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California Industrial Hygiene Council Overview and Update

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CIHC Profile

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- Founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in Sacramento
- Volunteer organization supported by the 5 California AIHA* local sections
 - Northern California
 - Sacramento Valley
 - Southern California
 - Orange County
 - San Diego

*Pacific Region





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CIHC Mission

The CIHC will provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative process and establish a legislative presence in the state Capitol through professional representation.



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What we do

The activities of the CIHC include the following:

- Review, comment and participate in applicable California legislative and regulatory actions, providing scientific and technological expertise.
- Propose legislation promoting and supporting good industrial/occupational hygiene practice in California.
- Promote professional development through annual conferences, active involvement in emerging issues, training, and communications with stakeholders.
- Hold regular Board meetings each year (3 in-person, 4 conference calls in 2019); minutes are posted on the CIHC website.



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2019 Activities Communication

- Newsletters – Spring, Summer, and Fall (April, August, October 2019) – *posted online*
- CIHC Board meetings minutes – *posted online*
- Legislative (Bill) Report – *posted online*
- Email blasts

Publicized through peer to peer communication.



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2019 Activities Communication

- Email blasts on –
 - *Bills of Interest*
 - *AIHA Future Leaders Institute Applications*
 - *Newsletters (3)*
 - *AIHA NorCal April Technical Symposium*
 - *CIHC events (PDS & IH Summit)*
 - *RFPs for OHS Projects in the Developing World*
 - *Support for NIOSH Funding*
 - *The Stephen C. Davis Future Leadership Institute Memorial Grant 2019 Awardees*
 - *SoCal JTS in October*

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2019 Activities Legislative

- With the help of CIHC's Legislative Advocate, Cathy Barankin, screened several hundred new bills of interest introduced into the 2019 legislative session
- Cathy Barankin will be providing a review of our legislative activity for 2019
- Bills with particular activity – AB203, AB495, AB647, AB1024, AB1124, AB1596

CIHC can always use your technical expertise!



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2019 Activities

Regulatory

- Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (monthly meetings)
- Health Effects Advisory Committee (March, June, Dec)
- Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee (Nov)
- Heat Illness Prevention in Indoor Work Environments (comments to Cal/OSHA Feb 2019)
- Surgical Plume and Smoke (Nov 2018 Advisory Committee, comments to Cal/OSHA Jan 2019)

Progress is reported during CIHC Board meetings.



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2019 Activities

Regulatory

- Petition 573 for Protection of Outdoor Workers from Wildfire Smoke
 - Supported petition
 - Active in the emergency regulation process
 - Active in the permanent regulation process
- Petition 572 for Amendments to the IIPP regulation (8 CCR 3203) – denied in May
 - Moving forward – legislative process to amend the Labor Code

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Activities Continue

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- Signed Friends of NIOSH letter to support continued funding
- CA Partnership for Young Worker Health & Safety with UCB LOHP and other partners, such as Worksafe, DIR – ongoing meetings and collaboration
 - Assembly resolution adopted in May (Safe Jobs for Youth Month)
- Coordination with National AIHA committees/task forces on Teen Workers, Cannabis, Disaster Recovery, Government Relations
- March 12, 2020 IH Summit with the Sacramento Valley Section

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CIHC Board Members

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Sacramento Valley

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Catherine Barankin
CIHC Legislative Advocate

Representative of industry, government, and academia.



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Enjoy the seminar!