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California Industrial Hygiene Council

Overview and Update

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CIHC Profile

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- Founded in 1990 to establish a legislative presence in Sacramento
- Volunteer organization supported by the 5 California AIHA* local sections
 - Northern California
 - Orange County
 - Sacramento Valley
 - San Diego
 - Southern California

*Pacific Region





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CIHC Mission

Keep profession intact by opposing further erosion or limitation of practice by legislation or regulation. Seeks recognition in statute defining, recognizing, and protecting the profession of industrial hygiene

Provide sound scientific and technological input to the regulatory and legislative processes and establish a legislative presence in the state Capitol

Sponsor legislation on various topics



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What we do

The activities of CIHC include the following:

- Review, comment and participate in applicable California legislative and regulatory actions, providing scientific and technological expertise.
- Support activities for promoting and supporting IH/OEHS practice in California.
- Promote professional development through annual conferences, active involvement in emerging issues, training, and communications with stakeholders.
- Hold regular Board meetings each year (in 2025, 1 in-person, 6 virtual); minutes are posted on the CIHC website.



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2025 Activities Communication

- CIHC Board meetings minutes – *posted online*
- Legislative (Bill) Report – *posted online*
- Email blasts – *news items, items of general interest, PDS 2025*
- Communication Updates – *posted online*
- Feedback on ways we can better communicate with our membership

Publicized through peer to peer communication.



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2025 Activities Legislative

Assisted by our consultant, KWA Safety, for regulatory and legislative activity – Pamela Murcell will provide details

Screened several hundred new bills of interest in the 2025 legislative session (year 1 of the two-year session)

Using CapitolTracks bill-tracking software to facilitate screening and bill status

- Renewed our “keyword search” to add additional screening words
- Screened 698 initial bills for relevance to CIHC
- Initial bill report (March 2025) tracked 100 bills of interest; pared down to 49 as the session progressed
- Final bill report 11/2/25

CIHC can always use your technical expertise!



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2025 Activities Legislative

Provided a Letter of Support if Amended for Senate Bill 20

- Aligning definitions and exemptions with Title 8 CCR §5204 (ex. “high-exposure trigger tasks”)
- Defining tasks involving artificial stone by percent silica (0.1% by weight)
- Clarification of language regarding violations for artificial stone suppliers as it pertains to violations/fines

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2025 Activities Regulatory

- Occupational Safety & Health Standards Board (monthly meetings)
- Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee (meeting in May 2025)
- Provided formal comments on:
 - Indoor and Outdoor Heat Illness Prevention Revised Regulations Discussion Drafts
 - Protection from Wildfire Smoke Revised Regulations Discussion Draft
 - Workplace Violence Prevention Proposed Regulation Draft
 - Protection from Surgical Plume Proposed Regulation Discussion Draft

Progress is reported during CIHC Board meetings.



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2025 Activities Regulatory

- Cal/OSHA Advisory Committee on Workplace Violence (upcoming in November)
- Many subject-specific advisory committees still listed as “TBD” meetings.
- Provided input and comments into Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board Subcommittee on the Impact of Federal Budget Cuts on California Workers and Employers
 - Also provided input on alternative funding sources to keep critical California programs running

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2026 CIHC Petition

- Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board Petition Process
- Amend Title 8 §5155(e), Workplace Monitoring; specifically, § 5155(e)(3) to the following:
 - “For the adequate protection of employees, the person supervising, directing or evaluating the monitoring and control methods shall be versed in this standard and shall be competent in industrial hygiene. A Certified Industrial Hygienist as codified in California’s Business and Professions Code sections 20700-20705 is considered competent in industrial hygiene practice.”



2026 Communication Updates

Ideas for Improved Communication:

- End of Year Financial Report
 - Financial Positions
 - Statement of Activities
 - Functional Expenses
- Recorded Webinar on Purpose of CIHC
- Annual or Biannual Townhall meeting
- Membership survey on CIHC's services
- Other Ideas?

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CIHC Board Members

<https://cihconline.com/about-cihc/board-members>

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Northern CA

Laurel Davis (Vice President)
Patty Beach
Diana Peroni (Alternate)

Southern CA

Michelle Rosales
Christine Constantino
Vacant (Alternate)

Orange County

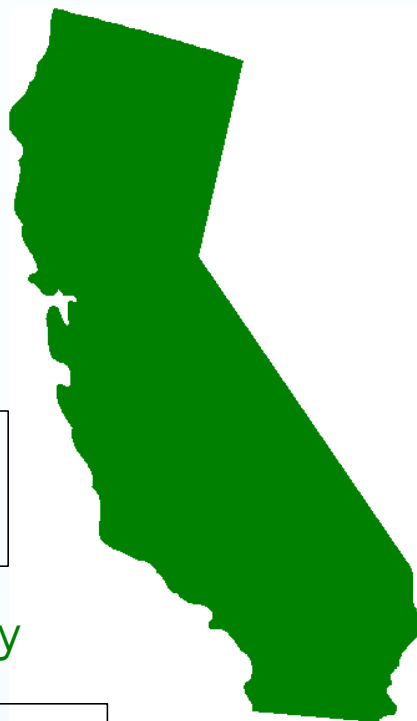
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Simone Sumeshwar
Vacant (Alternate)

San Diego

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Vacant (Alternate)



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**Thank you and enjoy the
seminar!**