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### APPEARANCES

### BOARD MEMBERS

David Thomas, Chair

Barbara Burgel, Occupational Health Representative

Dave Harrison, Labor Representative

Nola Kennedy, Public Member

Chris Laszcz-Davis, Management Representative

Laura Stock, Occupational Safety Representative

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#### DIVISION STAFF

Eric Berg, Deputy Chief of Health

## 1 PROCEEDINGS

- 10:00 A.M.
- 3 OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
- 4 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019
- 5 CHAIR THOMAS: This meeting of the
- 6 Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board is
- 7 now called to order. Stand for the flag salute.
- 8 (The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.)
- 9 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 10 Can you guys hear okay? Okay. Don't
- 11 want it too close.
- 12 I'm Dave Thomas, Chairman. The other
- 13 Board Members present today are: Ms. Barbara
- 14 Burgel, Occupational Health Representative;
- 15 Mr. Dave Harrison, Labor Representative; Ms. Nola
- 16 Kennedy, Public Member; Mr. Chris Ms. Chris --
- 17 Mrs. Chris Laszcz-Davis, sorry about that,
- 18 Management Representative; and Ms. Laura Stock,
- 19 Occupational Safety Representative.
- 20 Also present from our staff for today's
- 21 meeting are: Ms. Christina Shupe, Executive
- 22 Officer; Mr. Michael Manieri, Principal Safety
- 23 Engineer; Mr. Peter Healy, Legal Counsel;
- 24 Ms. Lara Paskins, Staff Services Manager;

- 1 Mr. David Kernazitskas, Senior Safety Engineer;
- 2 Ms. Sarah Money, Executive Assistant; and present
- 3 from the Division of Occupational Safety and
- 4 Health is Eric Berg, Deputy Chief of Health.
- 5 That's quite a (indiscernible).
- 6 If you have not already done so, we
- 7 invite you to sign the attendance roster, which
- 8 is located on the table at the entrance to the
- 9 room. It will become part of the official record
- 10 of today's proceedings. When you sign the
- 11 attendance roster, please be sure to write
- 12 legibly so that we have your correct name and
- 13 contact information for the record.
- 14 Copies of today's agenda and other
- 15 materials related to today's proceedings are also
- 16 available on the table next to the attendance
- 17 roster.
- 18 As reflected on the agenda, today's
- 19 meeting consists of three parts. First, we will
- 20 hold a public meeting to receive public comments
- 21 for proposals on occupational safety and health
- 22 matters. Anyone who would like to address any
- 23 occupational safety and health issues, including
- 24 any of the items on our business meeting agenda,
- 25 should come up to the microphone during the

- 1 public meeting when I invite public comment.
- 2 After the public meeting, we will conduct
- 3 the second part of our meeting which is the
- 4 public hearing. At the public hearing, we will
- 5 consider the proposed changes to the specific
- 6 occupational safety and health standards that
- 7 were noticed for review at today's meeting.
- 8 Finally, after the public hearing is
- 9 concluded, we will hold a business meeting to act
- 10 on those items listed on the business meeting
- 11 agenda. The Board does not accept public comment
- 12 during its business meeting unless a Member of
- 13 the Board specifically requests public input.
- 14 We will now proceed to the public
- 15 meeting. Anyone who wishes to address the Board
- 16 regarding matters pertaining to occupational
- 17 safety and health is invited to comment, except,
- 18 however, the Board does not entertain comments
- 19 regarding variance decisions. The Board's
- 20 variance hearings are administrative hearings
- 21 where procedural due process rights are carefully
- 22 preserved. Therefore, we will not grant requests
- 23 to address the Board on variance matters.
- 24 So at this time, is there anyone who
- 25 would like to comment on any matters concerning

- 1 occupational safety and health? If you would,
- 2 please, come up to the podium where the
- 3 microphone is and say your name and affiliation.
- 4 MR. LEACOX: Dan Leacox here today on
- 5 behalf of National Elevator Industry, Inc., the
- 6 major manufacturers' trade association, the
- 7 elevator industry.
- 8 Just following up, really, on the time
- 9 track of this group from the Walnut Creek hearing
- 10 where we did some presentations and promised to
- 11 come back and provide some data and this is today
- 12 only -- only a portion of that.
- 13 But I wanted to come back and orient you
- 14 to the safety data that's been presented to this
- 15 committee, I looked it up, longer ago than I
- 16 realized, 2016. So there are some new members
- 17 who actually haven't seen it. And there were
- 18 some references to the safety data and the
- 19 importance of it or the unimportance of it. And
- 20 so I thought just today I'd give you a little
- 21 orientation to that and then also, you know, what
- 22 we'll bring back in the future. Pretty brief.
- 23 So if you look at the handout that I gave
- 24 you this morning. And oh, by the way, good
- 25 morning, everybody, staff and Board. Forgive me

- 1 for --
- 2 CHAIR THOMAS: Good morning.
- 3 MR. LEACOX: -- bypassing the niceties.
- 4 Good morning.
- 5 So the main thing we're talking about
- 6 here from the industry perspective is this first
- 7 graph. Shows you a couple of lines and these are
- 8 lost time incident rates. That's the red line and
- 9 total recordable incidents rate. And that's a
- 10 rate over worker hours, so it's a rate of injury,
- 11 not total, and that's important when you look at
- 12 some of the other data.
- 13 And as you can see, since 2005, these
- 14 injury rates and lost time incident rates are --
- 15 have decreased dramatically. This is actually
- 16 updated by three years since what I last
- 17 presented. So if you look at the recordable
- 18 incident rates, it's 32 -- it's down to 32% of
- 19 where it started and the lost time incident rate,
- 20 the red line, is down to 18% of where it started.
- 21 During the same period of time, if you
- 22 notice it's from 2005 to 2018, we've had one,
- 23 two, three, four, five, soon to be this year six
- 24 updates of the model code. And this is all since
- 25 the 2004 ASME. So it's been six updates since

- 1 the model code that the -- California is
- 2 operating on. And these are national statistics,
- 3 so these, to a large degree, correspond with the
- 4 evolution of the model code which, of course,
- 5 goes hand in hand with the evolution of the
- 6 technology.
- 7 And just important to note that it's an
- 8 industry getting safer and safer. These things
- 9 are -- this is what you would want to see. And
- 10 the advance of elevator design and the model code
- 11 are part and parcel of achieving this. Okay.
- 12 Sure.
- 13 MS. BURGEL: Is this BLS data or is the
- 14 NEII data?
- MR. COX: This is --
- MS. BURGEL: OSHA 300 log data through
- 17 the BLS.
- 18 MR. COX: Well, this came from the
- 19 companies. This may be what they report. This
- 20 reflects NEII member experience. And not clear
- 21 to me -- fair question, not clear to me exactly
- 22 where this is reported and recorded.
- MS. BURGEL: And incident excludes
- 24 fatalities?
- MR. LEACOX: That, I couldn't -

- 1 MS. BURGEL: Ok.
- MR. LEACOX: couldn't say for sure.
- MS. BURGEL: Thank you. It should.
- 4 MR. LEACOX: That -
- 5 MS. BURGEL: It should. You know, then the
- 6 next page is fatality data. But usually the OSHA
- 7 300 log -- well, it would have fatality data on
- 8 OSHA 300 logs. But -
- 9 MR. LEACOX: Yeah.
- MS. BURGEL: Anyway.
- MR. LEACOX: So, okay --
- MS. BURGEL: But it's pulled out through
- 13 the census of fatal occupational incidents.
- 14 There's a CFOI database for the fatality
- 15 incidents. So I --
- 16 MR. COX: Right. There's several sources
- 17 of data.
- MS. BURGEL: Right.
- 19 MR. COX: Yes. And I'll get to that in a
- 20 little bit.
- 21 MS. BURGEL: But the census -- the census
- 22 for fatal occupational incidents is a fabulous
- 23 database. Probably the most accurate data and
- 24 not fatality data because it uses both two
- 25 datasets. So, anyway, thank you.

- 1 MR. LEACOX: Well, I'll jump to that in a
- 2 bit. Amy Blankenbiller mentioned that.
- 3 The industry looked into every single
- 4 incident, including fatalities, to try to
- 5 understand -- get a root cause understanding of
- 6 them. That's not what I -- that was one of the
- 7 things we promised to come back with -
- 8 MS. BURGEL: Yes.
- 9 MR. LEACOX: but I'm not bringing that
- 10 today.
- 11 And, you know, you get in the mix. You
- 12 have a lot of factors you wouldn't necessarily
- 13 take into account thinking about a superficial
- 14 level, including the fatalities. For example,
- 15 people from other trades falling in a hoistway.
- 16 It might be a hoistway accident recorded that way
- 17 but is it -- what's the connection between what
- 18 we're doing with the code here?
- MS. BURGEL: Okay.
- MR. LEACOX: So yeah. So that deeper
- 21 guide is important, I just am unprepared to go
- 22 there.
- 23 Good. And so this has -- this has been
- 24 kind of the background of the dialogue so far.
- 25 You know, it's been awhile since the industry --

- 1 you know, we haven't seen exactly what's
- 2 proposed. There have been comments made on an
- 3 early draft that was put out a number of years
- 4 ago, actually, on Group 5. You know, hard to say
- 5 what it is but there's been a theme or a message
- 6 for us has been look at where, you know, elevator
- 7 designs and model codes have gotten us.
- 8 If you're going to make a change from the
- 9 model code, then there needs to be some rigor and
- 10 very good reason why. This is a basic premise
- 11 we've been putting forward and leading up to
- 12 this.
- 13 So if you look at -- and this graph that
- 14 NEII put together of member data was basically
- 15 inspired by the early original document that the
- 16 elevator unit put out to justify its first
- 17 Group 5 draft. And it included a couple of
- 18 slides. And so this next slide is what they put
- 19 out. And it shows fatalities. And notice the
- 20 bold line above. It says: "the design of
- 21 elevators critically important to the elevator
- 22 worker's occupational safety and health." Well,
- 23 that's clearly understood.
- 24 And part of the, you know, the reason for
- 25 putting together the first graph was to

- 1 demonstrate that design, elevator design has been
- 2 achieving that objective. And the implication at
- 3 the time was elevator design was getting more
- 4 dangerous, and in particular the machineroomless
- 5 elevators. But during this whole time you see
- 6 the safety statistics taking a very nice dive.
- 7 It's also the time when these machineroomless
- 8 elevators were infiltrating the market. And so
- 9 you really have a disconnect between the safety
- 10 data and the notion that an MRL is less safe.
- 11 So here regarding these fatalities, I
- 12 mentioned that NEII has reviewed all of these
- 13 incidents and we'll be back to talk about what's
- 14 been found.
- If you go to the next page, you'll see
- 16 a -- two things. A total number of injuries in
- 17 the first column for these five years, from 2009
- 18 to 2013. And shows a rather alarming trend,
- 19 almost double during that period of time. It's
- 20 total incidents. And so I went through a little
- 21 exercise to put that in context. You know, one
- 22 of the first thing you notice is that's a period
- 23 of recovery from an earlier crash so some of the
- 24 total is economic recovery. And that's where if
- 25 you compare it to rate, you see a little bit

- 1 different story when you look at injury rates
- 2 compared to totals.
- 3 And then you have in the next three
- 4 columns a characterization of the types of
- 5 injuries. And these don't tell a very good story
- 6 in -- to inform rulemaking. So what we did, turn
- 7 to the next page, we did a couple of things.
- 8 First I put those five years into perspective.
- 9 So if you look at the top two tables on
- 10 this page are those elevator unit tables. Are
- 11 you looking at this? It says, California safety
- 12 data explored. Yeah. And the top two tables are
- 13 what I just showed you. I included them extra
- 14 because they're hard to read here.
- But if you look at this bottom table,
- 16 you'll see the five years from the elevator
- 17 unit's document. And then in the next column,
- 18 you have the -- the same information total number
- 19 of serious injuries and illnesses except it's for
- 20 -- it's nationwide for all NEII members. So as
- 21 post industrywide, it's NEII members which is
- 22 approximately 85 percent of the market. And you
- 23 can see that the 85 percent of the market for the
- 24 NEII members is quite a bit different experience.
- 25 There is an increase during those years

- 1 of economic recovery in the total. But if you
- 2 look at the next two columns, those rates that it
- 3 provided, you see that the rates, there's a
- 4 little bit fluctuation but those are the numbers
- 5 behind the graph I just showed you. It's a long-
- 6 term steady down -- downward trend.
- 7 So the -- we found that that
- 8 encapsulation of the five years where there was
- 9 an uptrend in the economic recovery and so forth
- 10 to be a little bit misleading and wanted to put
- 11 it in context with a longer range of data. And
- 12 there's a couple of explanations for what's going
- 13 on. Like I said, the economic recovery in
- 14 comparing the totals to rates. Totals going up,
- 15 but rates going down.
- 16 The other thing is that whereas the
- 17 increase in those five years total is alarming
- 18 and almost double, it's not nearly that with the
- 19 NEII members. And these are the members who are
- 20 the leading -- are installing the leading edge
- 21 elevators in terms of design. The NEII members
- 22 would represent those -- their experience would
- 23 represent, you know, advancing design. They're
- 24 the ones who are doing that and pushing those
- 25 envelopes. And the alarming aspect is more

- 1 attributable to the other 15 percent. At least
- 2 that would be an initial interpretation of this.
- 3 Right? So that's why this was -- this is given
- 4 to you is to put some of that information in
- 5 context.
- 6 The other thing, if you turn to the last
- 7 page, summary of accident types is character --
- 8 characterization of the types of accidents drawn
- 9 from NIOSH and the worker's comp insurance
- 10 rating, Bureau of California, the U.S. Department
- 11 of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wow. Okay.
- 12 And you see it's a much different
- 13 characterization that informs you that, you know,
- 14 half of what happens are strains and sprains. So
- 15 this much different characterization as opposed
- 16 to the one you saw before is -- has more baskets
- 17 and they're a little bit more informative to the
- 18 injury and illness experience, broadly of the
- 19 industry and we think should be what directs
- 20 rulemaking and changes in rulemaking.
- 21 And, you know, for example, one of the
- 22 things in model code is a new method of testing
- 23 that doesn't require or reduces the requirement
- 24 to haul heavy weights around which are a major
- 25 source of sprains and strains. And yet that's

- 1 rejected, that's not included in the Group 5
- 2 proposal. So -- and yet it's a designed safety
- 3 feature for the workers that was removed from
- 4 model code for purposes of Group 5.
- 5 So we just think, you know, the devil's
- 6 in the details, you've got to look to them,
- 7 that's the point being made with these graphs.
- 8 And we will be back with more root cause analysis
- 9 about the serious injuries that have been looked
- 10 at.
- 11 Okay. Thank you for time.
- 12 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- MS. BURGEL: Thank you.
- MR. ROCHA: Good morning. My name is
- 15 Louis Rocha, I'm here today -- good morning, I
- 16 should say, Board and staff, I'm here with -- on
- 17 behalf of the Communication Workers of America.
- 18 Again, my name is Louis Rocha, and I want to
- 19 acknowledge the Board for seeing to hopefully
- 20 fruition a petition that was submitted by a CWA
- 21 member who worked at Verizon and later at
- 22 Frontier some years ago.
- 23 It's taken some time, but I'm here to
- 24 speak on Item 4(A)(1), the proposed safety order,
- 25 Title 8, Telecommunication Safety Orders, Section

- 1 8615(q), Fall Protection and Telecommunications.
- 2 Again, that was triggered by a worker
- 3 that thought it was an issue in his workplace and
- 4 lo and behold, it was an issue in the industry.
- 5 And so we are -- CWA is in support of this
- 6 proposed safety order revision. We will be
- 7 monitoring its compliance as well as the results
- 8 of the -- if it is approved, the effect. And
- 9 also we'll be raising any concerns that we may
- 10 have, we may find, and other areas as well
- 11 related to working in this industry.
- 12 So thank you very much for your
- 13 consideration. Again, I urge your support of
- 14 this safety order revision in this industry.
- 15 Thank you.
- 16 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 17 MS. MARQUEZ BAKER: Good morning, Chair,
- 18 members of the Board, DIR staff and Cal/OSHA
- 19 staff. My name is Nicole Marquez Baker. I'm a
- 20 senior staff attorney with Work Safe. And I'm
- 21 here for two reasons.
- The first is to speak in support of the
- 23 telecommunications fall protection standard and
- 24 urge the Board to adopt the revisions sought out.
- 25 And also should it be adopted, that we would urge

- 1 that the enforcement angle also be looked at
- 2 ensuring workers' safety and that it is complied
- 3 with and employers are held accountable.
- 4 Secondly is to speak about the, kind of,
- 5 our experience with the temporary emergency
- 6 wildfire smoke standard. So, Worksafe has been
- 7 working with legal aid attorneys, day labor
- 8 centers, other worker centers who have been
- 9 impacted by our -- the most recent wildfires and
- 10 then also seeing how the new standard impacted
- 11 folks. Right?
- 12 And so just kind of to report some of the
- 13 gaps that we were seeing. Couple of them really
- 14 focus on kind of resources that are available for
- 15 workers who do not speak English. So being able
- 16 to if you're a monolingual Cantonese speaker or
- 17 monolingual other than English speaker, having
- 18 resources that are available that are -- that
- 19 have more visuals and that are literacy
- 20 appropriate would be something that is kind of a
- 21 gap that we were seeing.
- 22 Also, and this might fall into another
- 23 bucket, but really being able to kind of monitor
- 24 what the AQI is. If you are a monolingual other
- 25 than English speaker so when you go to, as a

- 1 worker, if you want to know what the AQI is, the
- 2 only kind of resource available is AirNow, which
- 3 is in English, and so if somebody does not speak
- 4 English and they're unable to kind of understand
- 5 what the, you know, what their employer is
- 6 supposed to be doing when AQI reaches over --
- 7 reaches 151.
- 8 And then other -- other kind of things
- 9 that we were seeing, workers working in mandatory
- 10 evacuation areas which was very much not what
- 11 we're hoping for, we're hoping that workers don't
- 12 work in those areas since people are not supposed
- 13 to be in those areas. Right? So having some
- 14 clarity around when local commissioners and
- 15 counties are saying kind of contradictory things
- 16 in terms of where -- where workers can be.
- 17 Another area of concern that we're --
- 18 we're look -- that we heard about was domestic
- 19 workers engaging in work that is not
- 20 traditionally domestic work. So workers being
- 21 told by homeowners who -- to kind of take care of
- 22 the house and kind of engage in fire suppression
- 23 or workers not being told that they should not
- 24 come -- come to work.
- 25 Understanding that some workers are

- 1 carved out of the Cal OSHA Act, but this would
- 2 kind of make me think that if they're not engaged
- 3 in kind of traditional domestic work, that they
- 4 would perhaps fall within the Act's protection
- 5 and therefore the protections of the wildfire
- 6 smoke standard.
- 7 It's also kind of trying to think
- 8 creatively of how we can make sure that we act
- 9 with human decency and treat people with kind of
- 10 the care and concern during these types of
- 11 emergencies. These are very, you know, life
- 12 threatening and risky situations that people are
- 13 in and so we want to make sure that we're -- that
- 14 in the permanent standard, we're considering all
- 15 of those things and kind of the gaps that we're
- 16 seeing in the -- with this last exercise of how
- 17 the temporary emergency standard worked out.
- 18 And -- and strongly encourage the Board
- 19 to vote in adopting the Telecommunications Safety
- 20 Orders and urge your support for that as well.
- Thank you.
- 22 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you. Any other
- 23 comments at this time?
- MS. BURGEL: Can I make a comment? I
- 25 don't know if this is appropriate, but I would

- 1 like to sometime this morning or during our
- 2 meeting talk about the marketing of the temporary
- 3 wildfire prevention standard during this most
- 4 recent wildfire season in Northern California.
- 5 Because I was surprised -- I mean, I
- 6 received the news release, there was a DIR
- 7 release because I'm on that mailing list. But I
- 8 was -- I live in San Francisco. I was really
- 9 surprised that there was not more visibility
- 10 about the temporary emergency standard in
- 11 reference to the Kincade fire. And certainly
- 12 around Santa Rosa that AQI was over 151. So.
- 13 MR. HEALY: Perhaps this can be taken --
- 14 addressed as a future agenda item.
- MS. BURGEL: Okay.
- 16 MR. HEALY: Later in the business
- 17 meeting.
- MS. BURGEL: Right. Thank you.
- MS. SHUPE: We do also have agendized a
- 20 report from Eric Berg, Division activities.
- 21 MS. BURGEL: Yes, I saw that.
- MS. STOCK: I'm sorry, what did you say,
- 23 Christina?
- MS. BURGEL: In the packet.
- 25 MS SHUPE: As part of -- can you hear me

- 1 now? As part of our agenda for today, we do have
- 2 a rulemaking update that will be provided by Eric
- 3 Berg on behalf of the Division.
- 4 CHAIR THOMAS: There being no further
- 5 comments, the Board appreciates your testimony.
- 6 And the public meeting is adjourned and the
- 7 record is closed.
- 8 We will now proceed with the public
- 9 hearing. During the public -- during the
- 10 hearing, we will consider the proposed changes to
- 11 the occupational safety health standards that
- 12 were noticed for review today. The Occupational
- 13 Safety and Health Standards Board adopts
- 14 standards that, in our judgment, will provide
- 15 such freedom from danger in the nature of the
- 16 employment reasonably permits and that are
- 17 enforceable, reasonable, understandable, and
- 18 contribute directly to the safety and health of
- 19 California employees.
- The Board is interested in your testimony
- 21 on the matter before us. recommendations are
- 22 appreciated and will be considered before a final
- 23 decision is made. If you have written comments,
- 24 you may read them into the record, but it is not
- 25 necessary to do so as long as your comments are

- 1 submitted to Sarah Money, over here, our
- 2 Executive Assistant, who will ensure that they
- 3 are included in the record. Ms. Money will also
- 4 forward copies of your comments to each Board
- 5 Member and I assure you that your comments will
- 6 be given every consideration. Please include
- 7 your name and address on any written materials
- 8 you submit.
- 9 I would also like to remind the audience
- 10 the public hearing is more for receiving comment
- 11 on the proposed regulations, not to hold public
- 12 debates. While rebuttal comments may be
- 13 appropriate to clarify a point, it's not
- 14 appropriate to engage in arguments regarding each
- 15 other's credibility.
- 16 If you would like to comment orally
- 17 today, please come forward to the podium when I
- 18 ask for public testimony. Please state your name
- 19 and affiliation for record, if any, and identify
- 20 what portion of the regulation you intend to
- 21 address each time you speak. If you have a
- 22 business card, please submit it to Ms. Money so
- 23 that we have your contact and your correct name
- 24 and contact information is correct.
- 25 After all testimony has been received and

- 1 the record is closed, staff will prepare
- 2 recommendation for the Board to consider for a
- 3 future business meeting.
- 4 We will now proceed to the first proposal
- 5 schedule for today's public hearing. Title 8,
- 6 General Industry Safety Orders, Sections 3420 and
- 7 3425, Tree Work, Maintenance or Removal -- Use of
- 8 Portable Power Saws.
- 9 Mr. Manieri, will you please brief the
- 10 Board?
- 11 MR. MANIERI: Chairman Thomas and Members
- 12 of the Board.
- 13 As stated in the Informative Digest, as a
- 14 result of the Board's adoption of the Electric
- 15 Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution:
- 16 Electrical Protective Equipment Federal Final
- 17 Rule on December  $17^{th}$ , 2017, the Board staff
- 18 became aware that the previous adoption of
- 19 amendments to Section 3425(a)(2) and (5)
- 20 immediately created confusion for the employers
- 21 in the tree care industry with specific regards
- 22 to the drop starting and starting power saws at
- 23 elevation.
- 24 The proposal defines drop starting as the
- 25 action of starting a power saw, presumably

- 1 gasoline, by simultaneously pushing the saw away
- 2 with one hand while pulling the start and cord
- 3 handle the opposite direction with the other
- 4 hand. This practice is prohibited under federal
- 5 OSHA standards. Power saws may be started at
- 6 elevation when they're formerly supported --
- 7 firmly supported as in the case of a tree branch
- 8 with another employee present, and there are no
- 9 personnel below the saw when it's being started.
- 10 The proposal also includes relocation of
- 11 existing regulatory text pertaining to manners in
- 12 which certain power saws in excess of 15 pounds
- 13 are to be supported from its current position as
- 14 existing paragraph number 6 with paragraph
- 15 number 3, which we believe to be a much more
- 16 logical position in Section 3425(a). At the same
- 17 time, this has the effect of streamlining the
- 18 requirement to some degree consistent with
- 19 federal OSHA standards for both starting the saw
- 20 and supporting it.
- 21 Federal OSHA has already deemed this
- 22 proposal to be commensurate with their comparable
- 23 standards contained in, this a long cite, 29 CFR
- 24 1910.269(r)(5), 4 1910.266(e)(2)(6) and
- 25 .269(r)(5), paragraph 4. To my knowledge there

- 1 have been no written comments to -- received by
- 2 the Board on this particular rulemaking proposal,
- 3 and so staff believes it is ready for the Board's
- 4 consideration and the public's comment.
- 5 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Manieri. At
- 6 this time, we'll accept public testimony. Not
- 7 everybody at once. Well, since there are no
- 8 comments, the hearing is closed. Written
- 9 comments will be received until 5 p.m. today.
- 10 We will now proceed with the business
- 11 meeting. The purpose of the business meeting is
- 12 to allow the Board to vote on matters before it
- 13 and receive briefings from staff regarding the
- 14 issues listed on the business meeting agenda.
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- 16 its business meeting unless a member of the Board
- 17 specifically requests public input.
- 18 Proposed safety orders for adoption.
- 19 Telecommunication Safety Orders, Section 8615(q),
- 20 Fall Protection and Telecommunications. Ms.
- 21 Shupe, will you please brief the Board?
- MS. SHUPE: Thank you, Chair Thomas.
- The Fall Protection in Telecommunications
- 24 rulemaking package was sent to OAL for notice and
- 25 published on November 30th of 2018. Our deadline

- 1 to return an adopted rulemaking to OAL is
- 2 November  $30^{th}$ , 2019. At this point we would
- 3 historically provide a full and complete package
- 4 which includes a signed 399.
- 5 We do not currently have the signed 399
- 6 in office but we did receive word late yesterday
- 7 afternoon that the Department of Finance has
- 8 approved and signed the 399 for the Fall
- 9 Protection Telecommunications rulemaking.
- 10 OAL has informed us that they will accept
- 11 the rulemaking proposal and begin the review, and
- 12 that the signed 399 can be added to the file once
- 13 it is received.
- 14 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- Mr. Manieri, will you please brief the
- 16 Board?
- 17 MR. MANIERI: Yes. Thank you. Chairman
- 18 Thomas and Board Members, that having been said,
- 19 the proposal before you was heard at the January
- 20 17th, 2019 Board meeting in Rancho Cordova,
- 21 California. At that time the Board staff
- 22 explained the proposal was developed to amend
- 23 Title 8 fall protection standards pertaining to
- 24 point-to-point travel performed by qualified
- 25 telecom workers to change work positions on

- 1 telecommunication poles, towers, or similar
- 2 structures as regulated by California's Vertical
- 3 Standards, the Telecommunication Safety Orders,
- 4 Section 8615(q).
- 5 At the January public hearing, staff
- 6 stated the it based the need to amend section
- 7 8615(g) to render the state's standard
- 8 commensurate with federal standards as a result
- 9 of amendments to federal walking working surfaces
- 10 standards for which California version, a
- 11 California version, is currently in development,
- 12 and the federal telecom standard.
- 13 The California proposal intends to render
- 14 the state standard and its point-to-point travel
- 15 exception, which, as you know, federal OSHA does
- 16 not provide, commensurate with federal OSHA with
- 17 specific requirements to better controlling the
- 18 fall risk, meaning associated with point-to-point
- 19 travel.
- 20 Finally, the proposal provides clarity
- 21 and consistency by deletion of the term
- 22 "equipment" in relation to fall protection for
- 23 replacement by the current term now used. Most
- 24 commonly, the term "system" is now the term of
- 25 choice in California's Construction Safety Orders

- 1 and the federal standards.
- 2 As noted in the Final Statement of
- 3 Reasons, the proposal received oral and written
- 4 comments. They resulted in modifications to
- 5 clarify the applicable standards to which telecom
- 6 fall protection equipment must comply with as
- 7 described in the High Voltage Electrical Safety
- 8 Orders, Article 36, which have as much
- 9 application to fall protection used in telecom
- 10 work as they do in electrical work, hence,
- 11 they're a great similarity.
- 12 A summary of the oral and written
- 13 comments are described in the Final Statement of
- 14 Reasons and include comments related to the cost
- 15 of the proposal, predominantly created by
- 16 equipment and the equipment costs and training,
- 17 for which the Board staff conducted, we believe
- 18 to have been, a well-considered cost impact
- 19 determination with stakeholder input to the best
- 20 of staff's ability to ascertain that impact.
- 21 Federal OSHA has deemed this proposal to
- 22 be commensurate with their comparable standards.
- 23 In fact, Board staff discussed the proposal with
- 24 representatives from federal OSHA's national
- 25 office in Washington regarding the exception, and

- 1 our desire to retain the exception, and they
- 2 assured the proposal's acceptance with the
- 3 amendments that we're proposing, that you adopt
- 4 here today.
- 5 With that all in mind, Board Staff,
- 6 therefore, recommends that the Board adopt the
- 7 proposal as modified.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Manieri.
- 10 Are there any questions for Mr. Manieri?
- 11 Hearing none, do I have the motion to
- 12 adopt the revisions as proposed?
- 13 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: I so move.
- 14 CHAIR THOMAS: Do I have a second?
- 15 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Second.
- 16 CHAIR THOMAS: I have a motion and
- 17 second.
- 18 Anything else on the question?
- 19 Hearing none, Ms. Money, will you please
- 20 call the roll?
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Burgel?
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Mr. Harrison?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Kennedy?

- 1 BOARD MEMBER KENNEDY: Aye.
- 2 MR. MANIERI: Ms. Laszcz-Davis?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Aye.
- 4 MS. MONEY: Ms. Stock?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Aye.
- 6 MS. MONEY: Chairman?
- 7 CHAIR THOMAS: Aye. The motion passes.
- 8 Proposed variance decisions for adoption.
- 9 Mr. Healy, will you please brief the
- 10 Board?
- 11 MR. HEALY: Thank you, Board Chair Thomas
- 12 and Members.
- 13 The Board has 13 items on its consent
- 14 calendar today. Items A through M. Item M, I
- 15 will advise, be taken up separately and after
- 16 addressing the other items.
- 17 So as to permanent variance decisions,
- 18 decisions on your variance calendar -- on your
- 19 consent calendar, Items A through L, I'm aware of
- 20 no unaddressed procedural prerequisites to your
- 21 taking up these matters and believe Items A
- 22 through L are ready for your decision on the
- 23 question of adoption.
- 24 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Healy.
- 25 Just one quick. So we're going to take up M by

- 1 itself?
- 2 MR. HEALY: Right. So that's the last
- 3 one. So you can discreetly take up A through L
- 4 as you would normally --
- 5 CHAIR THOMAS: Okay.
- 6 MR. HEALY: -- for consent calendar
- 7 items. And then once you're completed with that,
- 8 addressing that question of adoption, I will
- 9 address the Item M.
- 10 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Motion to approve
- 12 A through L as proposed.
- 13 CHAIR THOMAS: I have a motion.
- 14 Do I have a second?
- BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Second.
- 16 CHAIR THOMAS: I have a motion and a
- 17 second.
- 18 Is there anything on the question?
- 19 Hearing none, Ms. Money, will you please
- 20 call the roll?
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Burgel?
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Mr. Harrison?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Kennedy?

- 1 BOARD MEMBER KENNEDY: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Laszcz-Davis?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Aye.
- 4 MS. MONEY: Ms. Stock?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Aye.
- 6 MS. MONEY: Chair Thomas?
- 7 CHAIR THOMAS: Aye. And the motion
- 8 passes. So now we've got the motion -- well, I'm
- 9 going to ask Mr. Healy to brief us on Item M.
- 10 MR. HEALY: Thank you, Chair Thomas.
- 11 As to what happened in consent calendar
- 12 Item M in the matter of application for permanent
- 13 variance by Vivante Westside LLC as file 18-V-
- 14 364, you have before you a November 20th, 2019
- 15 signed, clerically corrected first amended
- 16 proposed decision in file 18-V-364. The
- 17 corrections therein to the previous November 15th
- 18 signed proposed decision are within the
- 19 conditions of variance as follows: replacing
- 20 reference to suspension traction media and STM
- 21 with reference to elastomeric steel coated belt
- 22 and ECSB; replacing condition 1, subpart 14,
- 23 specified minimize sheath diameter of 72
- 24 millimeters with 112 millimeters and striking the
- 25 second sentence; replacing condition subpart 1.8,

- 1 second sentence reference to 80 percent of full
- 2 rated strength with 60 percent of full rated
- 3 strength; and replacing condition 4.8 and 5.8
- 4 references to A17-1 2013 with A17.1 2013.
- 5 That comprises the clerical corrections I
- 6 wanted to fully bring to your attention,
- 7 acknowledge prior to taking up the matter. And
- 8 with that, I believe no unaddressed procedural
- 9 prerequisites remain prior to your taking up the
- 10 matter, File 18-V-364, the November 20th, 2019
- 11 corrected first amended proposed decision, taking
- 12 up that for your consideration of adoption.
- 13 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Healy.
- 14 Any questions for Mr. Healy now?
- 15 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: I have a
- 16 question. The changes that were made November 20,
- 17 were any of those substantive, or were they
- 18 housekeeping? What drove the changes, if I could
- 19 ask?
- MR. HEALY: They can fairly be
- 21 characterized as clerical and fully consistent
- 22 with the substance of the decision. They just --
- 23 in context they can be understood, but they're
- 24 appropriate, just worth making the clerical
- 25 decisions -- I mean worth accomplishing clerical

- 1 corrections.
- BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Okay. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIR THOMAS: Any other questions?
- 4 Hearing none, I would entertain a motion
- 5 to accept M.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Motion to
- 7 approve.
- 8 CHAIR THOMAS: Do I have a second?
- 9 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Second.
- 10 CHAIR THOMAS: So I have a motion and a
- 11 second to approve proposed variance decision M.
- 12 Anything else on the question?
- 13 Hearing none, Ms. Money, will you please
- 14 call the roll?
- MS. MONEY: I didn't catch who was first
- 16 and who was second.
- 17 MS. STOCK: Dave was first and I was
- 18 second.
- MS. MONEY: Okay.
- MS. LASZCZ-DAVIS: Then Laura.
- 21 CHAIR THOMAS: Laura.
- MS. MONEY: Okay. Hang on. Just a second.
- 23 Ms. Burgel?
- 24 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Mr. Harrison?

- 1 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Aye.
- MS. MONEY: Ms. Laszcz-Davis?
- 3 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Aye.
- 4 MS. MONEY: Ms. Stock?
- 5 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Aye.
- 6 MS. MONEY: Ms. Kennedy?
- 7 BOARD MEMBER KENNEDY: Aye.
- 8 MS. MONEY: Chair Thomas?
- 9 CHAIR THOMAS: Aye. The motion passes.
- 10 Division update on rulemakings and
- 11 advisory committees. Mr. Berg, will you please
- 12 brief the Board?
- 13 MR. BERG: Thank you, Chairman Thomas.
- 14 CHAIR THOMAS: And I'm having trouble
- 15 hearing, so if you could --
- 16 MR. BERG: Okay. All right. I'll try to
- 17 speak up. I'll go through quickly the update for
- 18 our rulemaking efforts.
- 19 First is adult film, which the Standards
- 20 Board approved just last meeting. And we hope to
- 21 have the first advisory committee next year. It
- 22 will cover prevention of sexual assault in the
- 23 adult film industry and other forms of violence
- 24 through assuring continuous consent during all
- 25 times during filming and getting approval prior

- 1 to filming for whatever scenes are done.
- 2 Antineoplastic drugs is the next
- 3 proposal. We're still working on the economic
- 4 impact assessment. No change on that one.
- 5 First aid that was recently approved by
- 6 the labor agency, so we should hopefully begin
- 7 rulemaking next year.
- 8 Indoor heat. We have a draft SRIA.
- 9 We've been working on this SRIA with an
- 10 independent contractor. They are working on a
- 11 draft to hopefully submit to the Department of
- 12 Finance before the end of this year. It's not a
- 13 final SRIA, it's a draft that gets comments from
- 14 Department of Finance, so it's still a long ways
- 15 from being completed, but it's a major step to
- 16 get the drafted done. So that should be done by
- 17 the end of this year for the first draft. That's
- 18 for indoor heat.
- 19 The lead proposal, that in construction
- 20 and general industry, we have provided our
- 21 package to the Standards Board staff and are
- 22 looking forward to seeing their comments.
- 23 Permissible exposure limits. We're
- 24 having the next advisory committee on December
- 25 3rd here in this building on the 13th floor, so

- 1 that's coming up soon.
- 2 Wildfire smoke detection. We're working
- 3 on the economic impact assessment, DIR budget,
- 4 and Department of Finance, so that is taking
- 5 considerable work, but our goal is to make the
- 6 emergency standard permanent with some minor
- 7 changes.
- 8 And then workplace violence in general
- 9 industry, we're still working on draft language
- 10 internally and don't have a date on when that
- 11 will be posted. It depends on internal
- 12 discussions and approval by the Chief.
- 13 Any questions?
- 14 CHAIR THOMAS: Any questions of Mr. Berg?
- 15 Hearing none, thank you. Thank you very
- 16 much for the update.
- 17 Legislative update. Mr. Healy, will you
- 18 please brief the Board?
- MR. HEALY: Chair Thomas and Members,
- 20 there is no legislative activity to update you on
- 21 at this point. The legislature is not active at
- 22 this time.
- 23 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- Executive Officer's report. Ms. Shupe,
- 25 will you please brief the Board?

- 1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Thank you,
- 2 Chair Thomas.
- 3 There's an update for Occupational Safety
- 4 and Health Standards Board rulemaking activity
- 5 included in the handouts for today's meeting.
- 6 This update was presented to the Cal/OSHA
- 7 advisory committee last week.
- 8 For fall protection -- and I just want to
- 9 call out a few of these that have had some
- 10 movement and have interest in them. And I'm
- 11 going to start with Section 3441 and 3449,
- 12 Outdoor Agricultural Operations During Hours of
- 13 Darkness. This particular rulemaking has
- 14 benefitted greatly from the public review and
- 15 feedback process. And we're currently clarifying
- 16 some of the language in the proposed regulation
- 17 and anticipating noticing a second 15-day notice
- 18 soon.
- 19 Section 8615, Fall Protection in
- 20 Telecommunications, you just adopted.
- 21 Section 5141.1, Protection from Wildfire
- 22 Smoke, the emergency regulation, that will go
- 23 before the Board next month for re-adoption,
- 24 allowing for the first of two anticipated 90-day
- 25 extensions.

- 1 For Section 1630(a), Elevators for
- 2 Hoisting Workers, also known as Construction
- 3 Personnel Hoists, it was designated as an
- 4 expedited rulemaking by the Board in the wake of
- 5 a decision after reconsideration by the Cal/OSHA
- 6 Appeals Board and is strictly limited in scope.
- 7 There will be a more expansive Form 9 generated
- 8 rulemaking in this same area, but the one that
- 9 I'm going to address right now is specific to the
- 10 petition that the Board granted.
- 11 We allowed two months, or until August
- 12 20th, for Occupational Safety and Health
- 13 Standards Board staff to draft a proposal and
- 14 prepare the initial rulemaking documents. Those
- 15 documents were prepared on schedule, including a
- 16 fiscal and economic impact analysis, and
- 17 submitted to DIR as for the initial fiscal
- 18 approval by the Labor and Workforce Development
- 19 Agency on August 9th.
- On September 18th, we received a signed
- 21 original 399. However, we did not receive the
- 22 required approval SAR, or Secretary Action
- 23 Request, from the Labor Workforce Development
- 24 Agency. We received new questions on cost
- 25 estimates on October 2nd and provided responses

- 1 within two business days. And we inquired on the
- 2 status of the fiscal review on October 25th and
- 3 again on November 19th.
- 4 At this time the Department of Industrial
- 5 Relations continues to work with the Labor
- 6 Workforce Development Agency to answer their
- 7 specific questions regarding the cost impact of
- 8 the rulemaking.
- 9 The next one I'd like to address is
- 10 Sections 3403 through 3411 for Firefighter
- 11 Personal Protective Equipment, which was
- 12 submitted for SAR approval on August 9th of 2019
- 13 as well. This followed a very extensive
- 14 development and review period where we developed
- 15 a SRIA and worked with Department of Finance to
- 16 come up with an approved 399 -- or, I'm sorry,
- 17 not an approved 399, but DIR and worked with
- 18 feedback from DOF regarding costs.
- 19 We went with BEAR on this one, that's the
- 20 Berkeley Economic Advising and Research, to
- 21 prepare the cost estimate analysis, and because
- 22 there are a lot of inherent difficulties in
- 23 determining some of the costs for this industry.
- 24 DOF provided us with language regarding the state
- 25 mandate issue on the 399 back on July 26, 2019.

- 1 The state mandate issue is something that the
- 2 Board normally does not drift into. So this
- 3 particular rulemaking, which was triggered by
- 4 legislation, goes into that area and Finance
- 5 helped us out with that.
- 6 We received a finalized package to
- 7 forward to the State Fire Marshal. We finalized
- 8 the package and forwarded it to the State Fire
- 9 Marshal on August 2nd of 2019 and got their
- 10 approval, which then led to this submission for
- 11 the Secretary Action Request.
- 12 At this time, we have received specific
- 13 cost estimate request questions back from the
- 14 Labor Workforce Development Agency. And we are
- 15 restarting our contract with BEAR, or Berkeley
- 16 Economic Advising and Research, to begin work on
- 17 providing the required estimates.
- 18 That is what I have for today. Are there
- 19 any questions?
- 20 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Was there any
- 21 updates, first, on the -- I mean, I know we see a
- 22 lot of communication with the outdoor lighting
- 23 and aq.
- 24 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Um-hmm.
- 25 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Is there anything

- 1 to report there?
- 2 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Yeah. So
- 3 outdoor lighting and ag was actually one of the
- 4 first ones that I touched on.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Oh, I -- okay.
- 6 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: And we will be
- 7 releasing the second 15-day notice on that one.
- $8\,$  We're just finalizing current responses to the
- 9 questions and comments that came in.
- 10 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Okay. And then
- 11 my next question is around the construction
- 12 personnel hoists.
- 13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: Yes.
- 14 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: I know when the
- 15 petitioner came forward, he asked for an
- 16 emergency rulemaking and we kind of pushed him
- 17 off. We didn't want to go down this path where
- 18 everyone wanted an emergency rulemaking. And
- 19 there was some reassurances that the expedited
- 20 process would probably be faster, if you will,
- 21 more expeditious than the emergency path.
- 22 What's -- what would you -- I mean, where
- 23 are we with that? What can we do to push this
- 24 along? I mean, it sounds like it's sitting with
- 25 the Labor Secretary's Office.

- 1 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: So the fact
- 2 that this is not an emergency regulation doesn't
- 3 change where it is right now in the process.
- 4 Even emergency regulations have to go through the
- 5 Secretary Action Request process. So, for
- 6 example, the emergency protection from wildfire
- 7 smoke exposure rulemaking, that had to go to the
- 8 Labor Secretary. That's why you had so many --
- 9 that there seemed to be that long lag time
- 10 between when they received that from the public
- 11 and then when we would say there could be no more
- 12 changes to the language, it was because it had
- 13 gone to the Labor Agency and they were reviewing
- 14 it for fiscal review.
- 15 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Okay.
- 16 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: So whether this
- 17 was an emergency or designated expedited by the
- 18 Board, that wouldn't change where we are today.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: And it's still in
- 20 the Labor Agency's lap?
- 21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: We have to have
- 22 that Secretary Action Request fiscal approval
- 23 before we can move forward.
- 24 BOARD MEMBER HARRISON: Thank you.
- 25 CHAIR THOMAS: Any other questions from

- 1 the Board?
- 2 Future agenda items. I think we touched
- 3 on all those. But I guess --
- 4 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I would like to
- 5 just talk, have an open discussion, first about
- 6 the wildfire smoke prevention standard in recent
- 7 experiences, given the Kincade Fire which started
- 8 on October 23rd and ended November 8th, I think,
- 9 or thereabouts. And then also the Simi Valley
- 10 fire. And just, first of all, I want to commend
- 11 Worksafe for bringing this topic up because I
- 12 think it's really important.
- 13 And I also don't know, Eric, if you could
- 14 share if there was any enforcement action on this
- 15 standard or lessons learned with this recent
- 16 wildfire? But I would welcome, if this is
- 17 appropriate to bring at this time as an agenda
- 18 item?
- MR. HEALY: Well, perhaps the Division
- 20 can add to its earlier update on rulemaking
- 21 advisory committees, if that fits into that
- 22 agenda category. But otherwise, that would be an
- 23 appropriate request as a future agenda item to be
- 24 taken up as soon as next month as a particular
- 25 agenda item, so that it's -- so the public has

- 1 the fullest notice of the subject of the
- 2 discussion and can be here to participate in it,
- 3 or at least to hear the Board discuss it.
- 4 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Okay. Well,
- 5 perhaps I could ask Eric, just an addendum to
- 6 your update report, that was focused on permanent
- 7 rulemaking, as far as are there plans to do more
- 8 outreach and translation of, perhaps, Appendix B
- 9 and some of the materials that are posted on the
- 10 website in languages other than English? And are
- 11 you aware of any AQI sites that are available in
- 12 languages other than English? I was just
- 13 thinking of the app I have and I think it might
- 14 be in Spanish but I'm not sure, but --
- MR. BERG: Yeah. I'm not sure about the
- 16 languages that here, now, is available online.
- 17 I'm not sure about the languages that the AQI or
- 18 Air Now websites have available but I could
- 19 research that and get back to you.
- 20 And then during the Kincade Wildfire and
- 21 the wildfires down south, we did issue press
- 22 releases -- or DIR issued press releases.
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Right. I saw that.
- MR. BERG: And we updated our website and
- 25 also addressed health and safety during power

- 1 outages, got out information on that because
- 2 that's come up as a new issue during when the
- 3 wildfires are in progress or there's a hazard of
- 4 wildfires, so we've added that information too.
- 5 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I saw that as well.
- 6 MR. BERG: What was your other question,
- 7 other than that?
- 8 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Well, I just,
- 9 again, I didn't think there was a lot of media
- 10 coverage during the Kincade Fire in particular.
- 11 In fact, a physician with the Department of
- 12 Public Health in San Francisco made a specific
- 13 comment that was reported at the San Francisco
- 14 Chronicle that masks -- I mean, really, and it
- 15 was after it, she essentially said masks won't
- 16 help. You need to move to areas where there's
- 17 clean indoor air. But it was a missed
- 18 opportunity for her to mention that there is a
- 19 new Cal/OSHA Standard. So I saw no news coverage
- 20 and that was my concern.
- 21 And all the journalists, all the
- 22 reporters that were in the Kincade Fire were
- 23 not -- I did not see one wearing any N-95
- 24 protection. Obviously, it's voluntary, but they
- 25 could have mentioned, and I hope that they

- 1 received the news release, so I'm not quite sure.
- 2 I signed up for those news releases but I don't
- 3 know if they automatically go to all the news
- 4 stations.
- 5 So I just -- it was a missed opportunity,
- 6 from my perspective.
- 7 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Can I just add
- 8 something else?
- 9 MR. BERG: In fact, Telemundo had -- I
- 10 was watching Telemundo during the fires and their
- 11 reporters on camera always were wearing masks.
- BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Oh, good.
- MR. BERG: So --
- 14 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: I didn't see that.
- MR. BERG: -- so that was good.
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: And also --
- 17 MR. BERG: I didn't watch any other news,
- 18 other than Telemundo.
- 19 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Yeah.
- 20 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Yeah. I was just
- 21 going to say --
- 22 CHAIR THOMAS: Any other questions?
- 23 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: -- for the
- 24 discussion next time, it would be great to just
- 25 be able to get a report a little bit on

- 1 enforcement activity, like --
- 2 MR. HEALY: Okay.
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: -- you know, were
- 4 there -- was there any and what were the things
- 5 that people doing enforcement found? And I
- 6 actually really think some of the issues that
- 7 Nicole brought up around -- issues around
- 8 mandatory evacuation, about whether or not it's
- 9 legal or illegal to require people to -- or to --
- 10 for homeowners to require their workers or demand
- 11 that their workers stay? I mean, it would be
- 12 interesting to get a little bit of feedback from
- 13 the Division about that issue as well, just in
- 14 response to some of the specifically on-the-
- 15 ground concerns that were raised today and others
- 16 that people might be hearing about.
- MR. BERG: Okay. That's --
- 18 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: I mean, for next
- 19 month. I understand we have to discuss this next
- 20 month. So --
- MS. BURGEL: Yes.
- 22 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: So as the -- for
- 23 the -- if we could get a report specifically on
- 24 that?
- MR. BERG: When is the December meeting?

- 1 When is the date of that? Just because I'm going
- 2 on vacation, so I --
- 3 CHAIR THOMAS: The 19th of December, I
- 4 think.
- 5 MR. BERG: Yeah. I won't be here.
- 6 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Oh, okay. Is there
- 7 anyone else?
- 8 MR. BERG: I could get someone else to do
- 9 it but --
- 10 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: That would be great.
- 11 BOARD MEMBER BURGEL: Yeah, if anybody
- 12 could report on your behalf, that would be great.
- 13 CHAIR THOMAS: Is there -- could you give
- 14 an enforcement report without mentioning --
- 15 because I don't think legally you could -- if
- 16 it's just in the -- how many citings, if people
- 17 were cited, if there were citings during that
- 18 period of time, I don't know if you could say
- 19 anything other than so many were, but not who,
- 20 because those things go through a process?
- 21 MR. BERG: Yeah. We can provide like the
- 22 number of complaints received --
- 23 CHAIR THOMAS: Yeah.
- 24 MR. BERG: -- and the number of
- 25 inspections.

- 1 MR. BERG: Okay. That would be good too.
- 2 MR. BERG: Our method.
- BOARD MEMBER STOCK: And then just, you
- 4 know, get to underline specifically to kind of
- 5 comment on how the regulation does or doesn't
- 6 apply to some of the issues around domestic
- 7 workers and others who make, you know, the kinds
- 8 of issues that Worksafe brought up and what --
- 9 how this standard relates to it or whether other
- 10 regulations cover those issues.
- MR. BERG: Okay.
- 12 BOARD MEMBER STOCK: Thank you.
- 13 CHAIR THOMAS: Question?
- 14 BOARD MEMBER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Well, just a
- 15 comment, while we're on a roll here, Eric. You
- 16 know, in the report, any kind of a report in
- 17 December, if you could also, or somebody, speak
- 18 to whether or not the process has been enhanced
- 19 in terms of as we move toward a permanent
- 20 standard, whether or not there's an interactive,
- 21 a very affirmative interactive process to engage
- 22 feedback on all sides so that what we end up with
- 23 as a permanent standard really is viable and
- 24 practical.
- MR. BERG: Okay.

- 1 BOARD MEMB ER LASZCZ-DAVIS: Okay.
- 2 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 3 Any other -- yes?
- 4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: I'm sorry. Are
- 5 we still on the same topic?
- 6 CHAIR THOMAS: No.
- 7 EXECUTIVE OFFICER SHUPE: I need to make
- 8 a quick correction to my Executive Officer's
- 9 Report. So I had said that there were copies of
- 10 the rulemaking update on the desk back there.
- 11 Unfortunately, those copies did not make it down
- 12 here. So we will have that posted and available
- 13 online. And if anybody doesn't have a copy
- 14 already and would like one, please do contact our
- 15 office and we will make sure you get those. The
- 16 number is (916) 274-5721.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 CHAIR THOMAS: Thank you.
- 19 Any other comments or questions?
- 20 So, Mr. Healy, is there any need to enter
- 21 a closed session today?
- MR. HEALY: Chair Thomas and Members,
- 23 litigation has not developed as it might have
- 24 such that a closed session is required, so I
- 25 don't advise a closed session today.

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           CHAIR THOMAS: So there will be no closed
2 session today.
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            The next Standards Board regular meeting
   and hearing is scheduled for December 19th, 2019,
   in Rancho Cordova.
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            There being no further business to attend
   to, this business meeting is adjourned.
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            Thank you.
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       (The Board meeting concluded at 10:57 a.m.)
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