



# AIA California State Agency and Department Relationships

Agency	Purpose	Architect Members	AIA CA's Role
<b>Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) and Office of Court Construction and Management</b>	<p>Enhances the administration of justice by providing responsible and efficient management of California's court facilities, promotes equal access to justice by providing leadership in the design, construction, and renovation of California courthouses.</p> <p>The AOC has 500 buildings totaling 19 million sq ft in the state. Responsible for managing 1000 modification projects annually. The current program includes 50 courthouse projects with an estimated total cost of \$6.5 billion</p>	No	Funding, contract, RFP/RFQ and capital outlay related programs.
<b>CA Community Colleges Chancellor's Office UC/CSU</b>	<p>Oversight for the California Community Colleges. The CCC is responsible for helping community colleges through leadership, advocacy and support.</p>	No	Monitors legislative & regulatory activity for design & construction activity.
<b>California Air Resources Board (CARB)</b>	<p>The CARB attains and maintains air quality by conducting research into causes of and solutions to air pollution and the effects on the built environment and natural environments.</p> <p>The concern for global warming has moved the CARB to a place where it now monitors the effects of the built environment on the natural environment and participates in statutory (AB32) and regulatory (CALGreen) rulemaking process.</p>	No	Monitors legislative and regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.

<b>California Architects Board (CAB)</b>	Protects the health, safety, & welfare of public through regulation of the practice of architecture. Establishes regulations for examination and licensing of the profession of architecture.	Yes	Monitors for matters affecting the profession and practice of architecture.
	The CAB has ability to change the way architects practice necessitates constant and ongoing monitoring and lobbying.		
<b>California Building Standards Commission (CBSC)</b>	Independent commission within State and Consumer Services Agency. Commission members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.	Yes	Monitors code change proposals submitted by the AIA CA and others.
	The CBSC is the arena where what is and what is not permissible in building design is determined.		
<b>California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) and Code Advisory Committee</b>	Annually review the technical merit of building standards proposed by state agencies and provide recommendations to CBSC.	Yes	Maintains working relationship with CBSC staff and in the appointment of architects to the Commission and its committees.
<b>California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Project and Construction Management,</b>	The CDCR FPAC is leaders from the private and public sectors who advise CDCR on planning, design, siting, construction, or renovation of correctional housing units and support facilities. CDCR effects how architects specializing in this area practice.	No	Monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.
<b>California Department of Education (CDE)</b>	The Core Purpose of the California Department of Education is to lead and support the continuous improvement of student achievement, with a specific focus on closing achievement gaps.	No	Liaisons with CDE staff and monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.

Local educational agency's develop school designs which has given rise to policy discussions on fiscal realities and equity issues. This lead to ideas such as stock plans and lease purchase agreements – which can adversely affect the profession.

**Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPD) and Hospital Building Safety Board (HBSB)**

Inspects health facility construction projects. FDD enforces building standards, per the California Building Standards Code, as they relate to health facilities construction.

Yes

Monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.

The HBSB serves as a board of appeals with regard to seismic safety and fire and life safety issues relating to hospital facilities having a direct impact on the profession.

**California Energy Commission (CEC)**

The California Energy Commission is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency.

No

Liaisons with CEC staff and monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.

Because of its ties to California's growth and development the CEC has the ability to at any given time rule on matters that affect how architects throughout the state practice.

**California Public Utility Commission (CPUC)**

Serves public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring safe, reliable utility service and infrastructure at reasonable rates, with a commitment to environmental enhancement and a healthy California economy. The CPUC has the ability to at any given time rule on matters that affect how architects throughout the state practice.

No

Monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.

<b>Department of General Services (DGS)</b>	Serves as business manager for the State. Provides a variety of services to state agencies through innovative procurement and acquisition solutions, real estate management and design, telecommunications, environmentally friendly transportation, and funding for the construction of schools.	No	Monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.
	The DSA, OPSC, RESD, procurement, legislation, and Risk and Insurance Management all resided under the DGS and all have a significant role in their ability to effect the profession.		
<b>Division of State Architect (DSA)</b>	Provides design and construction oversight for K–12 schools and community colleges and develops and maintains accessibility standards and codes utilized in public and private buildings throughout the State of California.	Yes	Monitors DSA legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.
	The DSA advises the State Architect on policy issues, reviews regulations, codes, interpretations of regulations, and policies and makes recommendations for regulation, code or legislative changes which effect this area of practice for the profession.		
<b>Department of Water Resources (DWR)</b>	Manages water resources of CA in cooperation with other agencies, to benefit the State's people, and to protect, restore, and enhance the natural and human environments.	No	Work with DWR staff and the board on matters affecting the profession and practice of architecture.
	Water management is how the state addresses development and growth, monitoring of this agency is linked to the future of California's built and natural environment.		

<b>Office of Emergency Services (OES)</b>	CalOES is responsible for the coordination of overall state agency response to major disasters in support of local government. recovery, and hazard mitigation efforts. This organization is part of the profession's commitment to the public's health and safety.	No	Organizes Safety Assessment Program training and deploying SAP evaluations in the aftermath of disaster.
<b>Office of Public School Construction and (OPSC) State Allocation Board Implementation Committee</b>	To enrich the lives of California's school children as stewards of the taxpayers' commitment to education  The SAB is an advisory body to help with policy and legislation implementation which can have significant effect on the profession.	Yes	Works with SAB Implementation Committee members and staff on matters related to the profession
<b>California Housing and Community Development</b>	HCD administers programs for affordable housing and enforces housing standards and plays a critical role in the housing process and policy development	No	Works with HCD on matters related to the profession
<b>California Commission on Disability Access</b>	Promotes disability access in California. Reports findings on disability access compliance, inspections, CE, and makes recommendations to the legislature to promote compliance with federal and state regulations	No	Monitors and works with CCDA on issues related to disability access in design and the built environment
<b>Seismic Safety Commission</b>	The Commission investigates earthquakes, researches earthquake-related issues and reports, and recommends to the Governor and Legislature policies and programs needed to reduce earthquake risk.	No	Monitors and works with the Seismic Safety Commission on issues related to disability access in design and the built environment
<b>RESD</b>	Fullfills state agency facility and real property needs	No	Monitors state building activity as necessary on behalf of the profession