

California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board

Sacramento Regional Safety Forum

CalOSHA Updates for 2012 2/12/2012

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB)

John MacLeod
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Appointed 11/1/2006

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5/4/2007 – 6/1/2010

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7/1/2007 – 6/1/2011

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6/1/2009 – 6/1/2011

Dave Thomas
Labor
Representative
7/2/2010 – 6/1/2014

Willie Washington
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Representative
7/23/2007 – 6/1/2011

OSHSB Staff

Executive Officer
(Appointed by the Board)

Engineering Staff

1 Principal Safety Engineer
4 Senior Safety Engineers
1 Associate Safety Engineer

Legal Counsel


3 Analysts

Support Staff



Mission

- The mission of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board is to promote, adopt, and maintain reasonable and enforceable standards that will ensure a safe and healthful workplace for California workers.
- The Board does not engage in enforcement activities, such as interpreting standards, investigating incidents or complaints, training, levying fines, or issuing elevator permits. Those are the duties of the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Division).

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- The Standards Board is the only agency in the state authorized to adopt, amend or repeal occupational safety and health standards or orders.
 - In addition, the Standards Board maintains standards for certain areas not covered by federal standards or enforcement. These latter standards apply to elevators, aerial passenger tramways, amusement rides, pressure vessels, and mine safety training.

Regulation Sources

- Federal Changes
- Petition Decisions
- Appeals Board Decisions
- Variance Decisions
- DOSH Requests
- Standards Board members or staff

What's Next

2012 Proposed Rulemakings

Sections	Subject/Description	Source	A/C	Brief Description
GISO Group 13	Cranes and Derricks - clean up	Staff	Yes	To address CDAC issues outside scope of Horcher Rulemaking such as but not limited to: power line safety, crane inspections and inspector qualifications and repair of lattice booms.
1600	Pile Driving and Work Over Water - Barge Operations	Staff	No	Amend the CSO to address the operation of pile driving rigs from barges commensurate with federal language in 29 CFR 1926.603 and .605.
1621	Guarding Ladderway Openings in Perimeter Railings	DOSH F9-65	No	Add a new subsection to protect ladderway openings in perimeter railings with either a swinging gate or offset opening.
3316, 3388	High Visibility Apparel/Traffic Control for General Industry Applications	DOSH F9-72	Yes	To address traffic control and the use of HVA including use of specific types of HVA in hazardous atmospheric (gas and vapor) environments.
3207, 3558, 4184	Guarding of Microtomes	Staff	No	To provide an amendment to GISO guarding standards for all types of microtomes provided specified operating and employee training conditions are met.
3385	Use of Foot Protection	Staff	No	Amend the CSO to allow the use of strap on safety devices under certain specified conditions.
3420 et. seq.	Tree Work Maintenance and Removal	DOSH F9-61	Yes	Consolidate and update tree work standards in accordance with tree care industry work standards.
3650	Use of Forklift Trucks and Excavators for Hoisting Loads	Staff	No	To provide technical clarifying language that refers the employer operating forklifts and excavators for hoisting loads to GISO Article 101 sling and rigging standards.

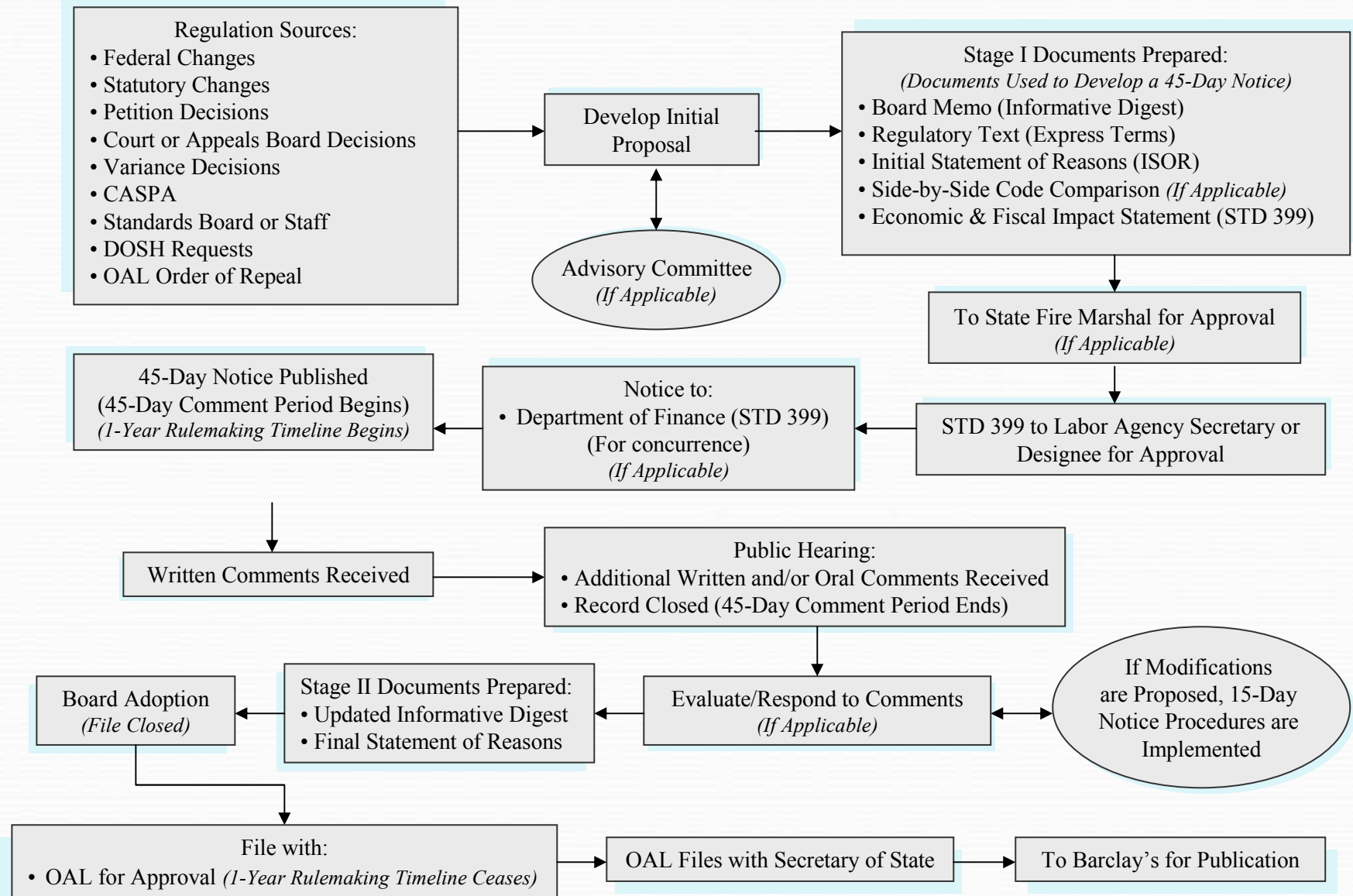
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4927	Woodworking Machines and Equipment - Definitions	DOSH F9-73	No	Clarify the meaning, scope and application of the various Article 59 woodworking equipment and machinery standards by adding new definitions covering older and new equipment.
4994	Hoisting, Use of Stabilizers	Staff	No	To amend Section 4994 to specify that cribbing is to be used only when needed to assure stability, and correct an ASME B30.22 reference for clarity and accuracy.
4999	Handling Loads - Crane Oiler Communication	DOSH F9-63	Yes	Amend the GISO to require that the crane operator and the oiler remain in communication via hand signals or voice communication prior to initiating any movement with the crane.
2940.8	Securing Overhead Loads	OSHAB Decision	Yes	Amend the HVESO to address the issue of handling/securing poles overhead from accidental release and contact with employees working below. (Based on Decision involving a utility company incident.)
4999(e)	Handling Loads - Inadvertent Contact	OSHAB DAR	No	Amend the GISO to clarify what is required to secure hoisted loads to prevent inadvertent contact with obstructions. Clarification of what OSHAB considers vague and unenforceable language.
5185	Valve Regulated Lead Acid (VRLA) Batteries - Charging and Handling	Staff	Yes	Amend the GISO to address safety standards for VRLA type batteries used to power computer servers and the like.

This is Your Board

Participating in the Rulemaking Process

Rulemaking Process Flowchart

Revised June 2006





How you can participate in the rulemaking process

- Subscribe to the Public Hearing Notices
- Attend Board meetings
- Submit comments regarding rulemaking proposals
- Submit petitions
- Join advisory committees
- Monitor OSHSB website: www.dir.ca.gov/oshsb



How to contact the Board

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