



California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board

Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (OSHSB)

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OSHSB Staff

Executive Officer
(Appointed by the Board)

Engineering Staff

- 1 Principal Safety Engineer
- 4 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).

- 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
- Administrative direction

What's Next

2015/2016 Proposed Rulemakings

OSHSB 2015/2016 Proposed Rulemaking Projects

Sections	Subject/Description	Source	A/C	Brief Description
CSO, new Section 1710.2	Reinforcing Steel and Post Tensioning Operations	Petition No. 537	Yes	To amend the CSO to add a new section, a vertical standard based on ANSI A10.9-2013 for rebar and post-tensioning operations.
GISO 3212	Fall Protection when Working on or near Skylights	Petition File No. 531(CA Solar Industries Assoc.)	Yes	To amend Title 8 to waive use of personal fall arrest system when working on or near skylights made of materials sufficient in strength to a cover or when screens or under skylight nets are provided that will prevent a fall to the level below.
Title 8, Various Sections, CSO	Standards for the training and qualifications of an industrial coating and linings specialist	Petition File No. 550	Yes	Petitioners contend Title 8 should be amended to address the qualifications and training of "industrial coating and lining specialist" (would apply to public agency contracts and the contractors and subs who do corrosion prevention and mitigation work). Petition currently in review by Board and DOSH staff.

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GISO 3400(b)	Working Alone/Working in Congested Areas, Working in Isolation	Board Directed	Yes	To consider amendments to the GISO to address standards for accounting for employees who work at “remote or isolated locations” with regard to providing ready access to emergency medical services and first aid.
GISO 3273(d)	Working Areas-catwalk exception	Staff	No	To provide an amendment, an exception to allow employers to not have to utilize catwalks in ceiling spaces (attics) when a qualified person determines that ceiling joists and a platform capable of sustaining the load is provided for routine/short term exposures. (e.g. telecom installers in a residential attic)
CSO, New Sections 1950-1962	Confined Spaces in Construction	Fed OSHA Final Rule	No	To amend Title 8 to add new regulatory language verbatim of the Fed Final Rule promulgated on 5/4/15 that pertains to confined spaces in construction.
CSO 1621	Railings and Toeboards	DOSH, OSHAB	Yes	To add a new subsection (d) to 1621 to require ladder-way openings to be guarded at any location inclusive of floor perimeter by means of a swing gate or offset to prevent employee from falls.

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CSO 1716.1,.2, Article 30, Section 1731	Residential Construction (RC)- Fall Protection (FP)	Federal OSHA	Yes	Board staff, DOSH and stakeholders to address inconsistency in FP trigger heights in RC between state and federal standards via advisory committee,11/3-4/2015. Rulemaking only if deemed necessary.
GISO 4306, 4307	Radial arm saw guarding- exception and, guarding of underhung (jump) saws	Staff	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To amend Title 8 to provide exception language similar to that in 29 CFR 1926.304(d) which permits the saw blade guard to be retracted and the teeth exposed to make the necessary initial cut. 2. To require use of a tunnel guard for underhung, jump saws per manufacturers. (two separate rulemaking projects)
GISO Section 5022(c)	Proof Load testing of Cranes	DOSH Form 9	No	To amend Title 8 crane standards (in process of being consolidated) to specify that cranes are to be load tested to a maximum of 100% of load capacity or as close to 100% as specified by the manufacturer.

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T8 Various Sections in GISO, HVESO, LVESO, CSO	Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution	Fed OSHA Final Rule	No	To amend Title 8, various subchapters including the Electrical Safety Orders, CSO, GISO to address federal OSHA requirements pertaining to electrical safety, approach distances, arc flash, enclosed spaces, LOTO, PPE, etc.
T8 Various Sections in GISO, CSO, TSO	Update of NFPA-13 Fire Sprinkler Standards	Staff	No	To amend various Title 8 Sections where badly outdated editions of the NFPA-13 Fire Code for Sprinkler systems are referenced.
GISO 3441(g)	Night-time Illumination in Agriculture	DOSH Form 9	Yes	To amend Title 8 to address illumination and the use of high visibility apparel by agricultural workers during hours of darkness. This rulemaking may also address the use a farm traffic management plan to ensure workers are protected from vehicle collisions.
GISO, Group 26, Various Sections	Pressurized Worksite Operations	Staff initiated	Yes	To amend Title 8 to reflect state of the art improvements in technology and process including commercial diving and hyperbaric work.

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CSO,1541	Excavations, Protecting Subsurface Utilities	SB 119	Yes	To amend Title 8 excavation standards in accordance with the provisions of SB 119 to update the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) Best Practices for Locating technicians from version 3.0 to the current edition.
GISO/CSO	Cranes, Derricks and Hoisting Equipment	Staff	Yes	To consolidate Title 8 CSO Crane and Derrick Standards into the GISO. This project will also address wire rope inspection criteria, definition of working load and establish the scope of the standard with regard to certified operators and material handling equipment (PIT's) used in lifting service.
GISO 3276	Portable Metal and Reinforced Plastic extension ladders	DOSH Form 9	No	To address deficiencies in California's portable metal and plastic extension ladders standards with regard to maximum ladder length and minimum overlap.



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- Process Safety Management for Refineries
- Update of Mine Safety Orders
- Update of Tunnel Safety Orders
- Update of Elevator Safety Orders
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (adult films)
- Hazardous Substances-PEL Process
- Hotel Housekeeping

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- Tramway Safety Order Revisions
- Workplace Violence in Healthcare Industry
- Unfired Pressure Vessels, LPG, LNG Tanks, Boilers and Fired Pressure Vessels

Recently Approved Rulemakings

Sections	Subject/ Description	Source	Brief Description
GISO Section 3395	Heat Illness Prevention	DOSH initiated	Amends existing definition of shade and requirement for providing water, shade at 80 degrees, quantity of shade, rest breaks, observing employees, emergency response and training.
GISO Section 3380, CSO Section 1514	Personal Protective Devices and Safeguards	Staff initiated	Requires marking of PPE, use of approved PPE, addresses all PPE whether employer or employee provided to comply with T8, maintaining PPE in sanitary condition.
CSO Section 1710	Multi Story Skeletal Steel Construction-Metal Decking Replacement	Staff Initiated	To render Section 1710 ALAEA Federal OSHA by requiring the tight placement of decking during steel erection to provide secure support of structural members.
CSO Section 1618.1(e)	CDAC Crane Operator Certification Extension to Effective Dates and Phase-In	Federal Final Rule	To extend the effective dates and phase in periods for crane operator certification for certain types of cranes while training/certification protocols developed.
CSO Section 1903	Helicopter Landing Areas	Staff initiated	Provides and exception to the helicopter landing area specifications when the aircraft experiences and in-flight emergency.
GISO Sections 5484,5185	Storage Battery Systems, Changing and Charging	Staff initiated	To update GISO battery safety standards in accordance with current technology (e.g. VRLA batteries) and industry practice.

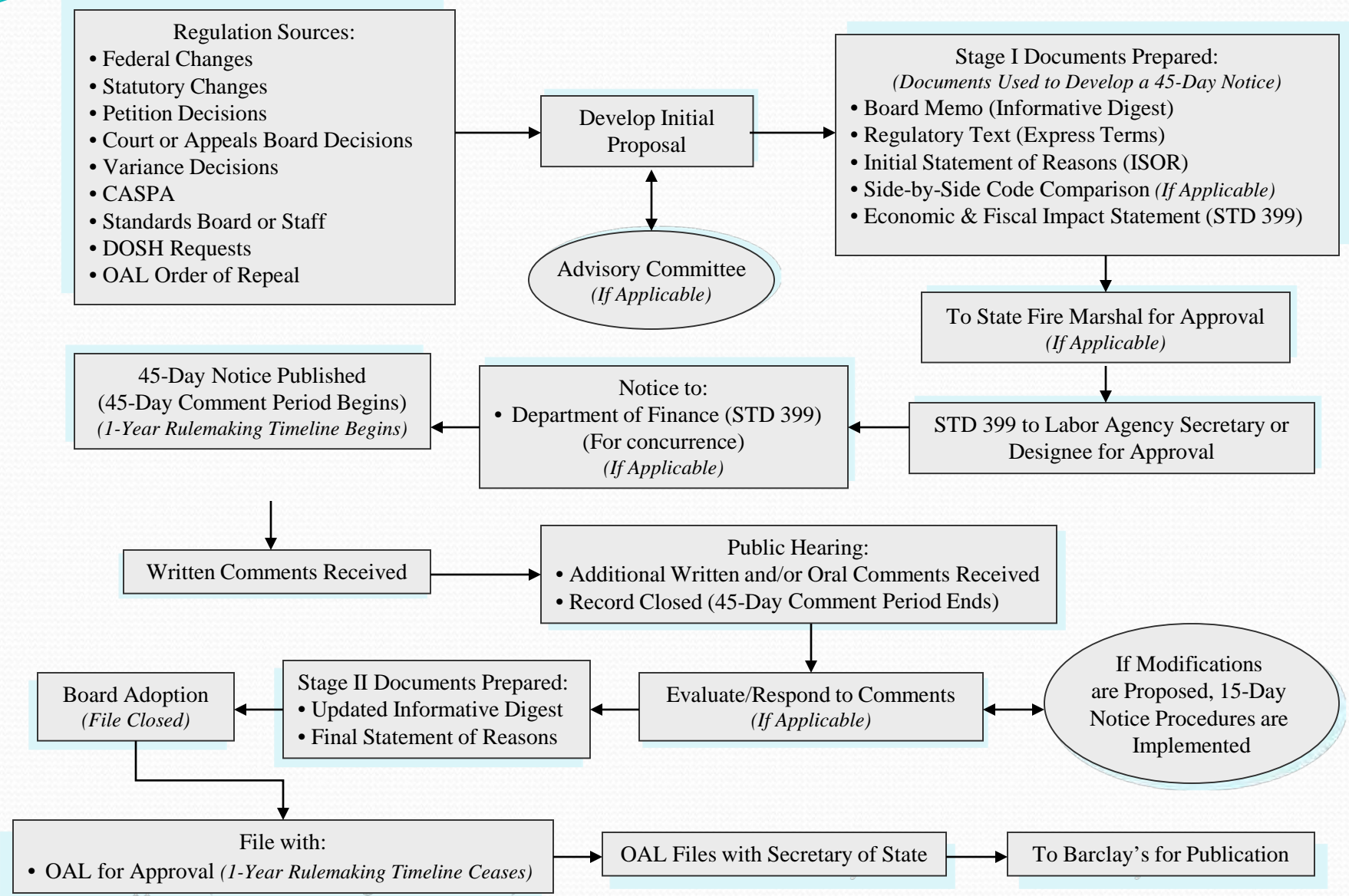
ESO GISO Sections 2540.7, 2340.8, 5530,5568,5572, 5574, 5575 and 5621	Electrical Equipment in Hazardous (Classified) Locations	Staff initiated	To render Title 8 hazardous location classifications consistent with Globally Harmonized System (GHS) classification terminology with respect to the use of energized equipment.
GISO Section 3395	Private Fire Brigades-Foot Protection	Staff initiated	To update GISO Article 10.1 foot protection standards for private fire brigades
GISO 4345, 4351, 4352, and 4354	Stationary and Mobile Compaction Equipment	Staff initiated	To update Title 8 standards for stationary and mobile compaction equipment consistent with the latest national consensus standards and regulate the operation of dual control mobile compactors.
GISO Section 5155	Airborne Contaminants-Hydrogen Chloride	DOSH initiated	To update (lower) the existing Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) for hydrogen chloride from 5 to .3 ppm with a 2 ppm ceiling.
GISO Sections 5620, 6165, 6180,6181, 6182, 6184	Update of Title 8 General Industry NFPA standards	Staff initiated	To update various outdated fire protection standards to the latest NFPA editions.
Shipyard Safety Orders Section 8397.4(b)	Water Supply-Access to Drinking Cups	Staff initiated	To amend Title 8 Shipyard Standards consistent with Federal OSHA regarding employee access to drinking cups.

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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