

(1) Faulty Grade Level. A faulty grade level exists when the top of any foundation is even with or below the adjacent earth surface. The existing earth surface level shall be considered grade.

(2) Inaccessible subareas or portions thereof and areas where there is less than 12 inches clear space between the bottom of the floor joists and the unimproved ground area.

(3) Excessive Cellulose Debris. This is defined as any cellulose debris of a size that can be raked or larger. Stumps and wood imbedded in footings in earth contact shall be reported.

(4) Earth-wood contacts.

(5) Commonly controllable moisture conditions which would foster the growth of a fungus infection materially damaging to woodwork.

(c) When an infestation of carpenter ants or carpenter bees is found in a structure, control measures may be applied by a registered companies holding a Branch 2 or Branch 3 company registration certificate. If a Branch 3 licensee discovers an infestation or evidence of carpenter ant or carpenter bee infestation while performing an inspection pursuant to section 8516 of the code, he or she shall report his or her findings and make recommendations for controlling the infestation.

(d) Even though the licensee may consider the following areas inaccessible for purposes of inspection, the licensee must state specifically which of these areas or any other areas were not inspected and why the inspection of these areas is not practical: furnished interiors; inaccessible attics or portions thereof; the interior of hollow walls; spaces between a floor or porch deck and the ceiling or soffit below; stall showers over finished ceilings; such structural segments as porte cocheres, enclosed bay windows, buttresses, and similar areas to which there is no access without defacing or tearing out lumber, masonry or finished work; built-in cabinet work; floors beneath coverings, areas where storage conditions or locks make inspection impracticable.

(e) Information regarding all accessible areas of the structure including but not limited to the substructure, foundation walls and footings, porches, decks, patios and steps, stairways, air vents, abutments, stucco walls, columns, attached structures or other parts of a structure normally subject to attack by wood-destroying pests or organisms.

(f) The following language shall appear just prior to the first finding/recommendation on each separated report:

“This is a separated report which is defined as Section I/Section II conditions evident on the date of the inspection. Section I contains items where there is visible evidence of active infestation, infection or conditions that have resulted in or from infestation of infection. Section II items are conditions deemed likely to lead to infestation or infection but where no visible evidence of such was found. Further inspection items are defined as recommendations to inspect area(s) which during the original inspection did not allow the inspector access to complete the inspection and cannot be defined as Section I or Section II.”

~~(g) Information must be reported regarding any wooden deck, wooden stairs or wooden landing in exterior exposure attached to or touching the structure being inspected.~~

Mr. Chan-You advised the Board to continue carrying out its mandate of consumer protection and that legal counsel would continue to monitor matters that the Board may be considering that could implicate anti-trust issues.

UPDATE ON PROPOSED FEDERAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REGULATIONS

Darren Van Steenwyk, Chairman, Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB) Continuing Education (CE) Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Review Committee, updated the Board on the status of the proposed Federal CE regulations.

Mr. Van Steenwyk stated that the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) submitted comments seeking clarification on the proposed CE categories, what a certified or non-certified applicator is, and the possible category or categories for structural fumigation.

Mr. Van Steenwyk advised the Board to delay moving forward with the recommendations of the CE IPM Review Committee until it is clear what is going to happen with the proposed Federal CE regulations.

Ms. Byerly stated that Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) submitted comment on the proposed Federal regulations and expressed concern that the requirement for a licensee to complete half their CE requirement in an 18 month period would be difficult to track. A calendar year CE completion requirement was suggested as an alternative.

BOARD CALENDAR

The following 4 Board Meetings were scheduled for April 6 & 7, 2016 in Sacramento, July 13 & 14, 2016 in Ontario, October 12 & 13, 2016 in Sacramento and January 11 & 12, 2017 in San Diego.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

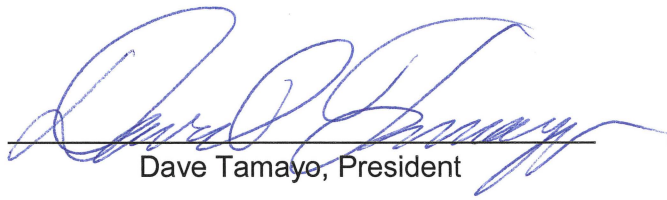
The following items were identified as future agenda items.

An update on the proposed Federal CE requirements.

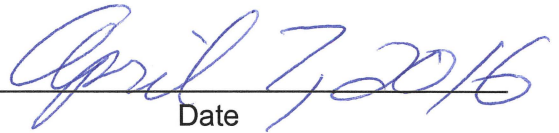
A discussion on study guides and the reference material used in exam creation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 A.M.



Dave Tamayo, President



Date