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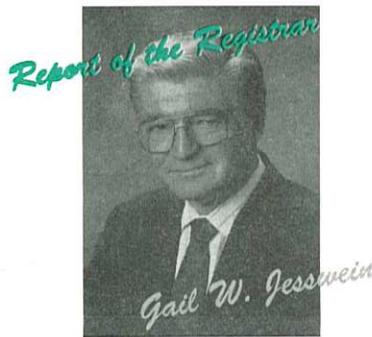
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SUMMER 1996 -- EVALUATION

PETE WILSON, GOVERNOR

"If you want a place in the sun, prepare to put up with a few blisters."
-- Abigail Van Buren

The theme of this issue is evaluation, and as Dear Abby implies, having a place in the sun — and the public evaluation that comes with the territory — can sometimes be painful! Evaluation



is an important tool for the Contractors State License Board and for contractors, too.

The Board recently reviewed its strengths and weaknesses as part of developing the strategic plan. On page five you'll read about a mandated evaluation, known as the Sunset Review, that the CSLB is currently undergoing. In addition, the Board is evaluating the entire licensing regulatory scheme (see "Task Force Acts on Home Depot" on page two), and recently asked for contractor feedback on the *California Licensed Contractor* (see "The Survey Says" on page six).

From the survey comments, it appears that some contractors feel the newsletter could have a more positive tone. We take this input seriously, but must remind everyone that CSLB is a consumer protection agency by mandate. Plain and simple, that's the reason CSLB exists. In fact, surveys show consumers are increasingly satisfied with CSLB complaint investigations.

But that's not to say we don't recognize that contractors are important customers. CSLB service

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Board Adopts Strategic Plan

The Board adopted a strategic plan at its April meeting in Sacramento. A first for the CSLB, the plan, to be implemented beginning in July, sets strategic goals and objectives founded on the Board's new mission statement. It allows for the long-range protection of consumer interests by anticipating economic and other trends.

"The strategic plan provides a framework that outlines goals, how the Board will achieve them, and how their success will be measured," said Board Chairman David Luchetti.

The full Board had worked on the plan since November of 1995. A strategic plan task force comprised of Board vice-chair Nina Tate and member Marilyn Dailey helped

CSLB and consultant staff prepare the plan's details after preliminary strategic goals and the action steps necessary to achieve them were generated at a meeting in November. Each of the six strategic goals includes objectives and performance indicators.

"I am very pleased that the plan directs more emphasis on proactive efforts such as educating consumers and contractors and ensuring that all licensee applicants are truly qualified, while still maintaining a consistent enforcement program," added Chairman Luchetti. As part of the strategic planning process, Board committees were streamlined and committee assignments were revised. The new committee structure will be put in place starting with the September 1996 meeting.



Rules regarding the kinds of jobs general contractors can take changed recently and may change again.

To "B" or Not to "B"

The Contractors State License Board rule limiting the scope of work a general contractor could perform remained unchanged for nearly 50 years until January 26, 1996. It was then that the Fourth Appellate District Court affirmed a superior court decision permitting general contractors to take contracts involving a single specialty trade on a building without having the corresponding specialty license.

It is referred to as the "Home Depot" decision because the case involved Home Depot and the CSLB.

The Contractors State License Board acted quickly on the decision, and at the June committee meeting voted to support Assembly Bill 1455 with an amendment that addresses the Home Depot issue. If it passes, the bill could

take effect as early as Jan. 1, 1997. However, the Home Depot decision stands for now.

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CSLB Strategic Goals

Licensing of Qualified

Contractors: Ensure that all applicants and licensees are qualified to provide construction services.

Enforcement: Ensure that unlicensed activity and substandard work or conduct are reduced through proactive and consistent enforcement of the Contractors License Law and CSLB Rules and Regulations.

Consumer Education: Educate consumers to make informed choices about construction services.

Contractor Education: Ensure that licensed contractors continually strengthen the technical, management, and service skills required to achieve competent performance.

Dispute Resolution: Resolve consumer and contractor disputes quickly and efficiently.

Regulatory Streamlining: Ensure that all statutes and regulations are necessary, and easily understandable and equitable to consumers and contractors.

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CSLB's Regulation Reduction and Classification Review Task Force acted on the Home Depot decision at the June Board committee meeting by recommending support of Assembly Bill 1455 if amended. With concurrence from the licensing and legislative committees, the executive committee voted to support the bill. Details are included in the accompanying article.

The Board's Regulation Reduction and Classification Review Task Force is charged with the long-term responsibility of completely reviewing and evaluating the existing contractor license classification structure. The first task force meeting was May 8, 1996, in Sacramento. Of immediate concern was the impact of the January 1996 Home Depot decision.

"The Classification Task Force has an obligation to quickly help clear up uncertainty in the industry about the kinds of construction jobs for which general building contractors can legally contract," said task force chair Tim Strader.

"Assembly Bill 1455 provides immediate clarity to that uncertainty by giving CSLB authority to adopt regulations to specify limits for general building contractors

who perform in the role of specialty contractors. Then, we can get on with the job of comprehensive classification review," Mr. Strader added.

Formation of the task force was prompted by an Executive Order which requires all state agencies to review and evaluate regulations and reduce them where possible and the Board's strategic plan, which calls for streamlined regulations with the objective of clarification, consolidation and elimination where possible.

The task force's next meeting will take place as part of the full Board meeting on July 24 and 25, 1996, in Millbrae. Task Force members include: Tim Strader, Board member and task force chair; Nina Tate, Board member; Sam Abdulaziz, attorney; Beverly Carr, National Electrical Contractors Association; Roger Fiske, California Landscape Contractors Association; Linda Heetland, Heetland Group; Henry Iverson, Cal Pipe Trades Council; Roger Lighthart, The Lighthart Corporation; Cyndi Marshall, Sheet Metal Air Conditioning Contractors Association; Robert Rivinius, California Building Industry Association; and Bud Rodgers, Associated General Contractors.

Assembly Bill 1455

If adopted by the State Legislature, Assembly Bill 1455, an industry bill introduced by Assembly Member Dominic Cortese, would reinstate the "pre-Home Depot" status with a modification.

The CSLB executive committee acting for the full Board voted at the June meeting to adopt a "support if amended" position on AB 1455. The amendment has since been added and addresses situations in which general contractors, who hold only a "B" license, such as Home Depot, may also perform specialty contractor work "provided they either hire or subcontract with a specialty contractor."

The bill was heard before the Senate Business and Professions Committee in Sacramento on June 24, 1996. If adopted, AB 1455 may go into effect as early as Jan. 1, 1997. Copies of the bill are available by calling the Legislative Bill Room at (916) 445-2323.

CSLB Loans \$5.6 Million To Consumer Affairs

Members of the Contractors State License Board approved authorization of a \$5.6 million loan to the California Department of Consumer Affairs at the April Board meeting. The Department of Consumer Affairs, which oversees the Board, requested the loan to help clean up cemetery and funeral industry abuses. A Cemetery Board investigation one year ago revealed widespread illegal activity, such as endowment care

fund embezzlement and improper cemetery grounds operations.

As of Jan. 1, 1996, all authority and funds for both the Cemetery Board and the Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers was turned over to the California Department of Consumer Affairs. DCA, with concurrence from the legislature, asked the Contractors State License Board for the \$5.6 million loan after it became apparent that the Cemetery

Board's \$400,000 budget was inadequate to fully investigate and prosecute violators.

Under terms of the loan contract recently signed by CSLB Board Chair David J. Lucchetti, DCA Director Marjorie Berte and Director of Finance Craig Brown, the loan will be repaid by Sept. 30, 1999, at the same interest rate as the money would have received had it remained in the Pooled Money Investment Account.

A Tale of Two Contractors

One was the best of contractors. One was the worst of contractors.

John Beaulieu, a general building contractor, showed one homeowner and thousands of television viewers that most building contractors are good guys. Ingrid Bowers, the owner of an older Sacramento home, decided to remodel and put up siding last winter. She was literally left in the cold when she hired Erik Clark, an unlicensed contractor.

Mrs. Bowers made several mistakes along the way. First, she did not check out the two different license numbers given to her by Erik Clark of C & C Custom Design. If she had, she would have found out that one number printed on Clark's business card and a second number used on his contract were lifted from unsuspecting, licensed contractors. Her second mistake was to hand over \$14,500 up front, which was 50 percent of the total job.

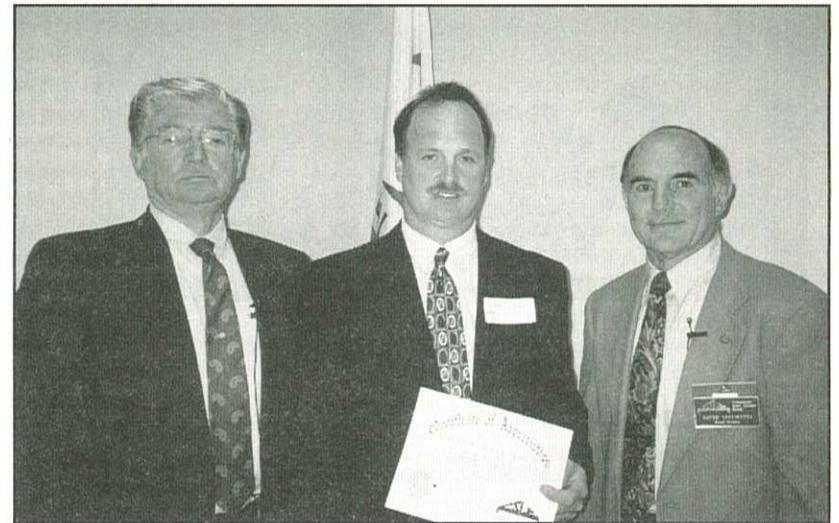
Well, you probably know where this is going. Clark took her money, never paid his subs and abandoned the job. Nails, insula-

tion and other materials were left scattered all over the yard, and cold, winter air seeped into the house. John Beaulieu heard about the situation from a contractor friend and voluntarily put up the siding and secured her home.

"I had to do this for the industry, to keep it right," said Mr. Beaulieu, who wasn't seeking recognition.

However, KCRA-TV broadcast the tale of two contractors and thousands of television viewers learned of Mr. Beaulieu's good deed. He was further recognized with a certificate of appreciation at the April Contractors State License Board meeting.

The Contractors State License Board investigated Erik Clark and referred the case to the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office. The DA, in turn, issued a \$15,000 felony warrant for criminal charges, which include violations of Business and Professions Code sections 484b and 7027.3.



John Beaulieu, center, receives a certificate of appreciation at the April Board meeting from Registrar Gail Jesswein, left, and Board Chairman David Lucchetti.

Clark was charged with receiving money for the purpose of paying for services, labor and materials, and with willfully failing to complete the improvement of the Bowers project, for which funds were provided. Also, he was charged with willfully and inten-

tionally using, with intent to defraud, a contractor's license number which did not belong to him and on which license he was not listed as a member of the personnel.

General Building Contractor Rules Change

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The judge in the Home Depot decision found CSLB's rule 834 (b) inconsistent with the Business and Professions Code definition of a general building contractor. As a result, the CSLB can no longer prohibit a licensed general building "B" contractor from taking contracts that involve less than three unrelated trades. However, it is the Board's position that these jobs must involve a structure.

For example, a "B" contractor can pour a concrete foundation only, install electrical wiring only, install flooring only or perform any other single trade only on a structure. Exceptions include fire sprinkler system installation as outlined in California Contractors License Law section 7026.12; well drilling as outlined in California Water Code section 13750.5; and certain other

specialities unless they are part of a structure as outlined in California Contractors License Law section 7057.

Single trade work must still be "... in connection with any structure built, being built, or to be built, for the support, shelter and enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind..." For that reason, certain specialty trades that do not involve a structure will

continue to require a specialty license.

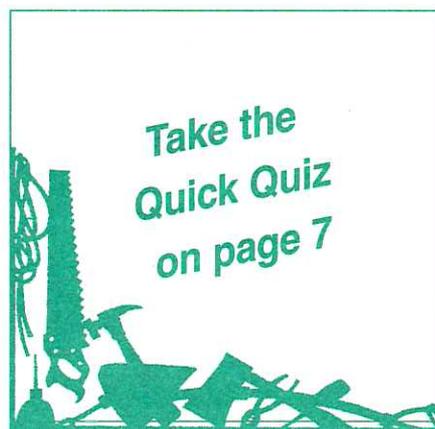
Additionally, the principal business of a "B" contractor must still be in connection with a structure that requires or will require in its construction the use of more than two unrelated trades.

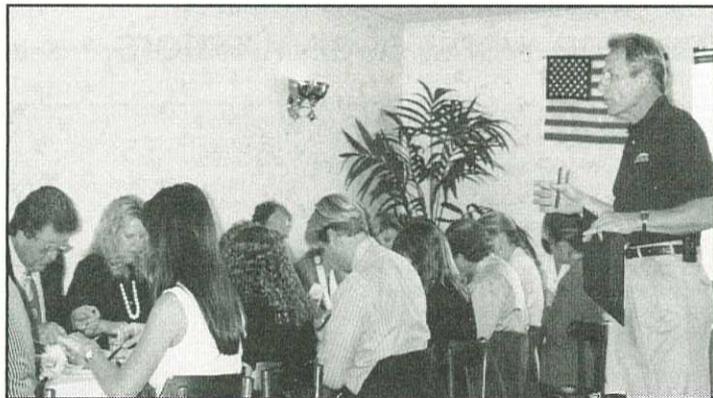
Qualifications for obtaining a "B" license have not changed. An applicant must still provide proof of four

years of journey level experience or the equivalent in more than two unrelated trades in order to qualify for a general contractor's license.

Currently, CSLB cannot prohibit a "B" contractor from taking a contract that involves an appropriate single trade, and CSLB will no longer cite a "B" contractor for acting as a specialty contractor while licensed only as a general contractor.

Assembly Bill 1455, if adopted, would address the issue raised by the Home Depot case. The Board voted to support AB 1455 with an amendment to allow general contractors to contract for a single trade "provided they hire or subcontract with a specialty contractor."





Contractor Jim Da Pra, far right, teaches a class to insurance professionals. The class is one of his many volunteer efforts.

A Few Good Contractors . . . You Answered the Call

From one-person operations to multi-million dollar corporations, in large cities and small towns all over the state, building contractors volunteer to improve their communities. Story after story about "good guy" contractors has been sent to the *California Licensed Contractor* in response to our request for a few good contractors. The following is only a sample.

Ken Goltermann, who runs family-owned Goltermann Construction, was very familiar with the project site when he volunteered to construct an extra classroom and complete a landscape project at Cinnabar School in Petaluma. Not only did he attend the grammar school, but his now-grown son and daughter did as well.

Since 1964, he has built 100 homes in Petaluma, one at a time, and has offered his services as a building contractor to better his community. Strong community and family ties motivate Mr. Goltermann, who also volunteers as a construction projects consultant at Sonoma State University.

"We are not wealthy, but we've had a good lifestyle," said Annette Goltermann, Mr. Goltermann's wife and office manager. "We love this town and want to keep it as wonderful as we can."

Jim Da Pra turned \$165, an old pick up truck, and a lot of hard work into a successful Ventura remodeling and restoration business, which now employs 25 workers full time. He found his niche in 1975 by focusing on remodeling homes and small businesses after a disaster such as fire, flood or earthquake.

Mr. Da Pra's caring manner with clients carries over to his staff and the community. He supports a visiting nurse program, the Boys and Girls Club of Ventura, and teaches construction to adults at a job re-entry program. Employees and subs benefit from incentive programs, including "A's Pays," a program to reward the scholarship of the staff's children. Jim Da Pra proves that good guys do finish first.

Bill Gardner, a general contractor for 15 years in Riverside, offers his construction expertise to the Cultural Heritage Board assessing the historical merit of city buildings. Mr. Gardner regularly volunteers his services to the Red Cross. He recently remodeled and painted the offices. Mr. Gardner believes he owes the community for the good he has received and wants to leave a better community for those who will come after him.

Disciplinary Actions from March 1996 -- May 1996

Note: Disciplinary actions do not include licenses suspended for failure to maintain required bonds. The following explanation may be helpful to identify causes of disciplinary action indicated by sections referenced in the table of Disciplinary Actions.

Business and Professions Codes

- 490 Relationship of conviction of a crime to licensed activity
- 7018.5 Failure to provide notice to owner regarding lien provisions
- 7026.7 Advertising as a contractor without a license
- 7028 Acting in the capacity of a contractor without license
- 7029 Contracting as a joint venture without the required license
- 7029.5 Failing, as a plumbing, electrical sign or well drilling
7029.6, 7029.7
- 7030 Failing to include in a contract the notice that contractors are licensed by the Contractors State License Board
- 7030.5 Failing to fulfill the requirement that the contractor's license number be placed on all contracts, subcontracts, calls for bid, and other forms of advertising
- 7071.11 Judgment or admitted claim against bond
- 7083 Failing to report a change of address, name style, or personnel within 90 days
- 7085.6 Failure to comply with an arbitration award
- 7090.1 Failure to comply with civil penalty or "order to correct" in Registrar's citation
- 7097 Suspension of additional licenses
- 7098 Revocation of additional licenses
- 7099.6 Non-compliance with a final citation
- 7107 Abandonment of a project without legal excuse
- 7108 Diverted funds or property received for a specific job to other purposes
- 7109 Willfully disregarded plans and specifications, or has failed to complete the job in a good and workmanlike manner
- 7109.5 Violation of Safety Laws resulting in death or serious injury
- 7110 Willful disregard and violation of building laws
- 7101.1 Violation of Section 206.5 of the Labor Code
- 7111 Failure to keep records and to make them available to a representative of the Registrar
- 7111.1 Refusal to or failure to cooperate with deputy in investigation
- 7112 Misrepresentation of a material fact on an application
- 7113 Failure to complete a project for the price stated in the contract
- 7113.5 Avoiding or settling for less than lawful obligations as a contractor through the various bankruptcy proceedings
- 7114 Aiding and abetting an unlicensed person
- 7115 Failure to comply with the Contractors' Law
- 7116 Committing a willful or fraudulent act as a contractor
- 7117 Acting as a contractor out of name style
- 7117.5 Contracting with inactive license
- 7118 Contracting with unlicensed person
- 7119 Failure to prosecute a job with diligence
- 7120 Failure to pay for materials or services
- 7121 Prohibition against associating with suspended or revoked license
- 7122 Participation of license in violating Contractors Law
- 7122.5 Responsibility of Qualifying Person for acts committed by his/her principal
- 7123 Conviction of a Felony in connection with construction activities
- 7124 A plea of nolo contendere is considered a conviction
- 7154 Employment of unregistered home improvement salesman
- 7155 Participation in violation by a home improvement salesman
- 7157 Model Home kickback prohibition
- 7159 Failure to comply with contract requirements

LICENSES REVOKED

NAME AND ADDRESS	CITY	LIC #	DATE	SECTIONS VIOLATED
A-1 AIR SVC.	SAN JOSE	653684	05/22/96	7098
A-1 ROOFING SVC. INC.	LOS ANGELES	313258	03/01/96	7090.1
A C WHITE CONST.	SIGNAL HILL	494019	03/28/96	7090.1
A & D BUILDERS	TARZANA	519888	05/21/96	7090.1
A & G ROOFING	GLENDORA	631621	03/26/96	7090.1
A M ROOFING CO	CLAREMONT	563421	05/15/96	7090.1
A & S CONSTR. CO	HESPERIA	338395	03/28/96	7090.1
A & W ROOFING	ONTARIO	580458	03/28/96	7090.1
ADVANCED BUILDERS	UPLAND	499402	04/26/96	7090.1
AIR MASTERS DESIGN	SAN JOSE	654118	05/22/96	7107, 7109, 7110, 7113, 7121
ALADIN POOLS & SPAS	SIMI VALLEY	582280	03/02/96	7090.1
AIR TEC	ETIWANDA	581419	05/21/96	7090.1
ALDERMAN CONSTR.	CALABASAS	607081	04/28/96	7107, 7109(a), 7113, 7115 (7159), 7097, 7098, 7121, 7121.5
ALL CITY APPLIANCE	ROSEVILLE	679281	04/30/96	7090.1

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NAME AND ADDRESS	CITY	LIC #	DATE	SECTIONS VIOLATED
ALEXANDER-BLEEM CO.	LYNWOOD	467741	05/08/96	7090.1
AMBASSADOR POOL	SANTA ANA	510521	05/24/96	7107, 7109, 7113, 7115 (7030), 7125.1 (7159), 7116, 7117, 7120, 7154 7097-8, 7121.5
AMER. HOME INDUS. CO.	BAKERSFIELD	263142	03/09/96	7107-09, 7113, 7116 7119, 7121
AMEZCUA LANDSCAPE	HAYWARD	634232	03/17/96	7085.6
ANDERSON, BILL	MISSION HILLS	550641	05/15/96	7090.1
APEX CONTRACTORS	FALLBROOK	571361	05/04/96	7085.6
APPLIED FOAM TECH.	NOVATO	597440	12/08/95	7108.5, 7107, 7109(a-b) 7113, 7115 (7159), 7116, 7120, 7097, 7098, 7121.5
ARAGO, FRANK	DIAMOND BAR	593420	05/09/96	7090.1
ARANA CLARK CONSTR.	WILLITS	615241	05/30/96	7107, 7110, 7113, 7115 7121, 7159
ARTISTIC TILE CO.	PALO CEDRO	634847	03/16/96	7085.6
ASHTON, CHARLES DBA				
MOBILE HOME SVC	PERRIS	340237	03/08/96	7090.1
BMS ENTERPRISE	PERRIS	616302	04/03/96	7107, 7109, 7113, 7115 (7159)
BTK CONSTRUCTION	LOS ANGELES	674692	05/15/96	7090.1
BAY AREA BUILDERS	BERKELEY	585513	03/16/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7108, 7109, 7113, 7114, 7115(7028), (7159), 7116, 7121
BAY AREA RENOVATION	PLEASANT HILL	565180	04/04/96	7090.1
BEBO PAINT AND DECOR	ROHNERT PARK	622261	05/29/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7113, 7116
BELL C. CONSTR.	SAN DIEGO	350018	03/16/96	7107, 7109, 7110, LAMC91.0301(a), 7113, 7115(7030), (7159), 7097, 7098, 7121.5
BEN BROYLES CONST.	SOMIS	571721	05/09/96	7090.1
BETTER HOME BUILDING	ENCINO	670241	03/26/96	7090.1
BILL ROOF'S MASONRY	LITTLEROCK	633635	05/09/96	7090.1
BOB OLSON HEAT & A/C	COVINA	448602	05/15/96	7090.1
BOTELER, ROLAND	ESCONDIDO	488860	04/29/96	7090.1
BRENNER, RICHARD J.	OXNARD	619964	05/15/96	7090.1
BROSE CONSTRUCTION	VENTURA	598105	05/15/96	7090.1
BROTHERS CRAFTSMAN	ALTADENA	496863	04/30/96	7085.6
BROWNLEE, CHARLES	TARZANA	355159	03/26/96	7090.1
BROWNSTEIN CLARK PT	IGNACIO	595505	02/20/96	7085.6
BRUSH & ROLLER	FOLSOM	563824	04/30/96	7085.6
BUCKLEY, BILL	PASADENA	478727	03/29/96	7090.1
BUILDERS R US	DUBLIN	415167	04/16/96	7085.6
CB MASONRY	CANYON COUNTRY	545184	04/30/96	7090.1
CASH HARDWOOD FLRS.	POMONA	615804	03/11/96	7090.1
CASPIAN CONSTRUCT.	SANTA CLARA	486485	05/11/96	7085.6
CENTURY CONSTRUCT.	LOS ANGELES	420646	05/15/96	7090.1
CLIMATE MASTER	SAN JOSE	569543	05/22/96	7098
COLONIAL SHUTTER FACTORY	CARMICHAEL	668594	04/30/96	7090.1
COUCH, BRAD A.	STUDIO CITY	433851	05/15/96	7090.1
CUSTOM POOL BUILDERS	STOCKTON	547047	04/28/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7108.5, 7109, 7110 (1689.7), 7121.5, 7159
DHB CONSTRUCTION	EL CAJON	631467	05/14/96	7090.1
DKC BUILDERS	HUNTINGTON BEACH	660037	04/30/96	7085.6
DL GRAY CONSTRUCTION	CITRUS HEIGHTS	605970	04/30/96	7090.1
DAVE'S CONCRETE	HOLLISTER	592512	03/16/96	7098, 7107, 7109, 7113, 7115(7030)(7159), 7158, 7121.5
DAVID PATRICK DESGN/CONTR	EL CAJON	429897	03/28/96	7090.1
DE LA VEGA, GLEN E.	RIVERSIDE	513108	05/10/96	7090.1
DES-CON GROUP	ANAHEIM	613151	04/28/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7113, 7120, 7121, 7121.5
DIXON, REGINALD DUANE	OXNARD	635968	04/30/96	7085.6
DUBLIN ASSOCIATES	BEVERLY HILLS	523561	04/25/96	7090.1
DUKE BUILDERS	LOS ANGELES	635180	04/30/96	7085.6
EARNSHAW & SONS CONSTR.	BREA	384298	03/25/96	7090.1
ELAN NATIONAL CONSTR.	SOLANA BEACH	602067	03/28/96	7090.1
EDGEWATER CUSTOM POOLS	TUSTIN	408537	03/01/96	7090.1
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	SAN LEANDRO	425901	05/21/96	7090.1
EUROPEAN CONSTR. & ROOFING	VAN NUYS	500224	05/30/96	7097, 7121.5
FACTORY DIRECT PATIOS	STUDIO CITY	617981	05/30/96	7107, 7113, 7114, 7115 7121.5, 7122.5, 7159
FAR WEST HEAT TRANSFER	CAMPBELL	521870	05/29/96	7122.5
FASCIA, MARK PAINTING	CAPISTRANO BEACH	614470	03/06/96	7085.6
FEDERAL HOME IMPRV. ASSOC.	LOS ANGELES	622611	04/03/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7113, 7115(7068.1, 7083, 7159), 7116, 7121, 7121.5, 7122.5, 7154
FEINER, AMNON	CALABASAS	614703	05/09/96	7090.1
FERGUSON, KEVIN WILLIAM	FULLERTON	606644	05/15/96	7090.1
FISHER RAINGUTTER CO. INC.	MONROVIA	572207	04/30/96	7090.1
FIVE STAR ROOFS	PALMDALE	529760	04/30/96	7090.1
FRENCH, JOHN CONSTRUCTION	SAN LUIS OBISPO	514264	04/30/96	7085.6
FOUR CLOVER LANDSCAPE CO	NORTHBRIDGE	604614	04/16/96	7090.1
FUAPAU, TUINAUVAI NAUVAI	OAKLAND	433893	05/29/96	7097, 7098, 7109, 7113, 7115(7159), 7121, 7121.5
FUTURE BUILDERS	NORWALK	607148	03/26/96	7090.1
GHA CONSTR. CO.	HAWTHORNE	608550	05/21/96	7090.1
GT HOME REMODELING	ENCINO	677083	03/26/96	7090.1
G & M CONTRACTORS	MADERA	527298	05/29/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7108.5, 7109, 7113, 7115(7030)(7159) 7116, 7120, 7121.5
GMO ELECTRIC	GLENDALE	472883	04/30/96	7090.1
GENE MOORE CONSTR.	TUSTIN	430186	05/09/96	7090.1

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Board Briefs: Task Force Updates, New Task Force Appointments, Sunset Review

“Building Partnerships” Plan Approved: More than 170 building departments, consumer associations and industry groups expressed interest in partnering with the CSLB to assist with various public awareness activities via the “Building Partnerships” survey sent in February. The Board approved an implementation plan for 1996-97 developed by an ad hoc task force, which consisted of Board members Nina Tate, Chair, and Minnie

Lopez-Baffo. CSLB will commence plan implementation in July.

Chairman David Lucchetti appointed the ad hoc task force to explore building partnerships with various consumer protection and industry groups to promote public awareness. If you would like a copy of the “Building Partnerships” survey or the approved plan, write to the Public Affairs Office at Post Office Box 26000, Sacramento, CA 95826.

Proposed Structural Defect Regulation Modified: In the Spring issue, the *California Licensed Contractor* reported that the proposed definition for structural defect had recently been returned by the Office of Administrative Law. OAL must approve all proposed regulations.

After reviewing OAL’s remarks regarding the proposed definition to be placed in regulation, CSLB modified the language. A 15-day Notice of Availability of Changes to Regulations was published during the month of May. CSLB is currently reviewing the responses

received and is preparing a revised rule-making package of information to forward to the Department of Consumer Affairs for approval. The proposed definition will then be forwarded to OAL for reconsideration.

CSLB was mandated to define the term by December 31, 1995, because recent legislation extended the statute of limitations for disciplinary actions for patent and latent defects in construction.

The fall issue of the *California Licensed Contractor* will provide an update on the proposed definition.

Board Sunset Review: In 1994, the legislature enacted Senate Bill 2036, calling for the review and possible abolition of all Department of Consumer Affairs regulatory boards, including CSLB, by the year 2000 unless the legislature votes to retain them. If a board is abolished, its powers and responsibilities are automatically assumed by DCA. The law also created a Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee to review all boards and recommend retention of those that demonstrate a public need for their continued existence.

Accordingly, in October, the CSLB must provide the review committee a broad spectrum of information

showing its effectiveness in protecting public health, safety and welfare. The committee will review this report and submit findings and recommendations on the Board’s continued existence to DCA, which then submits its own findings and recommendations to the legislature. The legislature will decide whether the 1999 termination date set for the Board shall become effective or whether new legislation will be enacted to retain the Board.

The Board reviewed the first draft of the report due in October. The status of the Sunset Review process will be included in future editions of the *California Licensed Contractor*.

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NAME AND ADDRESS	CITY	LIC #	DATE	SECTIONS VIOLATED
PK GENERAL CONTRACTORS	OAKLAND	673989	04/28/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7109, 7113, 7117.6, 7121, 7121.5, 7159
PA AND ASSOC.	LAGUNA BEACH	575282	05/28/96	7090.1
PACIFIC HOME CONSTR.	YUBA CITY	495994	05/29/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7113, 7115(7159), 7121.5
PARCCO CONSTR. CO. INC.	LOS ANGELES	354574	03/16/96	7107, 7109, 7110(UCB), 7113, 7116, 7121.5
PATIO POWER INC.	TARZANA	601593	05/09/96	7090.1
PAVETECH	DURHAM	624222	04/02/96	7085.6
PENDLETON, FRANK S.	FONTANA	470855	02/28/96	7090.1
PERMA STRUCTURE CONSTR.	COLTON	617990	03/28/96	7090.1
PETER M. HAYNOS FLOORING	LOS ANGELES	634536	04/30/96	7090.1
PRESTON CONCRETE CO.	PALMDALE	582971	04/30/96	7090.1
PROGRESSIVE HOMES INC.	FRESNO	631735	04/04/96	7090.1
PRO PLASTERING	FRESNO	345470	04/30/96	7090.1
PYRAMID ROOFING CO. INC.	SUN VALLEY	521711	05/09/96	7090.1
R A SERRANO	WHITTIER	565333	04/23/96	7090.1
R GRAY CONSTR.	WESTCHESTER	584221	04/30/96	7090.1
R H STEVENS CONSTR. CO	RICHMOND	641836	03/20/96	7090.1
R J CONSTRUCTION	CAMPBELL	290626	03/29/96	7090.1
RAY A VALANTINE dba:ALT PLS	LA CRESCENTA	237824	05/21/96	7090.1
RICHARD'S TREE SVC	NORTH HOLLYWOOD	687879	05/21/96	7090.1
RILEY, JAMES	GLENDALE	376725	04/30/96	7090.1
RIVIERA MECH. HVAC PLMBG	CASTRO VALLEY	700660	05/22/96	7098
ROBERT A SMITH CONSTR.	TOPANGA	604918	05/21/96	7090.1
ROBERT ANGEN dba:ANGEN CO	LOS ANGELES	556419	05/21/96	7090.1
ROCCA, JOHN L SR	HESPERIA	303596	03/28/96	7090.1
ROCKWOOD, WILLIAM R	MORENO VALLEY	492637	05/14/96	7090.1
RODENHI PAINTING	SANTA MARIA	640428	04/30/96	7090.1
RONAN DEVEL. CORP.	OAKLAND	587394	04/04/96	7090.1
ROSE CONSTRUCTION CO.	GRANADA HILLS	416102	05/15/96	7090.1
ROXFORD CONSTR.	SYLMAR	475727	05/09/96	7090.1
ROYAL POOLS OF N. CA.	SUISUN CITY	409915	03/17/96	7107, 7113, 7115(7159), 7116, 7121.5
S B CAPITOL INC	CALABASAS HILLS	650909	05/10/96	7090.1
S & J JOHN ROOFING	EL MONTE	601653	05/09/96	7090.1
SAM'S ELECTRIC CO	PASADENA	584334	05/15/96	7090.1
SANTOS, THEODORE J JR	LOS ANGELES	333922	03/26/96	7090.1
SCHULTZ STEVEN INC	PASADENA	495076	05/15/96	7090.1, 7097, 7098, 7107, 7113, 7115 (7028, 7159), 7117.6, 7121.5
SHALTON INC.	VAN NUYS	607277	03/16/96	7112, 498, 7121, 7122
SIERRA ROOFING dba:ARD	ESCONDIDO	470538	04/12/96	7090.1
SILVA, RAYMOND JR	SACRAMENTO	525573	02/23/96	7085.6
SKYLINE CONSTR. & HM IMPRV	SACRAMENTO	649185	04/30/96	7090.1
SMITH, BOB & SON	ORANGEVALE	443125	03/04/96	7085.6
SOLRAC ENTERPRISES INC.	IRVINDALE	462252	03/12/96	7085.6
SMITH, RICHARD DEAN	ARCADIA	533239	04/22/96	7090.1
SPLENDOR LANDSCAPE	THOUSAND OAKS	610838	04/28/96	7097, 7 098, 7107, 7113, 7115(7028, 7059), 7116.6, 7121.5
STEVE JOANOU TILE	BURBANK	540253	04/30/96	7090.1
STOLTENOW, DAVID JOHN	VALLEJO	489457	04/04/96	7090.1
SWEETZER'S CONSTR. CO	LONG BEACH	518577	03/26/96	7090.1
T & T LANDSCAPING	OAKLAND	664783	04/01/96	7085.6
TAG-CPD ELECTR. COMMUNIC.	BEN LOMOND	473826	03/21/96	7090.1
THE CLASSIC CO	FRESNO	565884	03/16/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7108, 7108.5, 7115, 7120, 7121, 7122.5
THE INSTALLATION DEPT	PLEASANTON	588674	04/04/96	7090.1
THEE TILE MAN	SANTA MARGARITA	551175	05/09/96	7090.1
TILLISCH, DANIEL J	AGOURA	389807	05/15/96	7090.1
TOM'S A/C & HEATING SVC	REDDING	306919	03/16/96	7097, 7098, 7115(7018.5)(7030), 7116, 7 121.5
TOM HACK PAINTING	ATASCADERO	409030	05/15/96	7090.1
TRENDSSETTERS A BLDG CO	EL TORO	309428	05/09/96	7090.1
TRIQUEST CONSTRUCTION	GARDEN GROVE	348485	05/09/96	7090.1
TURNER GEOFFREY PAINTING	CORTE MADERA	556537	05/08/96	7090.1
UNIVERSITY PAINTING PROFS	RIVERSIDE	560255	05/15/96	7090.1
VAN UFFELEN CONSTR.	PISMO BEACH	373999	04/30/96	7085.6
VENTURA COUNTY GRADING	CAMARILLO	476039	03/25/96	7090.1
VERLANDER, ROGER	CUPERTINO	609538	03/26/96	7085.6
W A ANDERSON CO	RESEDA	594281	05/15/96	7090.1
WALLACE, KIRK WILLIAM	MENIFEE	636204	04/02/96	7090.1
WESTERN AIR CONSTRUCTION	NORWALK	498029	04/30/96	7085.6
WESTERN ROOFING RESTOR	SACRAMENTO	618019	02/22/96	7085.6
WILLIAMS TILE SERVICE	NORTHBRIDGE	388797	04/30/96	7085.6
WORKMAN & TAYLOR DESIGN	SANTA CLARITA	636344	04/25/96	7090.1
WRIGHTS FENCING/CSTM GATE	REDDING	640901	05/29/96	7097, 7098, 7107, 7121.5



Quick Quiz

Topic: General Building Contractors

- A general building contractor holding only a "B" license cannot take the following job:
 - well drilling
 - electrical wiring on a barn
 - framing
 - installing a new kitchen floor
- Specialty contractors may now qualify for a "B" license as long as they:
 - just file a specialty "B" application
 - show proof of four years of journey level experience in more than two unrelated trades involving a building
 - pay a supplemental general contractors fee
 - advertise as a general contractor for four consecutive years
- Currently, CSLB may cite "B" contractors who take roofing jobs when they do not hold a specialty roofing license:
 - true
 - false
- The principal business of a general contractor must still:
 - offer discounts to nonprofit projects
 - provide training for newly hired employees
 - be in connection with a structure that requires or will require in its construction the use of more than two unrelated trades
 - be relicensed annually

Answers:

The most appropriate answers are as follows:

- a. well drilling as outlined in California Water Code section 13750.5.
- b. show proof of four years of journey level experience in more than two unrelated trades.
- b. false. CSLB will no longer cite a "B" contractor for acting as an appropriate specialty contractor.
- c. If a general contractor takes a single trade job, it still must be in connection with a structure requiring in its construction the use of more than two unrelated building trades or crafts.

Report of the Registrar

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dramatically over the past two years. For example, the License Renewals Unit speedily renews licenses five times faster than occurred two years ago. And we don't plan to rest on our laurels as we continue to evaluate how CSLB can enhance technology and streamline processes to ensure that qualified contractors get the

licenses they need as quickly and efficiently as possible.

As CSLB continually evaluates itself, contractors should take advantage of opportunities to do the same. Turn to page seven and try taking the "Quick Quiz" premiering in this issue. It's a fast way to evaluate your knowledge of various aspects of contractor law. Good luck!

CSLB Calendar

CSLB Board Meetings

July 24-25: Board Meeting,
Millbrae

The 1996-97 Board meeting calendar will be set after the July meeting.

Watch for the fall
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