

62ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BUSINESS MEETING

The County Building Official:
Meeting Today's Challenges, Building Tomorrow's Solutions



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Welcome from Dennis Howe, CBOAC President

On behalf of the County Building Officials Association of California (CBOAC), I would like to invite you to join us for the 62nd Annual Business Meeting in San Diego. We are thrilled to gather once again to connect, collaborate, and continue building the future of safe, resilient communities throughout California.

This year's meeting brings together County Building Officials, industry partners, and agency leaders from across the state for meaningful discussion, training on our ever-evolving challenges as a County Building Official—from code updates and housing pressures to climate resilience and emerging technologies. Our shared commitment to public safety and best practices remains our strongest foundation.

Throughout the week, you will have the opportunity to engage with experts on the latest code changes, participate in hands-on sessions, and join open forums designed to exchange ideas and insights with fellow professionals. We are especially excited to feature a range of speakers representing local and state agencies, along with updates from our valued partners across related disciplines.

San Diego being my hometown offers the perfect setting to renew our energy, strengthen industry relationships and reflect on our accomplishments, lessons learned and recharge. With our known year-round mild weather, beaches, outdoor lifestyle and mix of urban attractions and natural beauty there is something here for everyone. I encourage you to take in the sights, top attractions, beaches & coastal areas, family friendly activities, food and outdoor experiences while you are here.

Thank you for being part of CBOAC's legacy and future. Your participation strengthens not only our association, but also the important work we all do in our counties and communities.

We look forward to a productive and inspiring week together.

Thank you,

Dennis Howe, PE, Chief of Building, Building Official

On behalf of our CBOAC team. We all welcome you to our conference!

Program Schedule- “The County Building Official”: Meeting Today's Challenges, Building Tomorrow's Solutions

SUNDAY November 1, 2026

5:30pm - 8:30pm Board of Director's Meeting & Dinner at hotel – (Closed Session)

MONDAY November 2, 2026- Full Program Opens

7:00am - 8:00am **Breakfast | Event Registration**

8:00am - 9:00am **President's Welcome and Open Conference
2026 Annual Business Meeting**

- Convene 2026 Annual Business Meeting 62nd Anniversary
- Opening remarks from local building officials and conference overview

9:00am – 9:15am **Morning Break**

9:15am - 12:00pm **AB 2533 - Unpermitted ADU/JADU (sub-standard)**

This course provides county building officials with a comprehensive understanding of AB 2533 and its impact on addressing unpermitted Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior ADUs (JADUs) that may not fully comply with current building standards. Participants will explore how to balance life safety, code compliance, and housing policy objectives, while implementing practical enforcement and compliance pathways for substandard units.

12:00pm - 1:30pm **Lunch**

1:30pm - 4:30pm **State Housing Laws vs. Local Building Authority**

This course examines the evolving relationship between California State Housing Laws and the authority of local county building departments, with a focus on how building officials can effectively navigate increasing state mandates while maintaining their core responsibility for life safety and code enforcement. Participants will gain practical tools to interpret legislation, respond to policy conflicts, and implement compliant, defensible local practices covering four major topics.

1. Defining the Limits of the Building Officials Authority
2. Managing Conflicts Between State Mandates and Local Requirements
3. Interdepartmental Coordination in a County Environment
4. Risk Management, Documentation, and Defensible Decisions

3:30pm - 3:45pm **Afternoon Break**

6:30pm - 9:00pm **Meet and Greet Mixer- Casual Attire**

TUESDAY November 3, 2026

7:00am - 8:00am **Breakfast | Registration**

8:00am – 9:30am **Keynote Address & Annual Business Meeting**

Leadership keynote, CBOAC committee updates, briefings from ICC, CALBO, and CSAC on legislative advocacy and code development

9:30am – 9:45am **Morning Break**

9:45am - 12:00pm **State Agency Panel**

Please join our invited colleagues from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), Division of the State Architect (DSA), Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), and the Building Standards Commission (BSC) for a timely discussion of the regulatory efforts of each agency.

12:00pm - 1:30pm **Lunch**

1:30pm - 4:30pm **AI - Where are we now? Reviewing the Options and Understanding the Basics**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly entering the building safety space—impacting plan review, permitting workflows, inspections, and customer service. This course provides building officials with a clear, practical understanding of where AI stands today, what tools are available, and how to responsibly evaluate and implement AI within a public agency. The focus is on real-world applications, risk management, and leadership decision-making, not technical coding.

3:30pm - 3:45pm **Afternoon Break**

6:30pm - 10:00pm **Industry Mixer- at “TBD”**

Join the board and dress up in your casino attire!

- Balboa Park Architecture Tour / Dinner
- Liberty Station – Adaptive Reuse Project
- Presidio Park & Junipero Serra Museum



WEDNESDAY November 4, 2026

7:00am - 8:00am	Breakfast Registration
8:00am - 9:00am	Annual Business Meeting Conclusion Nominations Committee report, final committee updates, and closing business matters
9:00am – 9:15am	Morning Break
9:15am - 12:00pm	Getting our Story Out - How County Building Officials can be Proactive using Data and Experience County Building Officials play a critical role in protecting life safety and supporting community development—yet the value of this work is often understood only when something goes wrong. This course equips building officials with tools to proactively communicate their impact, using data, real-world experience, and clear messaging to inform elected officials, stakeholders, and the public. Participants will learn how to shift from reactive responses to strategic storytelling, strengthening trust, credibility, and influence.
12:00pm - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm - 4:30pm	County Building Official Responsibilities – Understanding the Core Mission County Building Officials operate in a uniquely complex environment, enforcing building codes and protecting life safety across large, diverse unincorporated areas. This course focuses on the operational realities of county building departments, including service delivery across wide geographic regions, resource allocation, and coordination with multiple agencies. Participants will gain practical insight into managing dispersed communities, maintaining consistent enforcement, and navigating governance structures while balancing service levels and regulatory responsibilities.
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Afternoon Break
6:00pm - 10:00pm	Social hour followed by Presidents Dinner & Installation of Officers TBD

THURSDAY November 6, 2025

8:30am -10:00 Board Breakfast Meeting – (Closed Session)

*THANK YOU for attending our
conference!
WE appreciate YOU!*