

**Meeting Minutes October 6, 2009 Meeting
Of the
Redwood Empire Association of Code Officials
Cattleman's, Petaluma Noon to 1:30PM
5012 Petaluma Blvd. No., Petaluma**

1. Call to Order

President Steve Pantazes (Town of Windsor) called the meeting to order at 12:10pm at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse, Petaluma.

2. Self Introductions

President Pantazes welcomed the members. The 20 attending members and guests made self introductions.

3. Approval of Minutes

President Pantazes requested comments and/or approval of the September 1, 2009 meeting minutes as posted on the REACO Web Site. Motion made to approve amended minutes, seconded and approved by voice vote.

4. Program

Michael Whittaker discussed the Countywide Retrofit Initiative. Santa Rosa is currently voluntary. Michael reviewed the historic track that Countywide Retrofit Program has taken and encouraged building departments to get on board and begin training their inspectors. Lee Braun, Steve Pantazes and DeWayne Starnes gave insights to what they see in the future, what their jurisdictions are doing and what incentives are available for this work.

5. Old Business

NONE

6. Officers and Committee Reports

Treasurer Report- Clif Castle substituted for Dave Lopez. Currently \$9,110.49-checking and \$12,796.74-Certified Deposit.

President Report- Steve Pantazes attended the West Coast Green Conference. Discussion items were permit costs, education and consistency of inspections. On Nov 10, at the North Coast Builder's Exchange, there will be a training class sponsored by **Solar Sonoma County.**

7. New Business

None

8. Correspondence and Announcements

None

9. Legislative News

NONE

10. Code Issues

Tom Lehman(Rohnert Park) noted to the group that “line side taps” were not allowed per the equipment’s listing. Tom presented information from IAEI News that further explained the issue. Tom also presented a photo that showed a line side tap. Tom also presented an article on Photo Voltaic Grounding. Tom explained that when panels are removed from existing arrays, this sometime breaks the bonding jumper. Also, as systems age and are not maintained, the grounding system is impacted. Kevin Berger asked what jurisdictions were doing concerning R-3 occupancies. The CBC calls out 6 occupants and the Health Code calls out 12. Discussion followed.

11. Education

None

12. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm

13. Next Meeting

November 3, 2009, Cattlemen’s Steakhouse, Petaluma.

Respectfully Submitted, Clif Castle