	3/11/65	Secs. 7113, 7120
Self Enterprises	1401 Middle Harbor Rd., Oakland	3/17/65	Secs. 7121, 7122.5
Sheff and Associates Inc.	1548 Canterbury Way, Los Altos	3/31/65	Secs. 7109, 7113, 7112
Simmons, M. J. & Co.	3313 Lynne Way, Sacramento	1/29/65	Sec. 7113.5
Simmons Painting & Papering	4419 Allott Ave., No. 15, Sherman Oaks	1/23/65	Secs. 7110, 7113, 7120
Smith, Doyle E.	2421 S. Olive St., Santa Ana	1/15/65	Sec. 7112 Revocation stayed with conditions
Smith, James L.	758 Chestnut St., Yuba City	4/ 6/65	Secs. 7113.5, 7110
Stanfield, M. B.	4850 Orchard St., Apt. 1, San Diego	3/25/65	Sec. 7113.5
Strong, Warren A. and Son	42 Barnes Ct., Hayward	1/13/65	Secs. 7107, 7111, 7113, 7120
Taylor, G. L.	P.O. Box 72, Duarte	3/31/65	Sec. 7113.5
Vclardo, Gaspar B.	8445 Tobias St., Panorama City	3/30/65	Secs. 7109, 7110, 7115, 7125 Revocation stayed with conditions; suspended for 30 days
Walsh, Henry S.	22951 Ostronic Cr., Woodland Hills	3/ 9/65	Sec. 7113.5
West Coast Paving, Inc.	720 Mountain View Ave., Oxnard	1/29/65	Secs. 7113, 7120
Wetzal, Bob, Electric	4337 E. 2nd St., Long Beach	2/19/65	Sec. 7113.5
Wilson, Gardner	2750 Fulton Rd., Fulton	2/19/65	Secs. 7120, 7108
Yeomans, R., The Builder	P.O. Box 966, Lake Isabella	1/28/65	Secs. 7107, 7113

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN—3RD QUARTER—1964—1965 SUSPENDED

Name	Address	Effective date	Violations
Alpine Construction Co.	Box 186, Highland	1/29/65	Sec. 7110 For 180 days
Badillo, Leandro, Jr.	8700 Cortley Ave., Selma	2/11/65	Secs. 7120, 7108 For 30 days
Baker, R. W.	18215 Rayen St., Northridge	2/26/65	Secs. 7109, 7114 For 270 days
Barnes, Earnie, Drywall	42 Mayfair Dr., Salinas	1/27/65	Stayed 180 days with conditions Sec. 7113.5
Bethel, Phil A.	855 Hampton Rd., Hayward	1/28/65	For 180 days Secs. 7109, 7113 For 30 days
Bolstad, Selmer	P.O. Box 452, Lafayette	1/27/65	Suspension permanently stayed Secs. 7107, 7113 For 90 days
Bosset, Leon M.	479 Andover St., San Francisco	3/17/65	Secs. 7107, 7111, 7113 For 120 days
Brown's Construction Co.	3452 3rd Ave., Sacramento	1/22/65	Sec. 7122 For 120 days
Bristol, M. J.	17725 Rhoda St., Encino	1/29/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 270 days
Clark, L. R.	10430 Mann Dr., Monta Vista	2/ 3/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 180 days
Clifford, Warren L.	5819 Verde Cruz Way, Sacramento	3/ 4/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 15 days Reinstated 3/25/65
Clubb, Leon, Cement Contractor	241 E. Cliff St., Solana Beach	1/ 8/65	Secs. 7107, 7109, 7113 For 35 days
Gazin Construction Co.	26341 Silverspur Rd., Los Angeles	3/12/65	Secs. 7114, 7117 For 30 days
Gould, Gordon G., dba John Gould and Son	3793 P. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles	2/11/65	Secs. 7120, 7107, 7109, 7113 For 120 days, all except first 30 stayed with conditions for 5 years
Gergely, Ivan P.	5064 Gaurer Ave., Encino	2/11/65	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7120, 7122.5 For 6 months; stayed with condi- tions
Hart, Ernest	P.O. Box 3216, Carmel	3/ 9/65	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7109, 7110 For 90 days, all except first 30 days stayed with conditions
Heese, Walter E.	14800 Avalon Blvd., Gardena	3/ 3/65	Sec. 7110 For 40 days Stayed with conditions
Joergensen, Donald Peter	5061 Wood St., La Mesa	1/ 8/65	Secs. 7107, 7109, 7113, 7115 For 90 days
Johnson, Paul W.	695 Kendall Way, Hayward	2/ 2/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 90 days
Lieber, Richard	2622 Cherry Ln., Walnut Creek	2/11/65	Stayed for 1 year with conditions Secs. 7122, 7122.5 For 30 days
Lutes, Paul E.	1005 Portola, Portola Valley	1/26/65	Suspension permanently stayed Sec. 7122 For 60 days
Manchester, G. W.	373 E. Howard St., Pasadena	2/16/65	Secs. 7109, 7113, 7119; for 90 days
Mollett, Willis Kenneth	3605 Westridge Ave., Covina	1/13/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 120 days Stayed with conditions
Moon, C. A. (Ace)	11726 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles	1/ 5/65	Sec. 7113.5 For 10 days
Morgan, John E.	4058 N. Walnut St., Baldwin Park	1/12/65	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7113.5; for 60 days 45 days stayed with conditions
North State Cement Construction Oakley, Gerald M., Organization	6259 Sandstone St., Carmichael 141 Maricopa Dr., Los Gatos	3/ 9/65 3/23/65	Sec. 7097 Secs. 7108, 7116 For 180 days 160 days stayed with conditions (20 days suspended)
Purdy, Lester Lee	150 E. Sunnyside Ave., Campbell	3/16/65	Secs. 7113.5, 7122, 7122.5; for 180 days
Purdy Plumbing of San Jose, Inc.	150 E. Sunnyside Ave., Campbell	3/16/65	Sec. 7113.5 For 15 days
Pyramid Builders	959 Hamline St., San Jose	2/19/65	Secs. 7108, 7120 For 30 days; 20 days stayed with conditions
Robinson, Leland B. Roy-Rand Builders	P.O. Box 422, La Crescenta 6625 Whittier Blvd., Los Angeles	2/16/65 3/24/65	Reinstated 3/1/65 Secs. 7113, 7107, 7120; for 90 days Sec. 7122.5 For 30 days
Senter Electric Co.	2305 Marvin Ave., Los Angeles	3/26/65	Stayed with conditions Secs. 7107, 7113 For 180 days Stayed with conditions; suspended 30 days
Sherman and Baek	P.O. Box 192, Bass Lake	1/26/65	Sec. 7097 For 1 year
Sherman, Clifford J.	4618 E. Madison, Fresno	1/26/65	Sec. 7113.5 For 1 year
Smith, Carlisle W.	P.O. Box 435, La Crescenta	1/13/65	Sec. 7123 For 9 months
Tribuzio, Frank J., Concrete Contractor	3437 Christenson Ln., Castro Valley	2/11/65	Secs. 7120, 7111 For 120 days; 60 days stayed with conditions
Uhalde, Albert	3713 Concord Ave., Mountain View	3/31/65	Secs. 7122.5, 7113.5 For 90 days
Velardo, Victor	18833 Rayen St., Northridge	3/30/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 6 months; suspension stayed 2 years
Weis, Harry C.	1006 E. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank	1/ 8/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 30 days
Woolery, Lloyd F.	5645 E. Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles	3/24/65	Sec. 7122.5 For 60 days; stayed with condi- tions

LICENSE REQUIRED

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that it is in full force and effect, or, if the applicant is exempt the basis alleged for the exemption.

Since the enactment of Section 7031.5 the Registrar and his staff have had numerous discussions with industry representatives and municipal and county officials concerning its application. Our participation has been confined to acquainting those interested with the provisions of the section and, in some instances, providing sample application forms. The enforcement, if any, is the responsibility of the permit issuing agency.

In January 1965 the Attorney General issued an opinion which held in part that a city or county building department must refuse to issue a building permit to an applicant who fails to provide proper proof of his license or exempt status under the Contractors License Law.

The purpose behind Section 7031.5 is to enlist the aid of local building departments to prevent contracting by persons not qualified under the Contractors License Law.

Many building departments have complied with the provisions of this section and have adopted application forms which require the applicant to set forth his license number or the reason for a claimed exemption on forms similar to the sample shown on page 1. In other areas local authorities have given little attention to this provision.

It is very probable this section, rigidly enforced, would provide the most effective method yet devised with which to curtail unlicensed contracting activities.

Assistance to Applicants

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vary with the particular licensing problem.

When an application is returned for correction or further information there is a delay which may prove costly to the applicant and one which could well have been avoided. Applicants who do not fully understand the forms and procedures in their particular licensing problem should avail themselves of the free services offered by the board. The personnel on duty at any of our offices will be happy to supply the proper forms, and instructions on their completion and filing.



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 DENIED**

Letters to the Registrar

Name	Class	Grounds	Date denied
Associated Sewer & Pipe Inc. 8552 Adah St., Garden Grove	C 42	7069a	2/ 2/65
Ball Plastering Co. 1426 W. 182nd St., Gardena	C 35	7069a	1/ 8/65
Benedetto Painting Service 5935 Market St., Oakland	C 33	7069a	3/ 2/65
Boca Diversified Building Company 620 W. Rialto, Rialto	B 1	7069a	2/10/65
Bradshaw Plumbing Co. 858 S. Bedford St., Los Angeles	C 36	7069a	2/23/65
Central Valley Construction 2622 Patterson Rd., Riverbank	B 1	7069a	1/14/65
Chevron Construction Corporation 4303 Telegraph Ave., Oakland	B 1	7069a	2/ 8/65
Conrad, Joseph H. 14821 E. Turlock Rd., La Mirada	C 2 SC 9	7069a	1/27/65
Daniel Electric Co. 4812 1/2 Orchard St., San Diego	C 10	7069a	1/26/65
Deason, Roger and Co. 73-020 Highway 111, Palm Desert	C 8	7069a	3/ 2/65
Expert Engineering 1625 W. Santa Barbara, Los Angeles	C 10	7069	3/ 3/65
Fowler, Lloyd R. 1231 W. Camille St., Santa Ana	A	7069a	2/ 3/65
Grandero Land & Development Co., dba Grandero Construction Co. P.O. Box 576, Escondido	B 1	7069a	2/16/65
Inland Pools and Equipment Company P.O. Box 7142, Stockton	C 53	7069b	1/28/65
Midland Steel and Engineering Co. P.O. Box 775, Lynwood	C 51 SC 43	7069	1/28/65
Nelson, Roy F. 1238 Cambridge, Novato	C 8	7069a	1/22/65
Pacific Sunset Homes, Inc. 3522 Geary Blvd., San Francisco	B 1	7069a	2/19/65
Parker, Homer T. 126 W. 9th St., Claremont	B 1	7069	1/27/65
Phoenix Construction Co. 107 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles	B 1	7069a	2/11/65
Rayner Construction Co. 5358 Rex Ave., San Diego	B 1	7069a	3/16/65
Sierra Builders P.O. Box 282, Westwood	B 1	7069a	1/28/65
Stafford Paint and Drywall 16215 E. Folger, La Puente	C 33	7069a	2/10/65
Walters Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Co. 519 W. 4th St., Imperial	C 38	7069a	1/ 5/65

3/16/65

Dear Sir

I am writing to request, that you send me, the Parts, of Examination #.9. B-1 # 18337 Part two. I feel that I have to have them, because I have taking the test two times. and the frist time I took the test I was sure I didnt pass it. so I studied and tryed agen, and I was sure I passed it, and to be honest I still thank I passed it. so I wont the parts I failed, so I can work on it some before I go Back and take the Examination agen.

thank you very Mauch,

P.S. Im sending \$1.00 to pay for the test parts.
\$1. pc

and the work commenced but the license was not renewed and during the final months of construction the firm was unlicensed.

The court held that despite the substantial compliance theory in the case of *Citizens State Bank v. Gentry*; *Gatti v. Highland Park Builders* and *Weiman v. Superior Court* the more recent decisions in the cases of *Bierman v. Hagstrom Construction Company* and *Steinwinter v. Maxwell* were controlling and held that the application of the substantial compliance rule has been limited to a very few cases and did not feel that it should be extended to the case at issue.

The moral to this story is do not trust your renewal to a secretary, wife or associate. This single act can be the most important transaction you make in an entire year's business

RENEW TIMELY

The courts in California are making it increasingly clear that failure to prove a valid license will bar an action for the collection of money arising from a project for which a license would be required.

In a recent decision a claim in

excess of four hundred thousand dollars was lost because the corporation license and other licenses held by the qualifying officer had expired during the period the work was in progress.

The corporation held a valid license at the time the contract was signed