

LACN LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative and Regulatory E-mailed news and information
from the Lumber Association of California & Nevada

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This E-mailed report is a service of your Lumber Association of California & Nevada with current information on legislative and regulatory matters. In most instances there will be additional information attached with this report. If there are others in your firm who should receive this report, please contact kend@lumberassociation.org.

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LACN Government Affairs Day set for March 11-12

LACN invites all Lumber Association of California & Nevada members for the 2008 Government Affairs Day on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 11-12, in Sacramento. This is a critical year for business in general and certainly a year of concern for the lumber and building materials industry. With the state's budget deficit, tax increases and increased fees are going to be on the table at the capitol this year. LACN is deeply involved in assuring that "green" legislation passed by the state is fair, equitable and includes a number of green building rating systems.

A registration form is attached above. Please return it for our planning purposes. There is a \$40 charge to LACN members for any or all of the events – the briefing and reception on March 1, and breakfast on March 12.

LACN has also expanded its government affairs activities to interact more with regulatory agencies and the administration. Member participation will strengthen LACN's lobbying efforts and help LCN pass beneficial legislation and defeat bad bills. LACN encourages member firm to bring more than one person for the events this year.

The Government Affairs Day begins at 4:00 PM, March 11, with a briefing from LACN's lobbyists and government affairs consulting firm, California Advocates. The lobbyists will discuss newly introduced legislation, holdover bills, regulatory agency activities and political issues in general.

Immediately following the briefing, LACN and the California Forestry Association will hold the annual joint legislative reception at the Sutter Club (also where the briefing will be held). California state legislators, agency personnel, key staff and other elected officials are invited to meet informally with industry representatives from the two organizations.

The next morning, March 12, LACN will host a drop-in buffet breakfast at a restaurant near the capitol, again inviting state legislators and key aides to stop by for a quick breakfast before the day's legislative activities begin. The breakfast will be from 7:30 AM to 9:00.

For LACN members interested, following the breakfast, to stop by their district legislators' offices in the capitol, LACN staff and lobbyists will be available to assist.

LACN has arranged for discounted hotel rates at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in downtown Sacramento. This is the most convenient hotel to both the Sutter Club and the capitol.

Members may also call LACN for additional information at 1-800-266-4344.