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Meeting Summary

****NOTE:** *The following is a summary of the committee's discussion.*

To review the meeting in its entirety, the archived video of the meeting is available on the committee's Web site at the following link <http://www.bcd.oregon.gov/committees/11orsc.html>

Members Present: Johnathan Balkema, Oregon Home Builders Association
Mike Goodrich, Legend Homes Corporation
Gary Lampella, City of Redmond

Members Absent: Tracy Hankin, Hankins Construction
Ravi Mahajan, Clackamas County
Eric McMullen, Oregon State Fire Marshal
Alan Seymour, Oregon Department of Energy

Guests Present: Jim Bowman, AWC
Jim Bela, Oregon Earthquake Awareness
Don Miner, Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA)
Tom Venzon, Josephine County
Robert Rice, Josephine County Building Official
Lana Butterfield, Pacific Propane Gas Association (PPGA)

Staff Present: Chris Huntington, Policy and Technical Services Manager
Mike Ewert, Residential Code Specialist
Richard Rogers, Structural Chief
Dana Fischer, Building Code Para-Technical

Introductions

Gary Lampella, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Jim Hanson, policy analyst for the Building Codes Division (BCD) explained that although there is not a quorum today, the committee members will still make recommendations to the board. He further explained that a notation will be made on the matrix that the recommendations made today, were made without a quorum.

Mike Ewert explained to the committee what code issues will be discussed today which will finish the review of the 2011 Oregon Residential Specialty Code.

Chapter 6 Wall Construction

Code Change Proposal [ORSC11-16](#)

Robert Rice, Josephine County Building Official explained his proposal to the committee. He stated that the proposal adds a sentence to the end of Section R602.9and braced as required for lateral loads per section R602.10.2. The committee discussed the proposal with Mr. Rice and written suggestions provide by committee member Ravi Mahajan.

The committee recommended approving code change proposal ORSC11-16 and forwarding it to the board for review, with the additional modification of changing the last number in Section R106.10.9 at the end of the last sentence.

Code Change Proposal [BCD-18](#)

Richard Rogers, Structural Chief explained the proposal to the committee, stating that the table has been changed in two places to help it be compatible with the State of Oregon.

The committee recommended approving code change proposal BCD-18 as written and forwarding it to the board for review. Mr. Rice recommended adopting model code to the fullest extent possible and explained his reasons why.

Code Change Proposal [ORSC11-53](#)

Johnathan Balkema explained the proposal to the committee. The committee discussed the proposed Table, R602.10, and agreed to approve the proposal with the modification of adding a foot note.

The committee recommended approving as modified code change proposal ORSC11-53 and forwarding it to the board for review.

Code Change Proposal [ORSC11-03](#)

The committee discussed the proposal. The committee agreed the proposal should be disapproved.

The committee recommended disapproving code change proposal ORSC11-03 and forwarding it to the board for review.

The committee began their regular review of Chapter 6 Wall Construction.

Table R602.3.1

The committee discussed the changes to the Table. The committee agreed to keep the Oregon Amendments and agreed with the model code changes.

The committee recommended approving the Oregon Amendments and moving them forward to the board for review.

Section R602.9 Cripple Walls

The committee discussed the Oregon Amendment which was added as the last sentence in the section. The committee agreed that the Oregon Amendment is not needed.

The committee recommended deleting the Oregon Amendment and moved the issue forward to the board for their review.

Section R602.10 Wall bracing

The committee discussed the section at length. They expressed concerns about keeping the existing Oregon Amendments since Chapter 6 in the new model code has been completely rewritten. They agreed the best thing to do at this point is to stay with model code language and delete existing Oregon amendments to Section R602.

The committee recommended keeping model code as written, moving their suggestion forward to the board for review.

Section R602.10.6

Mike Goodrich expressed concern with the current use of the words “can not” in the second paragraph, and how it could be misinterpreted by an inspector. He suggested changing the words “can not” to “is not”. The committee discussed the language.

The committee recommended changing “can not” to “is not” and forwarding the suggestion to the board for review.

The committee recommended moving Chapter 6 forward to the board. Their recommendation includes keeping model code except where the committee agreed to modify the language.

Chapter 24 Fuel Gas

Code Change Proposal [ORSC11-30](#)

Mr. Balkema explained the proposal to the committee. As requested at the last meeting, he provided modified code language. Lana Butterfield representing Pacific Propane Gas Association (PPGA) spoke to the committee referring to [PPGA’s letter](#) submitted today. She expressed that PPGA *is not* in support of code change proposal ORSC11-30. The committee was handed a [letter](#) from Don Denton representing Vent-Free Products Alliance Section, also in opposition to ORSC11-30. Don Miner testified in opposition to ORSC11-30.

The committee recommended approving modified code change proposal ORSC11-30 and moving it forward to the board for review.

Chapter 1 Administration

Section R105.2 Work exempt from permit

At the August 25, 2010 committee meeting, Mr. Balkema was asked to write some language to incorporate Interpretive Ruling 93-19 into the list of exemptions, specifically exception number R105.2(18). Mr. Balkema explained the [handout](#) showing the rewritten language.

The committee recommended approving the rewritten language as submitted by Mr. Balkema for Section R105.2(18) Work exempt from permit, and moving it forward to the board for review.

Fiscal Impact Questions

Chris Huntington, Manager Policy and Technical Services explained the questions to the committee. He explained that as a rulemaking committee this committee is required to consider the questions.

1. **Is the state or any unit of local government likely to be economically affected by the rule change? If yes, how and to what extent?** *The committee does not feel there are many significant fiscal impacts, except for training associated with Chapter 6.*
2. **Who else is likely to be economically affected by the rule change? How will they be affected?** *Designers, homeowners, suppliers, training programs.*
3. **Assuming there is a fiscal impact, estimate the number of small businesses and the types of businesses and industries affected by the proposed rules.** *Contractors, Subcontractors, suppliers, homeowners.*
4. **Assuming that there is a fiscal impact on small businesses, please provide a description and specifically address all of the following:**
 - A. **A description of expected reporting, record keeping, and administrative activities required to comply with the proposed rules.** *Designers will be affected by the changes in Chapter 6 and 11.*
 - B. **An estimate of the cost of professional services required to comply with the proposed rules.**
 - C. **An identification of the equipment, supplies, and labor and increased administration required to comply with the proposed rules.** *Glazing, fire sprinklers, changes to Oregon Amendments.*

Manager Huntington thanked the committee for their time and expertise in building a better code. Mr. Ewert thanked the committee for their time and working through the complications with the new model code.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.