

Meeting Minutes
For the May 06, 2008 Meeting
Of the
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials
Cattleman's Steakhouse
5012 Petaluma Blvd. No.
Petaluma-Noon-1:30PM

1. Call to Order

President Dewayne Starnes (County Of Sonoma) called the meeting to order at 12:05 at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Starnes welcomed the members: the 25 attending members made self introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

President Starnes requested comments and or approval of the April 01, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion made and seconded to approve, approved by voice vote.

4. Officers and Committee Reports

- a. **Treasurer** – Cliff Kendall
Business Interest Checking \$15,766.03
Investment CD \$12,524.80
Total Balances \$ 28,290.83
- b. **Secretary** - Glenn Schainblatt - No report
- c. **Vice President** - Steve Pantazes – See common Code Committee
- d. **President** - DeWayne Starnes provided a report on the recent CBOAC Annual Business Meeting. He noted that the attendance was down this year.

CBOAC Report:

IAPMO

Green P&M Code Committee to go thru codes and determine exactly how green movement can be implemented.

Proposal to remove PEX restriction in CA

CALBO

CBSB moving forward on Green Bldg Stds. Effective 2009
HCD/IRC - CALBO to come up with a position and wants input from AHJ's as to whether IRC should be adopted with PME & Building or just Building.

Bills to Watch

SB 1608

Req. For all commercial as of July 1, 2009, each AHJ must have one certified access specialist, may help insulate against lawsuits. Cost of certification: \$1500 plus \$500 annually. Now thru DSA, push by ICC/CALBO to develop certification based on CA stds. Allegedly allows complainant to haul BO to Sacramento to explain whys and wherefores of particular situations. (Needs verification)

SB 1312

Interior designers grandfathered in to architects board and allowed to work on life safety issues. ID's claim new code prohibits them from doing work previously allowed in 2001 code (which is not the case since 2001 CBC requires registered design professionals)

2009 CALBO ABM in Monterey Feb 2-6

2008 Ed Week Modesto, May 27-30

San Ramon Oct. 20-24

HCD

Look out for manufactured homes installed on property, constructed in field, not in plant. HCD will not tag or provide inspection, it will be left up to the individual jurisdictions. HCD will provide training for inspection.

IRC decision expected in August

- e. Audit Committee** – No report
- f. Education Committee**- Clif Castle has volunteered for the committee.
- g. Common Code Committee**- The committee has issued 3 interpretation policy papers. These are:
 1. Exterior Deck Framing: Weather Protection.
 2. Single Family Residence/Garage Occupancy Separation and Penetration Protection
 3. Code Analysis for continuous Inspection requirements for projects within Seismic Design Category D,E, and F.

These will be available on the REACO website in their final format in the near future.

The committee is working on a Standard Plan for Residential Photovoltaic System permit applications. See attached.

The SFM draft proposal may be viewed at:

http://www.californiasolarcenter.org/pdfs/utility/fire/DRAFT-FIRE-PV_GUIDELINES_w.DIAGRAMS%202-11-08.pdf

5. Correspondence and Announcements

Next SCFPO meeting is May 21, 2008 at the Healdsburg Fire Department. A tour of the "Fire Safe" garden located at the CDF offices in Healdsburg is planned for after lunch.

The next REACO meeting is to be held at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Boulevard on June 18, 2008. This is the joint meeting with Marin and Sonoma County's Fire Prevention Officers. It is planned from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

6. Legislative News

Steve Jensen and Doug Williams discussed their visit to Washington D.C. as part of ICC support for the Community Grant Act, legislation currently being reviewed by Congress. Steve visited California Senators Feinstein and Boxer offices in support of the bill. He circulated a copy of the proposed legislation. It can be viewed at the ICC website.

7. Code Issues

Does your jurisdiction require horizontal or vertical separation of underground pipes/conduits? Yes If so, what is your requirement? Plumbing piping per the 2007CPC. What do you base that policy on? No one has a written policy. Some jurisdictions use the PG&E utility trench guidelines with 12" separation.

Does your jurisdiction issue an Annual Permit as allowed by Appendix Chapter 1 Sec. 105.1.1? Only Petaluma and the City of San Francisco has an annual permit for production facilities based on an hourly fee.

Does your jurisdiction allow the installation of gas station recovery tanks at the property line? Clif identified the code section for Vapor Recovery Systems is 2206.7.9 of the 2007 CFC. The tank would need to meet setbacks described in the Fire Code. Also, if you go to the California Air Resource Board's website they have multiple executive orders relating to vapor recovery systems. The most interesting was that there are only four vapor recovery systems currently manufactured that they will accept.

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/vapor/vapor.htm>

8. Education

Scott Ward (Healdsburg) is hosting Post-Disaster Safety Assessment Training on May 22, 2008.

The IAPMO CMC seminar scheduled for May 22 was cancelled and consolidated to the May 21 at NCBE in Santa Rosa because of poor attendance.

9. Old Business

The Sonoma County Roofing Guidelines are being updated and should be available for members review before the next meeting.

10. Presentation

Wendy Allen provided a presentation on **Simpson Strong-Tie Anchoring and Fastening Systems**.

11. New Business

Pete Posner of Solar Sonoma County presented a review of the groups goals and requested all jurisdictions respond to their request for PV system installation information request. This is one of only 25 grants approved nationwide. See the attached staff report from City of Santa Rosa about the Department of Energy Grant.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned in memory of Merl Mauroni at 1:50 pm.

Published in the Marin Independent Journal on 4/27/2008.

Merl Dean Mauroni Sonoma resident Merl Mauroni, a retired building inspector and contractor who once served as chief building inspector for the cities of Novato and Sausalito, died on April 16th, 2008 following several years of declining health. He was 80. Well known in the building trades, he enjoyed all aspects of the industry and was equally comfortable swinging a hammer, calculating theoretical formulas, or enforcing administrative codes. What set Merl apart from the crowd was his desire to be helpful. When he found violations on job sites, instead of red-tagging the project and walking away, he advised contractors on how to fix their mistakes. As a building inspector for the newly completed Marin County Civic Center, he was one of the few critics of Frank Lloyd Wright's celebrated work, pointing out several design flaws. Jovial, warm and approachable, Merl was a mentor to many young people coming up in the profession. He spoke in a gravelly baritone and had a boisterous laugh. Stocky and well built, he bore a slight resemblance to Humphrey Bogart. He loved spicy foods and kept in his Sausalito office a supply of hot salsas and chips, sharing

them with everyone. After his retirement he got two tattoos -- on his right forearm a red chili pepper; on his left, a heart with "Love Is" inscribed underneath. Merl was a member of a social group dubbed the Marin County Freeloaders, a good-old-boy network of builders, developers and a few politicians who frequented Terra Linda establishments including Chalet Basque and the now defunct Danny Boy. He enjoyed a good martini. Ever eager to try something new, he was among the first to buy a microwave oven, with his wife, Adele. Next came a waterbed. Theirs was one of the first backyard swimming pools installed in Novato. In the '60s, the couple held yoga and meditation gatherings in their home. Soulful and a deep thinker, he believed in reincarnation and felt certain he'd been a samurai in a previous life. His friend Harry Graves, a building inspector and fine artist, painted a portrait of Merl titled 'Gingko Samurai.' Done in Japanese block-print style, Merl is shown dressed in a kimono, holding a samurai sword and surrounded by gingko biloba leaves, an herb he downed to enhance his mental vitality. Merl Dean Mauroni was born in Girard, Kansas, on December 27th, 1927, and moved to the Bay Area with his family when he was a teenager. He graduated from Tamalpais High and went to work in the Sausalito shipyards. Toward the end of World War II, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the occupation forces in Hiroshima, Japan. At the end of his service, he returned to Marin and studied drafting at Heald College. He eventually joined his brother's construction business. After being sidelined by a back injury, Merl moved on to building inspection. In 1954 he married Adele Trotsky, whom he met on Stinson Beach. Adele Street in Novato is named after her. Theirs was a happy union. Merl and Adele lived in Novato until 1976. They then moved to North Beach, in San Francisco, and lived there for 24 years, when they made their final move to Sonoma. They enjoyed walking and, on several occasions during their days in San Francisco, hiked across the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito and ferried back to the city. Merl was a past president of the Redwood Chapter of the International Conference of Building Officials and a founding member of the Marin Codes Advisory Board. In the '50s and '60s, he belonged to the Novato Druids. A great reader, he was well versed in history and especially enjoyed studying Native American lore. He admired the integrity of the Mongolian yurt. Merl was a big fan of 'The Far Side' comic strip, and with his son, David, roared with laughter at the very thought of cartoonist Gary Larson's take on what dogs hear: "Blah, blah, blah, Ginger. Blah, blah, blah, Ginger." If there was one thing Merl could have changed about the world, he would have eliminated human suffering, friends said. He hoped to be remembered as a man who loved his family and friends. Merl was predeceased by his sons, Alex Mauroni and Stephen Mauroni; and by his brothers, Fred Mauroni and Jim Mauroni. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Adele Mauroni of Sonoma; son, David Mauroni of Novato; grandchildren, Bryan Mauroni and Alexis Mauroni, both of San Mateo; and by his sister, Lucille Ludwa of Wichita, Kansas. Merl also leaves behind his longtime caregiver and friend, Paul Kuruyawa. A Memorial Service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 3rd, at Duggan's Mission Chapel, 525 West Napa Street, Sonoma, followed by a reception at a location to be announced. Memorial contributions may be made to the Council on Aging of Sonoma County, PO Box

6326, Santa Rosa, CA 95406. Private Inurnment. Arrangements under the directions of: Duggan's Mission Chapel Mission Cremation Service 525 West Napa Street Sonoma, CA 95476

Respectfully submitted by Glenn Schainblatt