

**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
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Date: August 14, 2025

Recipients: Advisory Committee Invitees

Subject: Proposed Amendments for Title 8, Article 121. Snow Avalanche Blasting and Remote Avalanche Control Systems (RACS)

You are invited to participate in the second advisory committee (AC) meeting convened by the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Board). The advisory committee will consider revisions to title 8, article 121 Snow Avalanche Blasting regulations. The Board GRANTED [Petition 575](#) requiring that an advisory committee be convened to discuss snow avalanche blasting, and the advisability of allowing remote control deployment of avalanche charges. Therefore, the purpose of this meeting is to discuss proposed revisions to sections 5349 (Scope), [5349.1 \(Definitions\)](#), 5350 (Training), 5355.1 (Arming Room), and 5357 (Snow Avalanche Control Blasting). These proposed revisions are based on committee member input and discussions at the Snow Avalanche Control Blasting Advisory Committee meeting on November 14, 2024. The 2025 advisory committee meeting will be held on the date and at the venue below.

Date and Time: September 16, 2025
9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Topic: Snow Avalanche Blasting sections 5349 (Scope), [5349.1 \(Definitions\)](#), 5350 (Training), 5355.1 (Arming Room), 5357 (Snow Avalanche Control Blasting).

In Person Venue: South Lake Tahoe City Hall
1901 Lisa Maloff Way
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Please review the attached agenda, roster, and proposed regulatory text. These documents can also be found on the OSHSB website here: [Snow Avalanche Blasting 2nd AC - September 16, 2025](#)

For more background information on this proposal, see:

- [Snow Avalanche Blasting 1st AC - November 14, 2024](#)
- [Petition File Number 575](#)

The post-AC discussion draft shows the changes from the previous advisory committee meetings. These proposed changes are indicated in the discussion draft as follows:

- **Strikethrough text** indicates the removal of existing language.
- **Underlined text** indicates newly proposed language.
- **Orange text** highlights changes made to the proposed language based on discussions at the November 14, 2025, AC meeting.

Economic & Fiscal Impact

Based on the proposed changes, the Board will solicit economic impact information from Advisory Committee members at this meeting.

Advisory Committee Representatives

If more than two representatives from your organization will attend, please designate only two spokespeople. Please confirm your RSVP by Friday, August 29, 2025. If you are unable to attend, please provide the name and contact information of an alternate representative, or you may submit written comments to the Committee Chair by Friday, August 29, 2025. Written comments submitted by Friday, August 29, 2025, will be provided to the committee for consideration.

Public Members Attendance

Public members are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings; however, the Committee Chair may choose to limit discussion only to committee members. If you would like to attend, please contact Kevin Goddard at the email address below. Your assistance in this rulemaking process is valuable and appreciated.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Kevin Goddard, Committee Chair, at (916) 621-1418 or by email at kgoddard@dir.ca.gov.

Sincerely,
Kevin J. Goddard, Chair
Senior Safety Engineer

Attachments:

- Agenda
- Advisory Committee Roster
- Discussion Draft

cc: All Standards Board Members

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