

The CALIFORNIA LICENSED CONTRACTOR

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STAFF EXPANSION

The Contractors License Board has been authorized 12 additional field and six additional clerical support positions in the 1964-65 budget. All of the field positions will be assigned to the Southern California area where large caseloads have hampered our enforcement program and have been a major contributing factor in the loss of trained personnel.

These positions will enable the agency to implement a reorganization which will further decentralize the field operations of the board and provide more accessible and improved service to the public and the construction industry.

New districts will be created by increasing the Santa Ana branch office to district status and separating the Los Angeles district from the Southern regional office. The personnel of the Los Angeles district will be split into two separate offices—one in West Los Angeles; the other in the eastern part of Los Angeles County. A branch office will be opened in Santa Barbara with a representative of the board to carry on the enforcement program in Santa Barbara County. In addition, a branch office will be opened in the Lake Tahoe area where a representative transferred from the Sacramento district will cover portions of Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada Counties.

When fully staffed, the Southern Region will have 7 districts with 3 branch offices and will number 57 field and 18 clerical positions, under the general supervision of the Southern regional deputy. The Northern region will remain at 4 districts with 9 branch offices consisting of 32 field and 8 clerical positions, under the general supervision of the Northern regional deputy.

At this time, we are unable to forecast exactly when we will be fully staffed in all district and branch of-

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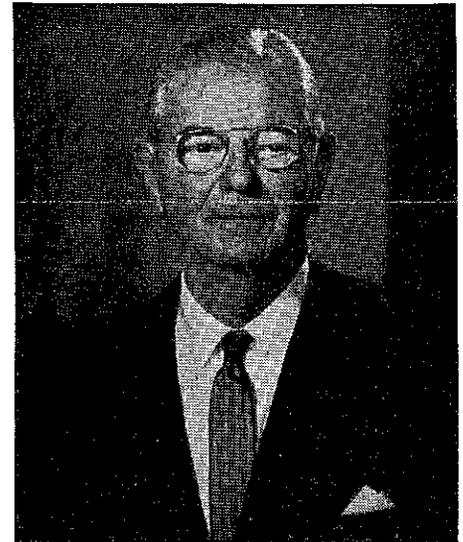
Harry Abrahams Retires

On October 31 Harry W. Abrahams will retire from the Contractors State License Board after more than 29 years of service.

Harry started with the agency, then known as the Contractors' License Bureau, in June 1935 as an inspector. At that time William G. Bonelli was the Director of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards and also Registrar of Contractors. The agency had 43 employees including 22 field representatives and 20,058 licensees. The staff today numbers 154 including 77 field representatives and approximately 100,000 licensees.

Harry was the first employee hired under civil service regulations having placed number one on the list after examination. In November of 1940 he was promoted to his present position of examiner with headquarters in San Francisco.

Tremendous changes have occurred within the agency since 1935 including the establishment of the board, adoption of rules and regulations, new laws, and application and renewal procedures. Harry has played a big part in all of this in addition to the preparation of examinations for over thirty different classifications of contractors.



HARRY ABRAHAMS

To cite his other accomplishments, Harry is a licensed architect, a registered civil engineer and a licensed surveyor. He has always been active with the California State Employees' Association and is a past president of Chapter 3. He is also a retired Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

We are sure that our friends in the construction industry recognize Harry's many contributions to the progress of the agency and join the staff in congratulating him on a job well done and wishing him continued success during his retirement.

Nonlicensee Investigations

During the past fiscal year out of 15,175 investigations conducted by our field personnel approximately one third involved nonlicensees. 1,724 of these investigations disclosed evidence of a violation of Section 7028 of the Contractors License Law and were referred to the appropriate prosecuting official. In 770 cases the prosecutor cited the offender but no criminal complaint was issued. In 954 cases a complaint was issued resulting in 611 defendants being found guilty in

court, 64 not guilty, and 279 warrants are outstanding for unapprehended violators.

The field personnel of the board are not peace officers and cannot make an arrest. Their sole function is to gather all available evidence of a violation of Section 7028, contracting without a license, and refer this to the prosecutor. The board representative is usually expected to testify to the non-license status of the defendant and is

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fices. The list of applicants for the
position of deputy registrar of con-
tractors I (formerly investigator, con-
tractors License Board) is almost
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**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN—4th QUARTER—1963-64
REVOKED**

Name	Address	Effective date	Violations
Austin, Haywood L.	6613 S. Figueroa, Los Angeles	6/ 2/64	Secs. 7112, 7114
Becks Plumbing Company	1109 N. Kemp St., Compton	6/16/64	Sec. 7113.5
Brooks, W. H.	3006 Manhattan Ave., Manhattan Beach	5/27/64	Sec. 7122.5
Brooks, W. H.	4720 Brayton Ave., Long Beach	4/21/64	Sec. 7113.5
Cales Roofing Co.	2879 State St., Muscoy	5/10/64	Sec. 7113.5
Catania, Ross G.	19224 Alisal, Covina	6/28/64	Sec. 7112
Chatfield & Janney	5021 Terrace Dr., La Crescenta	6/24/64	Sec. 7121
Clark, James M.	170 Jackson Way, Pleasant Hill	5/13/64	Sec. 7121 Without prejudice to James M. Clark
Clark, Jim	Rt. 1, Box 1670, Loomis	4/30/64	Sec. 7113.5
Cousins, Ray Ernest	8644 Atlantic, South Gate	4/21/64	Sec. 7122.5
Cowan, Norman	10298 Magnolia, Bloomington	5/15/64	Sec. 7113.5
Dahroo Roofs	55 Dopot Rd., Santa Barbara	6/ 2/64	Secs. 7109, 7113
Darling, Robert E.	1108 MacNeil St., San Fernando	5/ 8/64	Secs. 7113, 7115, 7120, 7122.5 Revocation stayed with conditions
Dedmon, Vernon B.	3406 Kallin Ave., Long Beach	6/ 3/64	Sec. 7113.5
Derr, Roy L.	10 Dalton Ct., Ukiah	4/30/64	Sec. 7113.5
De Stout, Michael	8217 Medill Ave., El Cajon	6/12/64	Sec. 7113.5
Duff, Fred Co.	1012 Justin, Apt. A, Glendale	5/ 6/64	Sec. 7113.5
Dyor, H. L.	4865 Sunset Ave., La Crescenta	5/26/64	Sec. 7121, 7122.5
Byman, Silbert L.	15831 Rumson St., La Puente	6/10/64	Secs. 7110, 7107, 7113
Farrand, Paul W.	6216 E. Lake Ave., San Diego	5/ 8/64	Sec. 7113.5
Fite, Kenneth A.	RPD 2, Box 2181, Auburn	5/26/64	Secs. 7113.5, 7116
Go-Ro Electric Company	2414 Amsler St., Torrance	6/10/64	Sec. 7112
Goldwasser, Donald B.	3229 Monterey Blvd., Oakland	5/13/63	Secs. 7122.5, 7120, 7113
Hacienda Heating and Air Conditioning	721 Cordova, Pasadena	5/ 8/64	Sec. 7113.5
Huffstutter, R. C.	9245 Priscilla, Downey	5/15/64	Secs. 7113, 7107, 7113.5
Integrity Builders Home & Income Units	12500 Atlantic Ave., Compton	4/14/64	Sec. 7112
Ken-Tech Engineering	1607 S. La Cienega, Los Angeles	5/19/64	Sec. 7112
Lane, Alex W.	3829 Iva St., Compton	4/21/64	Sec. 7112
Lutz, Ken General Contractor	1776 Monroe, Santa Clara	6/ 2/64	Sec. 7113.5 Revocation stayed with conditions
Mayers, Fredrick R.	305 Bella Vista, Lodi	4/21/64	Secs. 7113.5, 7116
McMurrin, Allan R.	2230 S. Flower, Santa Ana	6/28/64	Sec. 7113.5
Michael, Hill	18305 Hatteras St., Tarzana	6/ 5/64	Secs. 7121, 7122.5
New Era Enterprises, Inc. dba New Era Contractors	8745 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles	6/ 2/64	Sec. 7112
Nor Cal Integrated Ceilings	P.O. Box 518, Carmichael	5/27/64	Sec. 7098
North Bay Contractors, Inc.	48 Woodworth Way, Petaluma	5/14/64	Sec. 7112
North State Electric Co.	406 Nord Ave., Chico	6/ 2/64	Sec. 7113.5
P & D Construction	4219 N. Bogart Ave., Baldwin Park	5/ 6/64	Sec. 7098 Without prejudice to Leon E. Prisk
Pacific General Contractors	2706 Brighton, Los Angeles	6/ 2/64	Sec. 7112
Payne, John H., Builder	14700 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo	4/30/64	Secs. 7109, 7122.5, 7110
Phillips and Williams	13223 Imperial Hwy., Norwalk	6/18/64	Sec. 7112
Pilant, William R., Sr.	1199 Valencia St., San Francisco	6/24/64	Secs. 7115, 7114, 7117
Poyorena, J. C. & Co.	623 S. San Gabriel Blvd., San Gabriel	4/24/64	Secs. 7107, 7113 Without prejudice to Charles J. Poyorena
Prime Builders	5304 W. Venice Blvd., Los Angeles	6/23/64	Secs. 7113, 7120, 7109, 7110, 7116, 7107
Rhoads, W. S.	708 Q St., Rio Linda	6/ 6/64	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7116
Roll-Up Awning Co. of Calif.	1455 S. Canfield, Los Angeles	6/ 2/64	Sec. 7122.5 Revocation stayed with conditions
Simpson, James D., Painting Co.	1031 E. Palm, Burbank	5/20/64	Sec. 7122
Schneider, Peter G.	17639 Vanowen, Van Nuys	5/18/64	Sec. 7113.5
Slusher Electric	3432 W. 228th St., Torrance	6/26/64	Secs. 7121, 7122.5, 7111, 7113, 7120
Smith, Dalton C.	4250 W. 3d St., Los Angeles	4/28/64	Secs. 7122, 7122.5
Stardust Engineering Co., Inc.	555 W. Main St., El Cajon	6/18/64	Sec. 7112
Tallent, Ernest, Excavating	P.O. Box 2546, Santa Monica	5/13/64	Sec. 7112
Tichenor, Norwood D., General Building Contractor	Box 1160, San Mateo	5/26/64	Sec. 7113.5
Whitehead, Willie	3406 W. Venice Blvd., Los Angeles	6/ 9/64	Secs. 7109, 7107, 7111, 7113, 7120
Woodlake Investment Co.	727 Calvados Ave., North Sacramento	6/ 9/64	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7120
Woodside Painting Company, Inc.	P.O. Box 915, Menlo Park	4/30/64	Sec. 7113
Wright Bros. Construction Co.	Rt. 1, Box 1080, Gridley	6/ 2/64	Sec. 7113.5 Revocation stayed with conditions

SUSPENDED

Name	Address	Effective date	Violations
A & B Plumbing	P.O. Box 342, El Granada	6/16/64	Secs. 7114, 7117 For 15 days
Ambrecht, W. E.	Box 187, Clearlake Park	3/ 5/64	Sec. 7120 For 60 days
Antkcal-Nelson Construction Co.	9701 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles	6/ 4/64	Sec. 7071.6 Sec. 7122.5
Barron, Stanley D.	6537 W. McKinley, Fresno	4/21/64	For 30 days. Suspension stayed with conditions
Barrow, Edward P.	1224 Sequoia Pl., Davis	6/10/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 15 days
Beaudet, E. W.	P.O. Box 806, Idyllwild	6/10/64	Sec. 7071.6
Birkinshaw, J. W.	1800 Buenos Aires Dr., Covina	4/ 3/64	Sec. 7113 For 30 days
Capital Painting & Sheetrock Service	6215 Tenny Ct., Carmichael	6 19/64	Secs. 7107, 7113
Chatfield, Lorau K.	8700 Haddon Ave., Sun Valley	6/24/64	For 90 days Sec. 7113.5
Chriss, Dave, Plumbing	2306 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles	5/15/64	For 30 days Secs. 7107, 7113, 7113.5 For 6 months

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SUSPENDED—Continued

NONLICENSEE INVESTIGATIONS

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Name	Address	Effective date	Violations
Cleveland, D. R., Sewer Construction Co.	2805 W. Contury Blvd., South Gate	5/27/64	Secs. 7107, 7113 For 60 days
Continental Pools	7232 Orangethorpe Ave., Buena Park	5/22/64	Sec. 7112 For 90 days; suspension stayed with conditions
Dalco Mechanical & Emergency Refrigeration	702 57th St., Sacramento	5/15/64	Sec. 7122 For 30 days
Darrow Electric	222 7th St., San Francisco	6/26/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 360 days
Darft, Inc.	P.O. Box 688, Napa	5/7/64	Sec. 7112 For 30 days; suspension permanently stayed
Davis, Chess	851 Lemon Ave., El Cajon	6/5/64	Secs. 7109, 7113, 7110, 7115 For 30 days
Degn, Howard Lee, Roofing Co.	5148 Bleecker, Baldwin Park	4/7/64	Sec. 7112 For 60 days; suspension stayed with conditions
Edgewood Roofing Company	132 S. Burnaby, Glendora	6/17/64	Sec. 7071.6
Elysian Electric Company	1243 1/2 York St., San Pablo	5/15/64	Secs. 7107, 7113, 7110 For 10 days; permanently stayed
Gonsalves, Frank J.	P.O. Box 186, San Gabriel	6/10/64	Secs. 7121, 7122.5, 7112 For 90 days
Grimes, Warner E.	110 Nickles Ave., Richmond	5/2/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 30 days
Harwood, Gerald M., Painting and Sign Shop	Rt. 2, Box 751, San Jose	4/30/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 30 days
H E I Construction Co.	6210 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles	5/20/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 30 days
Hensley, Dale F.	5835 Topeka Dr., Tarzana	5/27/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 10 days
J S Construction	1037 Capell Valley Rd., Napa	6/17/64	Secs. 7107, 7109, 7113, 7114, 7117 For 90 days
Janke Pool Excavating	1100 Monterey Dr., El Cajon	6/18/64	Sec. 7112 For 60 days
Jensen, Grant L., General Contractor	6203 Village Rd., Lakewood	6/3/64	Secs. 7113, 7108 For 60 days
Jeshere, E. G., General Engineering Contractor	1236 Orange St., Concord	5/13/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 360 days
Johnson, E. A.	543 W. MacArthur, Oakland	6/23/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 180 days
K & R Construction Co., Inc.	12413 Sun Grove St., Garden Grove	6/18/64	Sec. 7112 For 60 days
Lombardi, Orlando C.	P.O. Box 181, Cutton	5/1/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 30 days
Lowman, Howard John	3890 Canfield Rd., Sebastopol	5/12/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 120 days
M & M Glass Company	31009 Union City Blvd., Union City	6/4/64	Sec. 7071.6
Maines, Theodore C.	1749 W. 253d Pl., Lomita	4/29/64	Sec. 7112 For 30 days; 25 days stayed with conditions
McAloney Const. Co.	P.O. Box 17, Olancha	6/23/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 15 days; suspension permanently stayed
McDougall, David B.	Board Walk No. 1, Larkspur	4/21/64	Secs. 7107, 7108, 7113, 7120 For 90 days
Moore, N. C.	1458 W. 111 Pl., Los Angeles	6/3/64	Sec. 7112 For 30 days
O'Dell, Charles, Jr.	12606 Woodbine Ave., Los Angeles	6/29/64	Secs. 7112, 7122.5 For 90 days
Payne, John H.	14700 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo	4/30/64	Secs. 7109, 7122.5, 7110 For 180 days
Oriando, Thomas R.	10311 Fleming Ave., San Jose	5/20/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 60 days
Pino, Louis, General Contractor	307 Prospect Ave., Capitola	4/30/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 90 days
Pioneer Construction Co.	4009 Leigh Ave., San Jose	4/30/64	Secs. 7107, 7109, 7111, 7113 For 60 days
Powell, Don	Rt. 2, Box 2408, Elk Grove	6/3/64	Secs. 7115, 7117 For 15 days
Prior, Dick, Masonry	6043 Cahuenga Blvd., North Hollywood	6/19/64	Secs. 7113, 7120 Indefinitely
Rav's Plumbing	3436 Skyline Dr., Riverside	4/3/64	Sec. 7071.6
Reed, Mildon	941 Treat Lane, Concord	6/16/64	Secs. 7113.5, 7110 For 360 days
Reliable Framing Contr.	2903 W. Vernon Ave., Los Angeles	5/8/64	Sec. 7107 For 6 months; stayed with conditions
Rhoads, J. F.	7346 El Verano Ave., Elverta	6/9/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 15 days; suspension permanently stayed
San Francisco Home Improvement Co.	1028 Davidson, San Francisco	5/5/64	Secs. 7109, 7110, 7113 For 20 days
San Francisco Roofing Co.	1028 Davidson, San Francisco	5/5/64	Secs. 7109, 7110, 7113 For 25 days
Schroeder, Carl	743 Middle Ave., Menlo Park	5/14/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 90 days
Sipma, Keith E.	P.O. Box 688, Napa	5/7/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 60 days
Spence, Leonard M.	1701 McClaren Dr., Carmichael	5/15/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 60 days
Stratton, Edward A.	43 Rocca Dr., Petaluma	5/14/64	Sec. 7122.5 For 60 days
White Rock Tunnel Constructors	1290 Smith Rd., Redding	6/8/64	Sec. 7071.6
Wright, H. L.	4040 Maple St., Ventura	6/24/64	Sec. 7113.5 For 1 year

provided with a verified certificate by the Sacramento headquarters of the board for this purpose. The verified certificate is admissible in court as prima facie evidence of the fact that the defendant was not licensed at the time the offense was committed.

It is not always possible to obtain sufficient evidence to warrant a referral to the prosecutor. For example, a homeowner may refuse to divulge any information concerning an alleged contract. In other cases it may be impossible to reconstruct the terms of an oral agreement to establish the necessary elements of a contract. There are also instances where the identity of the alleged violator cannot be determined with sufficient accuracy to file a complaint. However, in all cases every attempt is made to locate the nonlicensee and to inform him of the provisions of the Contractors License Law.

Contracting without a license is a misdemeanor and conviction establishes a criminal record. Not all violators have criminal intent and knowingly violate the law. The prosecuting authority, in deciding whether cause for prosecution exists, considers not only the evidence but whether the ends of justice and the public interest would best be served by prosecution. In many instances the prosecutor may feel that a citation with a warning is sufficient.

Our field personnel, when the evidence is clear that a violation can be established, exert their best efforts to obtain prosecution of the offender. That they are not always successful depends upon many factors such as the policy of the local authorities, the pending case loads of the lower courts, the nature of the violation, and the extent of the injury caused by the violation.

The penalty for those found guilty of contracting without a license lies within the discretion of the court and may vary from a suspended sentence to a maximum of \$500 fine and/or six months in the county jail. The fine for those convicted of a second offense can be increased to a maximum of \$1,000.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN—4th QUARTER—1963-64—Continued
DENIED**

Name	Class	Grounds	Date denied
Bachelor, Gaston M. 20901 Jamison Ave., Torrance	C 29	7069d	6/ 2/64
Baugh, Howard L. 202 Alpha Way, Antioch	C 33	7069a	6/ 5/64
Bourisgue, Irby E. P.O. Box 141, Felton	B 1	7069a	5/12/64
Craven, Howard Vincent 720 Bath St., Santa Barbara	B 1	7069a	5/12/64
Gibbs Plumbing 226 B. 88th Pl., Los Angeles	C 36	7069a	6/16/64
Golding, George V. 900 Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach	B 1	7069a	4/ 3/64
Huff Plumbing Co. 345 N. Cerritos, Azusa	C 36	7069a	5/15/64
Hull, Jackson M. 8733 Lind-Vern Ct., Santee	B 1	7069a	4/28/64
Kachadorian, Nick 1174 Wanda, Orange	B 1	7069a	5/ 1/64
L K V Constructors 2414 W. Santa Barbara Ave., Los Angeles	B 1	7112 7069a	6/24/64
Leo's Roofing Company Box 138, Cathedral City	C 39	7069a	6/ 3/64
Lindborg, Leonard O. 151 La Verne, Long Beach	B 1	7069a	5/12/64
Norris Roofing 1143 Guava St., Oxnard	C 39	7069b	7/ 8/64
P & L Construction Co. P.O. Box 23, Loma Linda	B 1	7069a	4/ 8/64
Pastor, Maurice J. 5000 Coldwater Canyon, Sherman Oaks	B 1	7069	7/ 1/64
Ryan, Kenneth F. 1325 N. Brighton, Burbank	C 39	7069	6/29/64
Shell Enterprises, Inc., dba Esquire Pools 15973 Ventura Blvd., Encino	C 53	7069a	6/ 5/64
Shipsey, George H. 145 Jewel St., San Rafael	B 1	7069a	7/ 9/64
Stoneman Capital Company, Inc. 137 Montgomery St., San Francisco	B 1 SC 51	7069a Without prejudice to Gordon W. Andersen	6/26/64 3/26/64
Stoneman Capital Co., Inc. P.O. Box 32067, Los Angeles	B 1 SC 51	7069 Without prejudice	3/26/64
Unique Builders, Inc. 1605 Amarita Lane, Anaheim	B 1	7069a	6/ 3/64
Wilson, O. W. 3803 Monteith Dr., Los Angeles	B 1	7069a	4/28/64

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exhausted, and many of the people remaining on the list are no longer interested in employment. A new examination has been scheduled for October, along with promotional ex-

aminations for deputy registrar of contractors II and III (formerly senior special investigator and supervising special investigator). We are hopeful the new series, by providing promotional incentive within the agency, will attract and retain the best qualified people.

Bond Statistics

Commencing January 1, 1964, applicants for a contractor's license have been required to file a \$1,000 surety bond, or post a \$1,000 cash deposit with the registrar as a condition to the issuance of the license.

The statistics on surety bonds, cash deposits and security posted in lieu of cash show some interesting results. For the first six months of 1964 the percentages of the various forms of security filed or posted were:

Surety bonds	83%
Cash	2%
Savings and loan association account assignments	9%
Bank certificates of deposit	6%
Bearer bonds	0%

It is evident from these statistics that surety bonds are the most popular form of security and cash deposits the least popular. Cash does not draw interest while on deposit with the registrar.

Applications are automatically voided by operation of law if the bonding requirements are not met within six months from the date of notification to file or post a bond or cash deposit. Statistics on voided applications for the first two months of 1964 show that 15 percent of the applicants failed to meet the bonding requirements and were refused issuance of a license.