

WPCCA Legislative Report - March 2023

The bill introduction period for the 2023 session of the California State legislature concluded on February 17th. Since that time, we have sifted through a record number of legislative proposals (2,632 bills) introduced this year to ensure we are actively involved with all that may affect WPCCA members.

It is noteworthy to mention that WPCCA's position on certain legislative issues have changed.

- AB 336 (Cervantes D) Contractors: workers' compensation insurance. *Position: Pending -> Active*
- SB 416 (Laird D) State agencies: building and renovation projects: LEED certification. *Position: Pending -> Neutral*
- SB 423 (Wiener D) Land use: streamlined housing approvals: multifamily housing developments. *Position: Pending -> Active*
- SB 553 (Cortese D) Occupational safety: workplace violence: restraining orders and workplace violence prevention plan. *Position: Pending -> Active*
- SB 830 (Smallwood-Cuevas D) Apprenticeship and preapprenticeship: deregistration. *Position: Support -> Active*

[Click Here to See the Legislative Bills and WPCCA's Related Stances](#)

Upcoming LACCD Bidding Opportunities



LACCD will be releasing many small to medium size energy efficiency projects in Q3/4 of 2023. You must be a Pre-Qualified Service provider to bid the work as a Prime, but you do not need to be Pre-Qualified to provide a bid as a subcontractor.

The deadline for Pre-Qualification is May 2023 to bid on upcoming work. LACCD lists 3 types of Multi-Project Pre-Qualification for Construction Services.

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Register Here to Receive Notice of All Pre-Qualified Opportunities](#)

LACCD Small Contractor Boot Camp



The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) Small Contractor Boot Camp is a four-session program designed specifically for small contractors to improve their competitive bidding capacity. Through a comprehensive, hands-on curriculum, small contractors will learn more about the pre-qualification process for the Pre-Qualified Service Provider (PQSP) bench contracts for projects ranging from \$25K - \$5M, how to bid for work, and successfully execute BuildLACCD construction projects.

Sessions are twice a week via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting April 18. [Click here for more information.](#)

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Upcoming Events Reminder



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Remembering Reginald "JR" Thomas Grzeskowiak

Reginald "JR" Thomas Grzeskowiak, Blakely Co., age 86, of Tujunga, California passed away on Friday, March 24, 2023. He was a true leader and advocate for our industry and will be greatly missed. A visitation for JR will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Eternal Valley Memorial Park Mortuary, 23287 North Sierra Hwy, Newhall, CA 91321. A funeral service will occur Wednesday, April 26, 2023 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Eternal Valley Memorial Park Mortuary.

[Click here](#) to visit the full obituary for Reginald "JR" Thomas Grzeskowiak to view service dates and times, leave a condolence message or share a memory. You may honor the memory of a beautiful life with a thoughtful gift, basket or floral arrangement.

[Click Here to Send an Arrangement](#)

Intumescent Training

We have been working with various manufacturers to create a curriculum for intumescent coatings at the training center.

Please see the dates below for available 8-hour "Train the Trainer" courses we currently have scheduled. These will include product demo and application training.

1. April 13th – Intumescent Training with *HILTI* @Slauson/Yates (Location to be confirmed)
2. May 9th – Intumescent Training with Carboline and *Vista Paint Manufacturer* @Slauson
3. May 10th – Intumescent Training with Carboline and *Dunn Edwards Paint Manufacturer* @Slauson
4. August 16th – Intumescent Applicator Training with *Sherwin-Williams Paint Manufacturer* @Slauson

We currently have **10 spots still available for the April 13th training**. Should you know of any interested contractors, please have them contact our Paint Coordinator, *David Lopez*, directly at: dlopez@dc36jatc.org for more information.

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The Paint Post

Paint Market Advancement

As a reminder, The Paint Market Advancement Program is coming up this week.

Date: Thursday, April 20 | **Time:** 8:30am – 11:30am PST | **Location:** DC36 Training Center; 7020 E. Slauson Ave, Commerce, CA 90040

This program is exclusive to signatory contractors and will cover:

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Learn about the program

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Break into new private markets with funding assistance

WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION

Learn to navigate our new website created exclusively for our contractors to apply for funding.

BENEFITING

Contractors interested in bidding on private work they would normally not win against non-union.

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[Click Here to View the Program Flyer](#)

Cal/OSHA Proposes Significant Revisions to Lead Standard

Cal/OSHA recently released their draft proposal for revisions to the current lead standard. It includes significant changes, including reducing the Permissible Exposure Limit (PEL) from 50 micrograms per cubic meter of air as a time-weighted average to 10 micrograms per cubic meter of air; and, reducing the Action Level (AL) from 30 micrograms per cubic meter of air to 2 micrograms per cubic meter of air. The proposed changes are significant and will impact the entire construction industry. We are working closely with a broad industry coalition to respond to the draft proposal.

BACKGROUND

In March, the Cal/OSHA Standards Board published revisions to California's standards on lead for both the construction and general industry sectors. The Cal/OSHA

Standards Board's first hearing on the issue is scheduled for April 20, 2023.

The Board argues that the proposed amendments are needed to adequately protect employees who have occupational exposure to lead. They further state that the current regulations are over 40 years old and that more recent evidence demonstrates that harmful health effects can occur at exposure levels well below those currently allowed by existing regulations.

PROJECTED COSTS

The Board estimates that the cost to a typical construction business would be \$10,647 in the first year and \$8,515 in the second year.

NEXT STEPS

Our coalition has responded with a detailed letter of concerns, suggestions and impacts on the industry. We will continue to update as the process moves forward.

[Click Here to Read Cal/OSHA Lead Coalition Letter](#)

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Past Event: 2023 Employment Law Updates Webinar

On April 19, we held our first Employment Law Updates Webinar of the year presented by Shauna Correia, Esq., a shareholder at Weintraub Tobin's San Francisco office, practicing in the Labor & Employment group. In this webinar, Shauna highlighted recent developments and changes to employment law including pending legislation of Interest pertinent to our members.

Attendees - we would like to get your feedback on this event. [Please Click here to complete this 3-minute survey.](#)

Presentation materials and recording are now available. *To view the webinar recording, please email Rowanne Khafagy at rkhafagy@thewpcca.com*

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