# STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

# A BOARD within THE DEPARTMENT of CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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New Logo

#### Purpose of the Structural Pest Control Board

The board was established to ensure that structural pest control businesses and professionals are adequately regulated to protect the people of California and the potential impact upon their health, safety, and welfare

# STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD MEMBERS

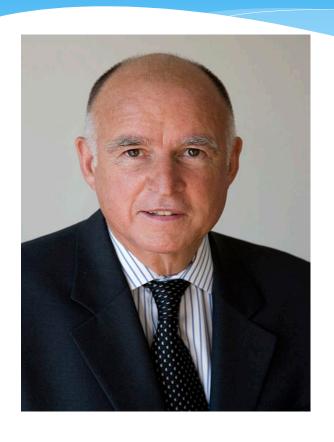
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#### **Structural Pest Control Board**

David Tamayo, President Curtis Good, Vice President

Clifford Utley Ronna Brand Mike Duran Naresh Duggal Marisa Aurora

# **Governor Appointments**



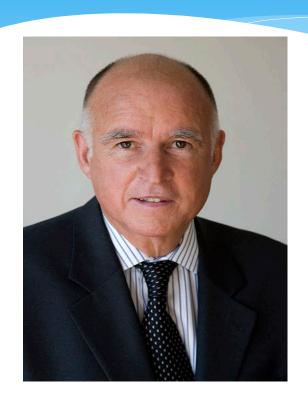
#### 2 Public Members





Terms Expire: 6/2017

# **Governor Appointments**



3 Industry Members



Mike Duran



Clifford Utley Terms Expire: 6/2015



Curtis Good

Term Expires: 6/2017

# Speaker Appointment

#### 1 Public Member





Dave Tamayo

Term Expires: 6/2016

# Senate Rules Committee Appointment



Kevin de León Senate President pro Tempore

#### 1 Public Member



Marisa Quiroz Term Expires: 6/2016

# **SPCB Funding**

# SPCB operates from funding received through:

- Licensing and Registration Fees
- Record Processing Fees

#### Fund Revenues received through:

- Monthly Summary PUR "Stamp" Fees
- Administrative Fines

# **SPCB Funding**

#### SPCB Fund Expenditures:

- Reimbursements for:
  - CAC Investigations
    - Structural Civil Penalty cases
  - CAC Structural Regulatory Training
- Expenses of:
  - Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC)

# Introduction of Management & Enforcement Staff



# **SPCB Management**

#### Registrar/Executive Officer:

Susan Saylor

#### Assistant Registrar/Executive Officer:

Robert Lucas

#### Chief Enforcement Officer:

Kathleen Boyle

#### **SPCB Enforcement Staff**

# Complaints / Consumer Services Unit: (800) 737-8188

#### Consumer Service Representatives:

- Ila Kopp
- Gayle Yamada

#### Consumer Service Technician:

Kevin Lau

#### **SPCB Specialists:**

List To Follow

#### **Consumer Services Unit:**

- Reviews complaints
- Notifies licensee in writing
- Attempts resolution or mediation
- Licensee's response sent to complainant
- If resolved...case closed
- If NOT...Referred to Board Specialist

#### Consumer Services Unit

Consumers contact the SPCB in advance of services to:

- Gain knowledge on what to expect when contracting for pest control services
- Get information on methods of treatment
- Learn of companies' complaint history

#### **Consumer Information**

#### Consumers are encouraged to:

- Resolve disputes w/registered companies
  - May include seeking an inspection from a 2nd registered company
- File a complaint with SPCB

Consumers may be provided information on civil redress

### **SPCB Complaints**

- Anyone can file a complaint
- Most involve real estate
- Upon receiving a complaint SPCB determines:
  - Is it within Board's jurisdiction?
  - Is it within Statute of Limitation?
  - Should it be referred to other agencies?

## **SPCB Complaints**

#### SPCB keeps records of:

- All complaints
- All violations
- for Consumer Protection

#### Consumers can request history of:

- Complaints against a Company
- Complaints against a Licensee

#### Consumers can view complaint history:

Online

#### When Should You Call SPCB?

- To refer a case to the Board
- For detailed license information
- For bonding and insurance info
- To find results of a disciplinary action
- For general information

### Why Cases Referred to Specialist:

- Company never responds to SPCB
- Evidence suggests possible violation
- Consumer Services Rep is unable to mediate a resolution
- At the insistence of a consumer
- At the direction of the Registrar:
  - Typically w/evidence of egregious vio

# Structural Pest Control Board Specialists



- Fred Bartley
- Tom Ineichen
- Ed Ackerman
- Steve Winfrey
- Steven Smith
- Greg Adams
- Donald Graves
- Ron Moss

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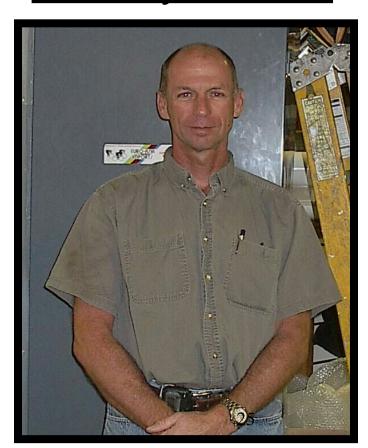
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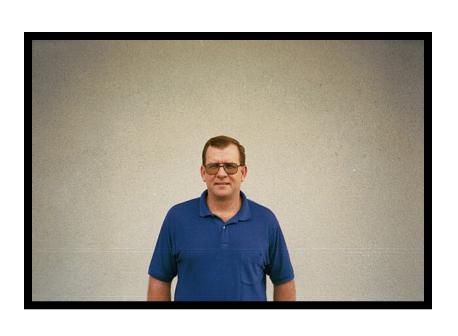
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# **Structural Pest Control Board Specialists Role**



lt's a Dirty Job, but somebody has to do it!

#### Case Investigations:

- Perform Inspections
- Investigate the Aspects of the Case
- Determine violation(s) of laws
- Process cases for recommended actions
   Interview/Investigate:
- Complainants / Licensees / Others
- Home inspectors / Real Estate Agents

# Specialists need to "RACE" to get cases completed w/in Statute of Limitation



1 year from receipt of complaint

#### Case Investigations:

- Issue "Report of Findings" to company
- Order corrected WDO inspection report
- Company must:
  - Bring property into compliance w/in 30 days
  - Comply w/ building codes
  - Workmanship standards
  - File updated "Notice of Work Completed"

#### Case Investigations:

- Case closed if:
   Repairs completed; complainant satisfied
- Reinspections conducted to:
   Determine compliance w/"Report of Findings"
- Investigation Report:
   Prepared for SPCB's determination;

   Specialist can recommend ENF action

#### Other Duties:

- Audit Continuing Education Course
- Serve on Board appointed committees
- Conduct Office/Compliance Inspections
- Expert Witnesses/Industry Standards
- Undercover/Sting operations
- Subject Matter Experts

# Inspection Findings...

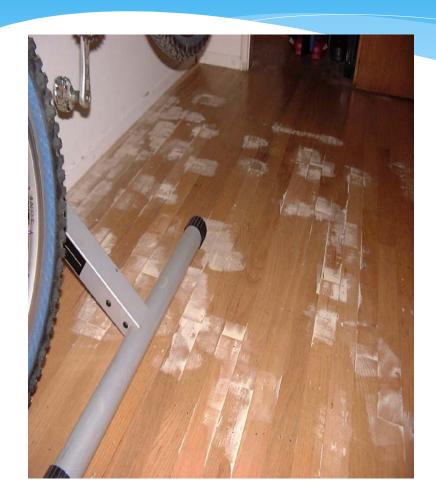


- Unannounced
   Office /
   Compliance
   Inspections
  - Chemicals accessible to unauthorized persons



#### Storage boxes:

- Unlocked/unattended
  - Variety of chemicals, aerosols, and baits



## Workmanship Standards:

Evidence of Poor Workmanship



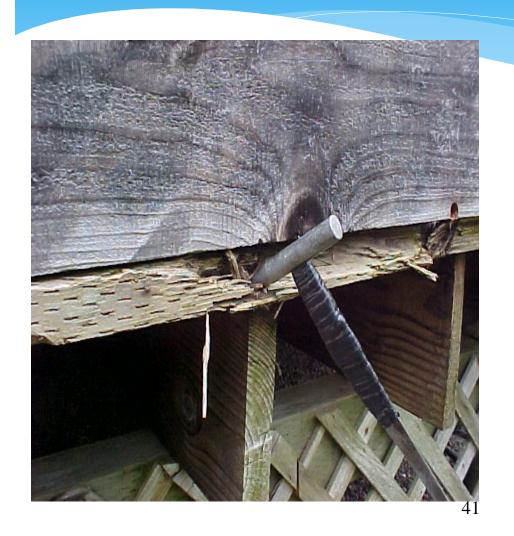
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- Under bathroom shower; Surrounding areas
- Improper repairs
- Not all damaged wood was removed

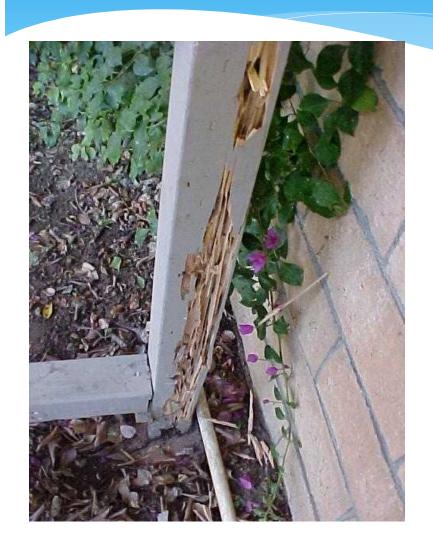


#### Inaccessible areas:

- Rubble & earth filled-porch
- Condition likely to lead to infestations and infections



Fungus damage to to pressure-treated deck framing



Evidence of drywood

termite damage

to patio support post



Poria Incrassata

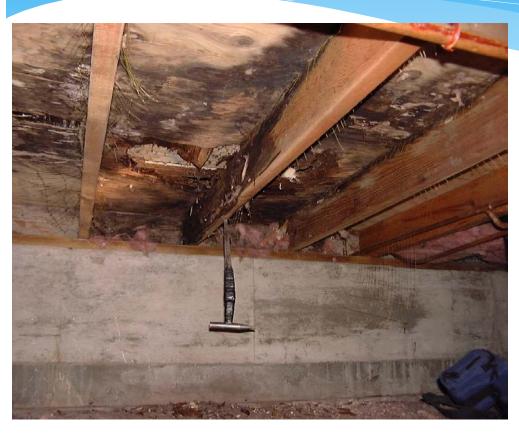
#### **Ensure Proper Recommendations:**

- Destroy rhizomorphs
   Correct faulty grades
- Use pressure treated wood
   Remove infected wood
- Break earth to wood contacts



Nice Bathroom

Top View



Nice Bathroom?

**Underside View** 

# SPCB Other Types of Investigations

- Probation inspections:
- Referrals from CAC
- Fraud, deaths or serious injuries
- Unlicensed Activity
- By SPCB's "own motion"

# SPCB Levels of Enforcement

- Warning Letter
- Citations; with/without fine
- Disciplinary/Licensing Action
- Referral for Criminal Prosecution

