

California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB)

John MacLeod
Chairman
Appointed 1/11/2006

Bill Jackson
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Representative**
5/4/2007 – 6/1/2010

Laura Stock
**Occupational Safety
Representative**
6/11/2012-6/1/2015

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Representative**
6/24/2010 – 6/1/2014

Dave Harrison
Labor Representative
6/11/2012 – 6/1/2015

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

Barbara Smisko
**Management
Representative**
6/11/2012 – 6/1/2015

OSHSB Staff

Executive Officer
(Appointed by the Board)

Engineering Staff
1 Principal Safety Engineer
3 Senior Safety Engineers
2 Associate Safety Engineers


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

2012/2013 Proposed Rulemakings

OSHSB 2012-2013 Proposed Rulemaking Projects (Telecom Related)

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.
3316, 3388	High Visibility Apparel 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.
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.
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.

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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.

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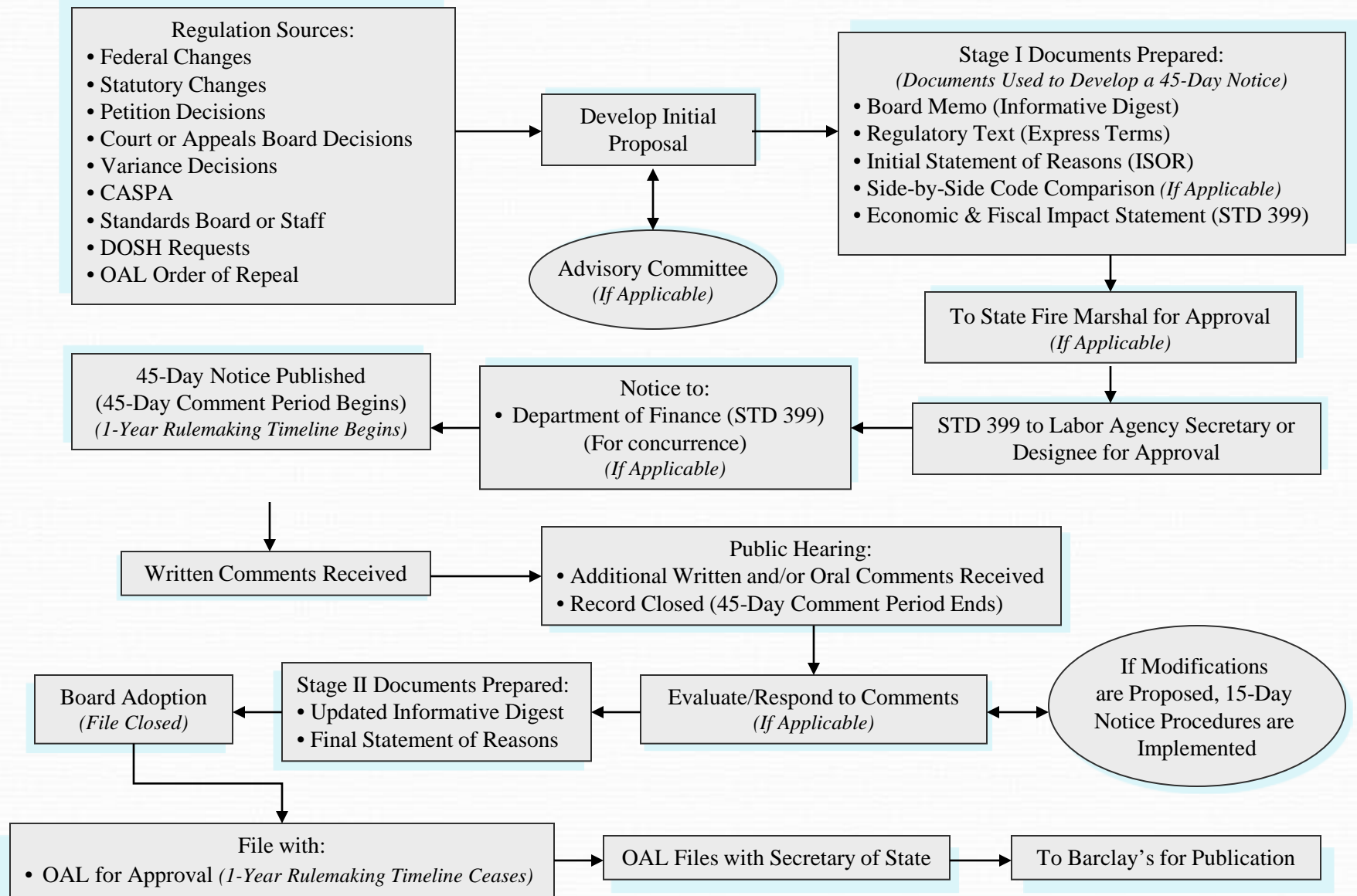
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3381	Update of T8 Head protection standards to be at least as effective as Federal OSHA	Federal Register, Direct Final Rule 6/22/12	No	To amend Title 8 to ensure that head protection is designed and built to the most recent national consensus Z89.1 standards editions beginning with 1997.
3637, 3642	Platform equipment Aerial devices, definition.	Staff	Yes	To amend T8 to require aerial lifts be equipped with an operator protective structure/ entrapment safeguard and define the term.

This is Your Board

Participating in the Rulemaking Process

Rulemaking Process Flowchart

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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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