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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
 - Orange County
 - Sacramento Valley
 - San Diego
 - Southern California

*Pacific Region





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CIHC Mission

Keep profession intact by opposing further erosion or limitation of practice by legislation or regulation. Seeks recognition in statute defining, recognizing, and protecting the profession of industrial hygiene

Provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative processes and establish a legislative presence in the state Capitol

Sponsor legislation



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What we do

The activities of CIHC include the following:

- Review, comment and participate in applicable California legislative and regulatory actions, providing scientific and technological expertise.
- Support activities for promoting and supporting IH/OEHS practice in California.
- Promote professional development through annual conferences, active involvement in emerging issues, training, and communications with stakeholders.
- Participate with important ancillary programs such as the CA Young Worker Partnership; legislative recognition during May 2024
- Hold regular Board meetings each year (in 2024, 3 in-person, 5 via Zoom); minutes are posted on the CIHC website.



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2024 Activities Communication

- CIHC Board meetings minutes – *posted online*
- Legislative (Bill) Report – *posted online*
- Email blasts – *news items, items of general interest, PDS 2024, job opportunities*
- Communication Updates – *posted online*
- Renewed commitment to provide updates at our local sections' Board meetings and member meetings

Publicized through peer to peer communication.



2024 Activities

Legislative

Assisted by Sacramento Advocacy for legislative activity – Cathy Barankin will provide details

Screened several hundred new bills of interest in the 2024 legislative session (year 2 of the two-year session)

Using CapitolTracks bill-tracking software to facilitate screening and bill status

- Initial bill report (3/2/2024) tracked 52 bills of interest; pared down to 22 as the session progressed
- Final bill report 11/6/2024

CIHC can always use your technical expertise!



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2024 Activities

Regulatory

- Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (monthly meetings)
- Health Effects Advisory Committee; committee that considers and recommends PEL changes (last meeting 12/3/2019)
- Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee (meetings in May/Aug/Nov 2024)
- There are no occupational health regulation advisory committees currently scheduled even though there are over a dozen regulations listed as “TBD” meetings.

Progress is reported during CIHC Board meetings.



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2024 Activities Regulatory

- Proposed changes to the Lead regulations (8 CCR 1532.1, 5155 Table AC-1, 5198) adopted in March 2024; effective Jan 1, 2025
- Additional action on the Respirable Crystalline Silica (8 CCR 5204) Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)
- Proposed permanent changes to RCS 8 CCR 5204, including definition of “qualified person” for exposure assessments; CIHC requested that CIH be recognized
- Indoor Heat Illness Prevention new regulation 8 CCR 3396 adopted June 2024; effective July 23, 2024

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2024 Activities

Regulatory

“Qualified Person”, for purposes of [8 CCR 5204] only, means a person third party independent of the employer who, by extensive instruction, knowledge, training, and experience, has demonstrated their ability to effectively perform, and interpret the results of, representative air monitoring for occupational exposure to respirable crystalline silica. The qualified person shall be knowledgeable in this standard and shall be competent in industrial hygiene practice. A Certified Industrial Hygienist as codified in California’s Business and Professions Code sections 20700 – 20705 is considered competent in industrial hygiene practice.



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2024 Activities Regulatory

Legislative requirements to propose Cal/OSHA regulation changes:

- AB 1976 regarding first aid materials: opioid antagonists; Cal/OSHA to propose changes by Dec 1, 2027
- AB 2975 regarding workplace violence prevention plan for hospitals: to have weapons detection screening policy; Standards Board, by March 1, 2027, to amend the regulation

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CIHC Board Members

<https://cihconline.com/about-cihc/board-members>

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Northern CA

Laurel Davis
Patty Beach
Diana Peroni (Alternate)

Southern CA

Michelle Rosales
Christine Constantino
Vacant (Alternate)

Orange County

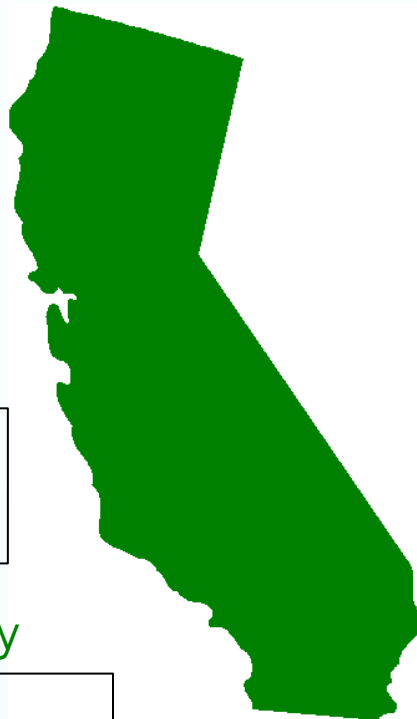
Howard Spielman
Sam Celly
Joel Berman (Alternate)

Sacramento Valley

Ed Klinenberg (Immediate Past
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Pamela Murcell (President)
Roxanne Fynboh (Alternate)

San Diego

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Representative of industry, government, and academia.



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Enjoy the seminar!