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## AQMD Proposed Amended Rule 1403— A Recap of Latest Working Group Meeting

AQMD held its 7th Working Group Meeting for proposed amendments to Rule 1403, Asbestos Emissions from Demolition/Renovation Activities. This meeting was part of the regulatory and administrative process to amend the Rule. The adoption of the rule was delayed to consider additional issues that came up during stakeholder and working group meetings.



The group meetings have been comprehensive and lengthy, so this article is merely to provide a recap of new information:

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## URCA Members Work on This Year's Q Award Project— Los Angeles Football Club's Banc of California Stadium

The Alliance for Quality Construction held its annual Q Award luncheon on May 21st. The prestigious award was presented to the Los Angeles Football Club for its world class \$350 million Banc of California Stadium. In a nod to the LAFC and to showcase the new venue, the award luncheon was held on site at the newly built stadium. There were over 200 guests in attendance to witness the presentation.

Located in the heart of Los Angeles, the project was chosen as this year's recipient for its 100 percent union construction, excellent safety record, innovative design, and for having provided local construction jobs. The presentation took place on the stadium's field while the 2019 Award video was played on the Jumbotron – an exciting enhancement to the Q Award ceremony.

Special guests and dignitaries at the

luncheon were Herb J. Wesson, President of the Los Angeles City Council; Chris Ritter, Operations Manager, PCL Construction Services Inc and representing the project's gen-



*Chris Ritter-Operations Manager of PCL Construction, Seth Burton-Director of Communication of LAFC, Ron Miller-Exec Secretary/Treasurer of LA/OC Building Trades Council, and Pam Ackrich-AQC Chair Emeritus.*

eral contractor; Seth Burton, VP of Communications for the L.A. Football Club who accepted the Q Award for the LAFC; and Ron Miller, Executive Secretary/Treasurer of the LA/OC

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**Ronald D. Johnston, Ph.D.**  
Executive Vice President

The California Legislature convened in January 2019 with a record setting 2,623 bills introduced in the first year of the current two year session. URCA diligently continues the monitoring of legislative bills that have the potential of impacting our member companies and the industry as a whole. URCA reviews legislative initiatives and regulations under consideration, advocating for those initiatives which protect our members and industry and seeking to defeat those which do not. By partnering with industry leaders, business, government, and community organizations, URCA has positioned itself as a leader and has been able to leverage strong relationships to ensure fair consideration of California's contractor's needs. URCA's legislative priorities are a skilled and trained workforce, targeting unduly and burdensome legislations and regulations, and the promotion of member economic prosperity through business friendly legislation as part of our public policy agenda.

URCA works closely with national and state government affairs committees to collectively review the extensive number of bills that are introduced at the beginning of session.

URCA VP Eddie Marquez has summarized the bills, which URCA is closely monitoring. The following bills remain active and continue to make their way through the months-long legislative process. Bills that are still active and where URCA took a position are as follows:

**AB 660 (Marc Levine)-Building Energy Efficiency Standards: Solar Reflectance of Roofs—OPPOSE**

This bill would impact our industry and URCA submitted an opposition letter partnering with the Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Assn. This proposal has the potential to significantly increase costs as it will give the California Energy Commission discretion to increase roof replacement and building standards to increase to .40 from .20 and expanding the range of climate zones for those alterations. This can translate to a one-hundred percent (100%) increase of reflectivity materials in a 12-year period and can create a burdensome mandate on manufacturers, which in turn will be passed on to consumers of these products.

**AB 1303 (Patrick O'Connell)-School Facilities: Civic Center Act: Direct Costs—SUPPORT—**When this bill was first introduced, URCA took a SUPPORT position because it was a bill to increase Career and

Technical Education. The bill has been gutted and this new version is about compensating schools for usage of facilities. As amended, the bill is no longer on our watch list.

**AB 1736 (Tom Daly)-Notification Requirements—SUPPORT**

Partnering with ASAC, URCA was key in securing an author for this bill and submitted a letter of support. Existing law requires a responsible bidder who submitted the lowest bid be awarded the contract. This bill would require a local agency to create and maintain policies for notifying successful and unsuccessful bidders of an awarded contract within a reasonable time frame and to include these policies in the local agency's request for proposals or bid solicitations. By placing new requirements on a local agency, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 197 (Jim Beall)-Department of Transportation: Retention Proceeds—SUPPORT**

Existing law prohibits the Department of Transportation, until January 1, 2020, from withholding retention proceeds when making progress payments for work performed by a contractor. This bill would delete the repeal of this provision, thereby making the prohibition operative indefinitely.

**SB 210 Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program—OPPOSE**

Existing law requires owners/operators of heavy-duty diesel motor vehicles to perform regular inspections of their vehicles for excessive emissions of smoke and are subject to emission control equipment and alternative fuels requirements. This bill would implement a pilot program that develops and demonstrates technologies that show potential for readily bringing heavy-duty vehicles into an inspection and maintenance program, and would require, no later than 2 years after the completion of the pilot program, to develop and implement a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program for non-gasoline heavy-duty on-road motor vehicles, as specified. The bill would create the Truck Emission Check (TEC) Fund, with all the moneys deposited in the fund to be available upon appropriation.

**SB 586 (Jim Beall)-College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships—SUPPORT**

Existing law authorizes community college districts to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership with

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Building Trades and AQC Chairman.

URCA Executive Vice President, Ron Johnston, commented on the building of the stadium by saying, “This magnificent stadium is much different than most of the past Q Award projects. Here, one can look up and plainly see the work of our member contractor, BEST Contracting.” Of note, during the luncheon the question was asked of the guests as to who had attended all 17 Q Award events. Only two hands were raised, one other guest and Johnston.

Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson added, “The Banc of California Stadium is truly one of a kind. It goes to show what is possible when you employ Building Trades labor--top notch construction and quality local jobs in our community.”



Seth Burton-Director of Communication of LAFC and URCA Executive Director Ron Johnston.

Chris Ritter, PCL Construction Operations Manager, included the following remarks. “Teamwork was everything and I have to thank our partner-subcontractors and the Trades. You were the ones out there sweating, making this project come together. The evidence is all around you.” PCL is now a three-time recipient, having claimed the previous Q Award in 2005 for its work on the Home Depot Center (now Dignity Health Sports Park) and in 2017 for NBC Universal’s Harry Potter attraction.

URCA’s member, BEST Contracting provided significant services and craftsmanship throughout the building of the stadium. According to Rich Cowie, Senior Project Manager for BEST, the

services included PVC roofing, TPO Roofing, fluid applied air barrier, elastomeric coating, hot rubberized asphalt, crystalline waterproofing, pedestal pavers, and self-adhered sheet waterproofing.

The stadium, which also features a plaza with shops, a gourmet food hall, and conference space was completed under budget and two years early. Cowie named a number of challenges on this project. “As if an 18 month construction time frame wasn’t enough, combatting out of sequence work with other trades was formidable. Returning to the work site and noticing installs from other trades which were not within the plans forced BEST to work closely with LAFC’s architects with this design and build method of construction.” BEST Contracting was also key in identifying and redesigning issues that could have compromised the roofing warranty. “At times, our engineers were designing on the fly. LAFC’s architects depended on our expertise as we worked together.” On the project, BEST had two full-time project engineers, a project manager, a full-time construction manager, and up to 60 workers.

LAFC VP of Communications Seth Burton said the stadium has brought fans and the community together. “Thank you for all the work you’ve done. I think this is the best soccer stadium in the country, and to do it with the involvement



of the community, which is why the work goals were set so high for local hire, we’re just so proud to have met those goals. I hope to see you all out enjoying a game soon.”

During the program, a lifetime achievement award was presented to

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pathways from high school to community college for career technical education, helping high school pupils achieve college and career readiness. This bill would require community college districts and school districts/charter schools with CCAP’s to consult with workforce development boards to determine the extent to which the pathways are aligned with regional and statewide employment needs. This bill would require the governing board of each district to present and approve or disapprove the proposed agreement at an open public meeting of the board. The bill would extend the operation of the CCAP partnership provisions for 5 years.



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- The meeting recapped issues and specifically incorporated/discussed language addressing underground pipe issues
- This is the 7th working group meeting, and there have been over 20 meetings with stakeholders on sites, locations, and in person
- Added FAQ’s to rule, comprehensive
- A survey requires an on-site inspection
- Rule reflects out dated written notification requirements-clarified that notification is now all electronic, w/the ability to call in the event (no app yet)
- Time required for notification during emergencies and the resulting tasks-current rules require notification & approval from AQMD before proceeding
- Draft rule includes, “notify and go” procedure when there is an imminent threat to public health and safety
- Addresses disruption of utilities
- Stakeholders raised many concerns regarding routine and emergency work on underground asbestos containing pipe
- Was clarified that existing language requires advanced notification and approval whenever there is damaged or disturbed ACM
- Allows owner/operator to begin

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notification periods when presuming the presence of ACM instead of waiting for excavation of ACM

The next steps were planned for the Rule Schedule as follows:

- Public Workshop - September 5, 2019
- Stationary Source Committee - September 20, 2019
- Set Hearing - October 4, 2019
- Public Hearing - November 1, 2019

For a clarification of the information in this article, feel free to contact Eddie Marquez, J.D., Vice President Union Roofing Contractors Assn., at 949-278-7223.



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Pam Ackrich, Alliance for Quality Construction Chair Emeritus, for her dedication and leadership while serving the Building Industry Association of Southern California in her previous role as Labor Relations Director. Ms. Ackrich and URCA's Ron Johnston are AQC's founding members.

"Projects like this one do not come along every day and the level of partnership between the owner, contractor, organized labor, the City of Los Angeles and the Community helped make this venue a go to spot for all Angelinos," said Ron Miller the Executive Secretary of the LA/OC Building Trades and AQC Chairman.

Ron Johnston concluded by saying, "When you look around at the Banc of California Stadium, you see nothing but quality craftsmanship. This is the kind of building that will endure for decades."



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