



AIA California State Agency and Department Relationships

Architecture is regarded as one of the most highly regulated professions in California. This claim is validated by the AIA CA’s Government Relations program’s essential and continuous interaction and monitoring of more than 20 state agencies, departments, boards and commissions – each authority possessing the ability to impact the practice and profession either by regulation, policy or statute

Agency	Purpose	Architect Members	Appointment/Election Process	AIA CA’s Role	Strategic Plan or Initiatives
Judicial Council of California Capital Program Office (Administrative Office of the Courts)	<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 over 500 buildings totaling 24 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>	<p>Court Facilities Advisory Committee: Stephan Castellanos, FAIA</p> <p>Deepika Padam, AIA Jagen Patel, AIA Paul Menard, AIA</p>	<p>There are many AOC advisory committees to provide ongoing oversight of the work of Judicial Council staff in its effort to implement the facilities programs of the judicial branch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court Facilities Advisory Committee, and its subcommittees provide opportunity for architect involvement. This committee makes recommendations to the Judicial Council concerning the judicial branch capital program for trial and appellate courts throughout the state. The 21-member advisory committee is composed of trial and appellate courts leadership from throughout the state including justices, judges, and court executives, in addition to private attorneys, design and facilities professionals, and local government administrators. This committee reports directly to the Judicial Council. Members are appointed with staggered terms by the Chief Justice. • Trial Court Facility Modification Advisory Committee provides ongoing oversight of the judicial branch program that manages renovations, facilities operations, maintenance, and real estate for trial courts throughout the state. The nine-member advisory committee is comprised of superior court judges and court executives and reports directly to the Judicial Council. Members are appointed with staggered terms by the Chief Justice. While there is no position available for architects, there is opportunity to monitor and find methods of advising regarding the development of the Capital Program, including providing input to design standards, prioritization of capital projects, and methods to reduce construction cost without impacting long-term operations and maintenance cost. 	<p>Funding, contract, RFP/RFQ and capital outlay related programs.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

CA Community Colleges Chancellor's Office UC/CSU	<p>Oversight for the California Community Colleges. The CCC is responsible for helping community colleges through leadership, advocacy and support.</p>	<p>No architect positions available</p>	<p>The community college governance structure, established by reform legislation (Stats. 1988, c. 973), requires the Board of Governors to maintain a consultation process at the state level to ensure local community college district participation in systemwide policy decisions. the Consultation Council, which is comprised of 18 representatives of institutional groups such as trustees, executive officers, students, administrators, business officers, student services officers, and instructional officers, and representative organizations, such as faculty and staff unions and associations. Its purpose is to facilitate the participation of community college districts in the development of statewide community college policy in order to insure that the best interests of the students, the system, and the state are served.</p>	<p>Monitors legislative & regulatory activity for design & construction activity.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>
California Air Resources Board (CARB)	<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>	<p>None</p>	<p>The California Air Resources Board consists of 14 voting members and 2 ex officio nonvoting members who are members of the Legislature, one from the Senate and the other from the Assembly. Of the 14 voting members, 12 are appointed by the Governor with Senate confirmation, and include: 6 who serve on local air districts, 4 experts in fields that shape air quality rules, and 2 public members. The other 2 voting members represent environmental justice communities and are appointed one each by the Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly Speaker. The Chair serves as the only full-time member and is appointed by the Governor from among the voting members.</p>	<p>Monitors legislative and regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>
California Architects Board (CAB)	<p>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.</p> <p>The CAB has ability to change the way architects practice necessitates constant and ongoing monitoring and lobbying.</p>	<p>Sylvia Kwan, FAIA – Term Exp. 6/30/19</p>	<p>The membership of the board is composed of 10 members, five architects (in good standing, licensed a min. of 5 years in CA and a resident) and five public members. The public members of the board shall not be licensees of the board. Appointments are at the discretion of the Governor and are 4-year terms for a maximum of two consecutive terms. Reference Architects Practice Act Code Sections 5510- 5526</p>	<p>Monitors for matters affecting the profession and practice of architecture.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available Annual Report Available</p>
California Building Standards Commission (CBSC)	<p>Independent commission within State and Consumer Services Agency. Commission members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate.</p> <p>The CBSC is the arena where what is and what is not permissible in building design is determined.</p>	<p>Steve Winkel, FAIA Term Expires, January 2020</p> <p>Erik Mikiten, AIA Term Expires 1/1/2022</p>	<p>The 11 members of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) are appointed by the Governor of California and confirmed by the State Senate. The cabinet secretary of the Government Operations Agency, or the secretary's representative, serves as the Commission Chair.</p> <p>CBSC members represent the public, building design professionals, the building and construction industry, local government building officials, fire officials, and labor. Members serve four-year staggered terms and are not compensated, but are reimbursed for travel expenses. CBSC meets quarterly.</p>	<p>Monitors code change proposals submitted by the AIA CA and others.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>

[California Building Standards Commission \(CBSC\) and Code Advisory Committee](#)

Annually review the technical merit of building standards proposed by state agencies and provide recommendations to CBSC.

(These are concurrent two-year terms, 2018-2019)

The code advisory committees shall be limited to a maximum of nine voting members, appointed by the Commission for one triennial code adoption cycle (3 years). The Commission can extend the term beyond 3 years if deemed necessary, and members shall hold appointments at the pleasure of the Commission. The appointments shall be made from individuals knowledgeable in the building standards or general subjects assigned to the specific committee. Members shall be solicited by the Commission based on the representations listed in this section. However, when there are no volunteers for a specific representation following a 30-day advertisement of an available committee position, the Commission may make other appointments as deemed necessary to maintain the expertise and balance of a committee.

Maintains working relationship with CBSC staff and in the appointment of architects to the Commission and its committees.

N/A

Reference California Administrative Code, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 1-209 – 211

Accessibility Committee

- Jay Whisenant, AIA, Chair
- Dawn Anderson, AIA
- John Paul Scott, AIA

☑ **Accessibility.** The Commission shall solicit nominations from:

- Ex-Officio Member(s)
- State Agency Representative(s)
- Voting Member(s)
- Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable in Visually Impaired
- Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable in Hearing Impaired
- Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable in Mobility Impaired
- Disability Access Advocate Knowledgeable in Environmental Health Network or Other Cognitively Impaired
- Local Government Building Official¹
- Construction Industry Architect
- Fire Official
- Public Member

Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, and Energy Committee (PEME)

- Jay Hyde, AIA

☑ **Plumbing, electrical, mechanical and energy.** The Commission shall solicit nominations from:

- Ex-Officio Member(s)
- State Agency Representative(s)
- Voting Member(s)
- Local Government Building Official¹
- Environmental/Energy Organization
- Construction Industry Architect
- Fire Official
- Public Member or Local Government Water Efficiency Official¹
- Plumbing Inspector

Mechanical Engineer
Electrical Engineer or Electrical Inspector

Building, Fire and Other Committee (BFO)

- Kerwin Lee, AIA
- Dawn Anderson, AIA

☐ **Building, fire and other.** The Commission shall solicit nominations from:

1. Ex-Officio Member(s)
 1. State Agency Representative(s)
2. Voting Member(s)
 1. Local Government Building Official1
 2. Registered Fire Protection Engineer
 3. Construction Industry
 4. Architect
 5. Commercial Building Industry
 6. Fire Official
 7. Disability Access Advocate
 8. Public Member

Structural Design/Lateral Forces Committee (SD/LF)

- Gary McGavin, AIA

☐ **Structural design/lateral forces.** The Commission shall solicit nominations from:

1. Ex-Officio Member(s)
 1. State Agency Representative
2. Voting Member(s)
 1. Three (3) Structural Engineers
 2. Architect
 3. General Contractor
 4. Local Government Building Official1
 5. Public Member

Health Facilities Committee (HF)

- Bill Zelmer, AIA
- David Field, AIA

☐ **Health facilities.** The Commission shall solicit nominations from:

1. Ex-Officio Member(s)
 1. State Agency Representative(s)
2. Voting Member(s)
 1. Acute Care Hospital Representative
 2. Skilled Nursing Facility Representative
 3. Architect
 4. General Contractor
 5. Mechanical Engineer
 6. Electrical Engineer or Electrical Inspector
 7. Fire Protection Engineer
 8. Local Government Building Official1
 9. Primary Care or Specialty Clinic Representative

Green Building Committee (GREEN)

- Dennis Corelis

☐ **Green building.** The Commission shall solicit nominations from:

1. Ex-Officio Member(s)
 1. State Agency Representative(s)
2. Voting Member(s)

1. Residential Construction Industry Representative
2. Commercial Building Industry Representatives
3. Architect
4. Environmental Organization Representative
5. Local Government Building Official1
6. Public Member or Local Government Water Efficiency Official1
7. Fire Official
8. Mechanical Engineer or Energy/Building Performance Specialist
9. Electrical Engineer, Electrical Inspector or Energy/Building Performance Specialist

[California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation \(CDCR\), Project and Construction Management](#)

The CDCR FPCM 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 architect positions available

N/A

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

[Annual Report Available](#)

[California Department of Education \(CDE\)](#)

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.

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.

No architect positions available

N/A

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

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Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHPD) and Hospital Building Safety Board (HBSB)	<p>Inspects health facility construction projects. FDD enforces building standards, per the California Building Standards Code, as they relate to health facilities construction.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Deepak Danderkar, AIA Term Expires 5/2019</p> <p>Bruce MacPherson, AIA Term Expires 8/2021</p>	<p>The Board is comprised of: Sixteen board members appointed by the Director of OSHPD from nominations submitted by professional associations, as specified in the Health and Safety Code, and three more are appointed as public members.</p> <p>These appointed Board members serve 4-year terms with a maximum of two terms.</p> <p>Six statutory ex-officio members, representing state agencies whose programs interface with the hospital design and construction program.</p> <p>Three additional ex-officio members appointed by the Director of OSHPD as desired.</p> <p>Board members maintain close contact with professional groups and important industry organizations to bring attention to changes and emerging issues occurring in the design and construction of health facilities in California.</p> <p>The full Board meets on an as needed basis. Additionally, committee meetings are held throughout the year. All meetings are open to the public and interested parties are always welcome to attend.</p>	<p>Monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>
California Energy Commission (CEC)	<p>The California Energy Commission is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The governor appoints, with Senate confirmation, five commissioners to staggered five-year terms. The commissioners must come from and represent specific areas of expertise: law, environment, economics, science/engineering, and the public at large.</p>	<p>Liaisons with CEC staff and monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>
California Public Utility Commission (CPUC)	<p>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.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The Governor appoints the five Commissioners, who must be confirmed by the Senate, for six year staggered terms. The Governor appoints one of the five to serve as Commission President.</p>	<p>Monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.</p>	<p>Annual Report Available</p>

<p>Department of General Services (DGS)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Applicable based on division or department</p>	<p>The Governor appoints positions within the auspices of DGS</p>	<p>Monitors legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>
<p>Division of State Architect (DSA)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Ida Clair, Acting State Architect · Kurt Cooknick, Assoc. AIA Deputy to the State Architect 	<p>appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Senate for a term of four years commencing with January 15 next following the general election at which a Governor is elected, and he or she shall hold office until appointment and qualification of his or her successor or until 150 days shall have elapsed since the expiration of the term for which he or she was appointed, whichever first occurs; but he or she may be dismissed by the Governor, with or without cause, at any time. The Governor may fill any vacancy in the Office of State Architect for the unexpired portion of the term, but the appointment shall be subject to approval of the Senate at the next regular session of the Legislature.</p> <p>No person shall be eligible for the Office of State Architect who has not, for a period of five years next preceding his or her appointment, held a certificate to practice architecture in California issued by the California State Board of Architectural Examiners.</p> <p>The State Architect shall not engage in the private practice of architecture or in a managing capacity in any private business or enterprise. The salary of the State Architect shall be as provided by Article 1 (commencing with Section 11550) of Chapter 6 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code .</p>	<p>Monitors DSA legislative and Regulatory activity for design and construction related activity.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>
<p>Department of Water Resources (DWR)</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The California Water Commission consists of 9 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Seven members are chosen for their expertise related to the control, storage, and beneficial use of water and 2 are chosen for their knowledge of the environment. The Water Commission advises the Director of DWR on matters within the Department's jurisdiction, approves rules and regulations, and monitors and reports on the construction and operation of the State Water Project. California's comprehensive water legislation, approved by voters in 2014, gave the Water Commission new responsibilities regarding the distribution of public funds set aside for the public benefits of water storage projects, and developing regulations for the quantification and management of those benefits.</p>	<p>Work with DWR staff and the board on matters affecting the profession and practice of architecture.</p>	<p>Strategic Plan Available</p>

Office of Emergency Services (OES)	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 architect positions available	CalOES has many divisions that specialize in a variety of emergency management operations. Architects interested in participating in CalOES activities can become an SAP, offer trainings with the California Specialized Training Institute or participate in relevant regulatory rule making processes (typically announced within other co-operative state agencies)	Organizes Safety Assessment Program training and deploying SAP evaluations in the aftermath of disaster.	N/A
Office of Public School Construction and (OPSC) State Allocation Board Implementation Committee	<p>To enrich the lives of California's school children as stewards of the taxpayers' commitment to education</p> <p>The SAB is an advisory body to help with policy and legislation implementation which can have significant effect on the profession.</p>	Mary Morris, AIA	<p>The SAB is comprised of the Director of Finance, the Director of General Services, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, three members of the Senate, three members of the Assembly and one appointee by the Governor.</p> <p>The SAB Implementation Committee is an informal advisory body established by the SAB to assist the Board and the OPSC with policy and legislation implementation. The Committee membership is comprised of various state agencies and stakeholders representing the school facilities community.</p> <p>The SAB Implementation Committee meets monthly, in a publicly noticed meeting. Agendas for the meeting contain an overview of the items scheduled for discussion; as well as, items of suggested regulatory changes for potential implementation to the existing School Facility Program or processes. All of these items are posted regularly on the OPSC's Web site.</p>	Works with SAB Implementation Committee members and staff on matters related to the profession	Strategic Plan Available
California Housing and Community Development	HCD administers programs for affordable housing and enforces housing standards and plays a critical role in the housing process and policy development	No architect positions available	N/A	Works with HCD on matters related to the profession	Strategic Plan Available

[California Commission on Disability Access](#)

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

Ida Clair, AIA
Chris Downey, AIA

The California Commission on Disability Access (CCDA) is a 17-member independent commission consisting of 11 public members and six (6) ex-officio non-voting members. Appointees to the CCDA were selected as specified by the provisions of Government Code section 14985.1 and the CCDA is comprised of appointees as follows:

Monitors and works with CCDA on issues related to disability access in design and the built environment

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Two (2) public members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, with one appointee from the business community and one appointee from the disability community.

Two (2) public members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, with one appointee from the business community and one appointee from the disability community.

Seven (7) public members appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate. Four (4) of the appointees must be from the disability community and three (3) of the appointees must be from the business community.

The State Architect, or his or her representative, as a nonvoting ex-officio member.

The Attorney General, or his or her representative, as a nonvoting ex-officio member.

Two members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules as nonvoting ex-officio members. One member shall be from the majority party and one member shall be from the minority party.

Two members of the Assembly, appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, as nonvoting ex-officio members. One member shall be from the majority party, and one member shall be from the minority party.

The CCDA is required by law to annually elect from its membership a Chairperson who must, as required by GC Section 14985.2 (b), be a representative from the disability community; a Vice-Chairperson who also must be elected from the membership, however, the law requires that this member represent the business community.

Public members are appointed for three-year terms, except that, with respect to the initial appointees, the Governor appoints three members for a one-year term, two members for a two-year term, and two members for a three-year term. The Senate Committee on Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly each initially appoint one member for a two-year term and one member for a three-year term. Public members may be reappointed for additional terms. The organizational chart located above identifies the appointees and provides information at a glance as to who the appointee represents, the appointment date and the appointment expiration.

Seismic Safety Commission	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.	Randall Goodwin, Term Expired 5/15/19 Mia Marvelli, CBSC Executive Director	The Commission is composed of 20 commissioners chosen for their expertise and experience. Fifteen members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, one member appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, one member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, a representative from Building Standards Commission, a representative from the State Architect's office, and a representative from Cal EMA. The Alfred E. Alquist Seismic Safety Commission elects annually from its membership its own chairman and vice chairman and can replace them with other commissioners by a majority vote. Commissioners must be residents of California. The term of office for each member of the Seismic Safety Commission is approximately four years. The office is held until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor is made. A quorum consists of ten members if there are no vacancies, or else a majority of the members of the Commission at the time.	Monitors and works with the Seismic Safety Commission on issues related to disability access in design and the built environment	N/A
Real Estate Services Division (DGS)	Fullfills state agency facility and real property needs	No architect positions available	This division does not have appointed or election processes. However, it's Project and Development Branch – Architectural and Engineering Section and Construction Inspection and Management Branch hires architects.	Monitors state building activity as necessary on behalf of the profession	Strategic Plan Available
California State Parks Office of Historic Preservation	Preserves California historic heritage	Alan Hess, AIA Luis Hoyos, AIA	The State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) is a nine-member state review board, appointed by the Governor, with responsibilities for the identification, registration, and preservation of California's cultural heritage. Five members of the SHRC shall be recognized professionals in the disciplines of history, pre-historic archaeology, historical archaeology, architectural history, and restoration architecture. One member shall be knowledgeable in ethnic history; one member shall be knowledgeable in Folklife; and two members shall represent the public or possess expertise in fields that the Governor deems necessary or desirable to enable the Commission to carry out its responsibilities. Commissioners serve in their appointed positions until such time that they resign or are replaced. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) serves as Executive Secretary to the SHRC. The SHRC meets four times per year and welcomes public attendance and participation.	Work with SHPC as needed on behalf of the profession.	Annual Report Available

AIA California is working closely with the Governor’s Appointments Office to find qualified AIA Members for a variety of appointed positions, including the State Architect, California Architects Board, California Building Standards Commission, and the Seismic Safety Commission.

The Governor’s Office usually asks for several candidates for each available position. AIA California, upon approval of the AIA California Executive Committee, will submit those names with the official support of AIA California.