

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
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HOMEBUILDER MEMBER ELECTED VICE-CHAIR OF RCAC

At the first meeting of 2014 the RCAC elected its new Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming year. The Committee voted in David Hocevar, a building official member, as Chairman, while Ric Johnson, one of the homebuilder members of the Committee, will serve as the Committee's Vice-Chair.

RCAC TO REVIEW APPLICABILITY OF ENERGY TESTING ON REMODELING

The Committee received a letter requesting a formal interpretation or change, if necessary, from OHBA to respond to concerns surrounding the applicability of Ch. 11 Energy Efficiency testing requirements to remodeling. The RCAC appeared anxious to discuss, and clear up practical impacts of such requirements. The Committee and Staff asked to be given until the next meeting to thoroughly review the questions posed in the request. During some brief discussion on concerns raised at today's meeting, the RCAC and Staff made very clear the date the permit was submitted to the approving jurisdiction locks in the code and all its provisions that apply to the project. For example, if plans were submitted for approval on December 31, 2013, the blower door testing requirements (OHBA Alternative Path) which became effective January 1, 2014 would not apply to this particular project. If anyone is experiencing contradictory enforcement, Regina Hanshaw instructed people to call her because it is only to apply to those projects with plans submitted after January 1, 2014. Going forward, the RCAC will be reviewing the remodeling issues and working toward a solution as soon as possible.