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Date: September 22, 2015

Recipients: Advisory Committee Members

Subject: November 3, 4 (if needed), 2015 Advisory Committee Roundtable Discussion to
Discuss State vs. Federal Fall Protection Trigger Heights for Residential Construction

You are invited to participate as an advisory committee member in a roundtable discussion being convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board) staff to consider the differences between State of California Title 8 and Federal OSHA residential construction industry fall protection trigger heights. The committee will discuss necessity for either retaining California's existing 7 ½, 15 and 20 (roofing) foot fall protection trigger heights or amending these standards to require fall protection be provided whenever employees work above the lower 6 foot Federal OSHA trigger height.

The date, time and location of the meeting are as follows:

**Tuesday, November 3, 2015 and
Wednesday, November 4, 2015 (if needed)
Safety Center of California
Conference Room, No. 107
3909 Bradshaw Road
Sacramento CA 95827**

Although a rulemaking proposal will not be presented at this meeting, committee members should be prepared to present their documentation and supporting arguments upon which their position is based including cost impact that might result from a change in trigger heights prescribed by Title 8 residential construction fall protection standards. The committee should also be prepared to evaluate and discuss residential construction methods, and associated fall risks, California vs. national residential construction injury/fatality data, use of fall protection plans and other means and methods to control fall risks. The discussion will include one or more representatives from the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division) and the U.S. Department of Labor, Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration who have been requested to make presentations on this subject.

If you are unable to attend, please contact me and designate an alternate, or submit your written comments to be received by my office not later than Friday, October 23, 2015 so that they may be distributed and considered at the meeting.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Chair may limit discussion to Committee members at his discretion.

Your assistance in the rulemaking process is most valued and appreciated by the Board and staff. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (916) 274-5725 or by e-mail at mmanieri@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Principal Engineer-Standards

cc: All Standards Board Members
Marley Hart, Executive Officer
Christine Baker, Director Department of Industrial Relations
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Eric Berg, Principal Engineer, Acting Deputy Chief for Health
Barbara Yee Goto, Deputy Regional Administrator, Federal OSHA, Region IX
Pat Gaydos, Assistant Regional Administrator, Region IX, Federal OSHA
David Shiraishi, Area Director, Region IX, Federal OSHA
Kevin Thompson, Cal/OSHA Reporter

Attachments:

1. Advisory Committee Agenda
2. Advisory Committee Roster
3. Letter dated September 27, 2011 from the California Framing Contractors Association to the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Re: California's Residential Framing Fall Protection Standard.
4. Letter dated May 28, 2013 from the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Region IX (Fed-OSHA Region IX) to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health
5. Letter dated August 16, 2013 from the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB) to (Fed-OSHA Region IX) Re: California Residential Fall Protection Standards
6. Letter dated February 4, 2015 from Fed-OSHA Region IX to The OSHSB
7. Table A-9, Fatal Occupational Injuries by Event or Exposure for all Fatal Injuries and Major Private Industry Sector, All United States, 2012