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Loan fraud – *it's* a *crime*

t's been in the news. Very few topics have been covered as extensively as loan fraud. The Department of Real Estate (DRE) is aggressively pursuing and investigating more and more cases involving licensees arranging questionable or fraudulent loan transactions, and these licensees are paying the price.

Arecent enforcement case involved a pattern of conduct that is far too common in today's market. These respondents engaged in a scheme to defraud federally insured financial institutions and other lenders by recruiting individuals to purchase homes, and then falsely lead the purchasers to believe they were purchasing homes as investments in a lease to own business venture.

The straw purchasers were recruited with the proposal to purchase a single family home on behalf of others with bad credit who wished to buy the homes and had been "pre-qualified." The respondents promised the straw buyers a percentage of the profits for participating in the scheme when the homes were transferred to the eventual buyers. The straw buyer's only qualification was to hold a good credit rating.

When the respondents found individuals willing to participate, they arranged a purchase transaction and submitted false loan applications on behalf of the straw purchasers by representing to the lenders the following untruths: 1) the straw buyers were going to occupy the homes as their primary residence and, 2) falsified financial information regarding the straw buyers' employment and income.

In one case, the respondents sold two homes to a retired nanny claiming

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Message from Commissioner Davi

he new millennium rang in with a 5 year span of unparalleled growth in the real estate market. However, as in most business cycles, years of growth are followed by periods of correction. It is now clear the market is transitioning, and with it, California is experiencing a heightened level of defaults and foreclosures. Financially distressed borrowers are likely to turn to you as real estate professionals for guidance. In this regard, when financially stressed borrowers contact you, I want to encourage you to assist those individuals to the extent it is appropriate. I believe the prudent initial step should be assisting a borrower in making contact with their lenders so that they may obtain, through their lender, a workout arrangement that provides, as necessary and appropriate, modified loan terms

or converted products with predictable and manageable payments. Many lenders are poised to help, however I have been told that half the borrowers who are fore-



closed, never called their lender.

In addition, in response to demands for information from consumers, the State created a Web site that is a portal to a wealth of consumer mortgage information, ranging from tips on how to avoid foreclosure and what to do if you cannot make your payments, to where to find HUD approved home loan counseling agencies and information on home loan programs. The Web site can be found at www.yourhome.ca.gov or in Spanish at www.sucasa.ca.gov. I

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Review of 2007 regulatory changes for continuing education

here have been noteworthy changes made to the requirements for the continuing education of licensees. Effective July 1, 2007, real estate licensees are required to complete a three-hour course in Risk Management prior to renewing their license. This change was implemented to increase a licensee's level of knowledge. In that same vein, changes will be made to the way continuing education courses will be presented.

New requirement changes to Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner that will become operative February 29, 2008 will affect a sponsor's administration requirements for offering either a correspondence or a live presentation course. The following summarizes the changes that will impact a licensee seeking credit for a continuing education course:

- All correspondence and live presentation courses will require a final examination. For successful completion of a course, the participant must achieve a passing score of 70% or higher on the final examination.
- ➤ To successfully complete a correspondence course, a participant will be limited to completion of final examinations for a maximum of fifteen credit hours during any one 24-hour period.

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DRE employees are not permitted to act as "expert witnesses" for private parties

he Department of Real Estate ("DRE" or "the department") has some very experienced attorneys, auditors, investigators and subdivision specialists on its staff. Some DRE employees have spent many years in their respective areas and have become recognized specialists or experts in their fields. On occasion, DRE employees are asked to appear as expert witnesses on behalf of a party other than a governmental entity in civil, criminal or administrative proceedings. However, in spite of their subject matter expertise, department employees are not permitted to act as "expert witnesses" in those matters.

Section 19990 of the California Government Code (Section 19990) lists a number of activities that are considered to be "incompatible", conflicting and/or inconsistent with employment as a State employee. Included in the list of proscribed acts are (i) using State time, facilities, equipment or supplies for private gain, and (ii) using the prestige or influence of the State or the appointing authority for the employee's private gain or advantage, or the private gain of another. Section 19990 also requires all State departments to determine which specific activities are incompatible for its employees.

DRE has adopted an Incompatible Activities Statement for its employees. The Statement prevents employees from performing a number of acts, including (i) conducting any activity for which a real estate license is required or (ii) claiming, charging, receiving and/or accepting any consideration, other than from the department, for

performing official acts or duties. The Statement also specifically prohibits "Voluntarily agreeing to act or accepting employment as an expert witness on behalf of someone other than the Department or other state or local public agency to testify on matters or issues related to the employee's duties with

the Department, including testifying at a deposition or any action (i.e., civil, criminal, administrative, etc.) to determine whether a real estate licensee has fulfilled the obligations and duties associated with activities requiring a real estate license". An employee who violates this prohibition could be subject to disciplinary action.

Thus, private litigants should not plan on calling DRE employees as expert witnesses in any proceedings. The department recognizes that the Incompatible Activities Statement precludes private litigants of the ability to use the expertise and specialized knowledge of department employees in litigating and/or resolving disputes. Yet DRE believes that the goal of fair and impartial enforcement of the Real Estate and Subdivided Lands Law is best served by ensuring that its employees remain neutral.

Section 19990 and the Incompatible Activities Statement both apply only to current employees. Therefore, persons interested in an "expert" with DRE experience are free to contact former DRE employees regarding their availability and possible participation as witnesses. It should be noted that such former employees might still not be able to act as an "expert witness" because of legal restrictions or prohibitions pertaining to ethics, the use and/ or disclosure of confidential information, and/or post-employment activities.

[Edited, Modified and Re-written in part by Wayne Bell, Chief Legal Counsel, on 12/4/07]



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Summary of 2007 legislation

ctober 14, 2007 marked the end of year one of the current twoyear legislative session. A total of 964 bills wound their way through the process and landed on the Governor's desk. Of these bills, 750 were signed into law and 214 were vetoed. The following brief legislative summaries are of legislation from the 2007 session that affect real estate licensees and subdividers. These summaries are intended to alert you to pertinent changes to the law. We encourage you to consult the statutes for complete information. Copies of the bills can be obtained on-line at www. leginfo.ca.gov. Please note that "SB" refers to a Senate bill and "AB" to an Assembly bill and the Chapter number refers to the sequence that the bill was filed with the Secretary of State. The name appearing after the bill number is the name of the author. All statutes are effective January 1, 2008 unless otherwise noted.

AB 432 (Garcia) Time-share Public Reports (Chapter 53)

The Vacation Ownership and Time-Share Act of 2004 (VOTA), which became effective 7-1-05, effectively changed how time-share offerings are regulated in California. The act requires a timeshare plan developer, prior to selling timeshare interests, to obtain a public report from the DRE. The public report application requires the developer to fully and accurately disclose certain facts concerning the time-share developer and time-share plan.

AB 432 will allow a developer to submit a public report application that combines, in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner, the information required to be disclosed by the California law and the information required to be disclosed in a public report issued by a regulatory agency in one or more states. This will allow a developer to create a single disclosure document that is potentially valid in the states where the time-shares are marketed.

The Department of Real Estate sponsored AB 432.

AB 691 (Silva) Homeowner Association Managers; certification (Chapter 236) While existing law does not require managers of home owners associations (HOA) to be licensed, the law does prescribe requirements for the certification of HOA managers. Specifically, existing law requires the completion of specified educational requirements in order for a HOA manager to be considered certified, although there is no requirement that an individual be certified in order to manage a HOA. The provisions in existing law that set forth the requirements for HOA manager certification will sunset on 1/1/08.

AB 691 extends the sunset date to 1/1/12 and modifies the requirements for HOA manager certification.

AB 691 was sponsored by the California Association of Community Managers.



AB 763 (Saldana) Subdivision; conversions; notice (Chapter 612)

The Subdivision MapAct (MapAct) generally requires an apartment owner to give tenants notice that the property in which they live will be converted from rental units to condominium units that will be offered for sale. AB 763 deletes the current notification procedure and creates new tenant notification requirements that must be fulfilled prior to the approval of a final subdivision map for the conversion of residential rental property into condominiums.

This bill also requires that if a rental agreement was negotiated in Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, or Korean, all required written notices regarding the conversion of residential real property into a condominium project, a community apartment project, or a stock cooperative project shall be issued in the tenant's primary language.

AB 839 (Emmerson) Real estate license renewals; military extension (Chapter 194)

Existing law allows a licensee who is called to active military service to extend the amount of time he or she has to renew a real estate license. Military service includes active duty in the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force, the Marine Corps, and the Merchant Marine in time of war, the Coast Guard, and all officers of the Public Health Service detailed by proper authority for duty either with the Army or the Navy.

AB 839 extends the definition of military service to include those in the National Guard.

The Department of Real Estate sponsored AB 839.

AB 840 (Emmerson) Real estate licenses: discipline (Chapter 140)

Existing law allows the Department of Real Estate to deny a real estate license applicant or to discipline a real estate licensee for a felony conviction or a misdemeanor conviction where the crime involved "moral turpitude" and the crime bore a substantial relationship to the duties of a real estate licensee.

AB 840 amends existing law to strike the moral turpitude standard.

The Department of Real Estate sponsored AB 840.

AB 980 (Calderon) Real estate transfer fees: residential property. (Chapter 689)

Some home builders have instituted the use of private transfer fees to fund the maintenance of amenities, improvements or open space. The funds generated by the transfer fee are typically paid to a third party entity, not associated with the developer or homeowner association. These fees are generally imposed upon initial sale of a newly constructed home and upon the 'transfer' or subsequent sales of the home. Existing law does not impose any limits on the amount, duration or use of the transfer fees.

AB 980 requires the disclosure

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Disciplinary Action: June 07 - Aug 07

- ✓ A list of actions is not published in this *Bulletin* until the 30-day period allowed for court appeal has expired, or if an appeal is filed and the disciplinary action is stayed, until the stay is dissolved. Names of persons to whom licenses are denied on application are not published.
- ✓ Licensees are listed alphabetically by the District Office region of responsibility.
- ✓ The license type is listed in parentheses after the licensee's name. [REB – Real estate broker; RREB – Restricted real estate broker; RES – Real estate salesperson; RRES – Restricted real estate salesperson; PRLS – Prepaid rental listing service;
- RPRLS Restricted prepaid rental listing service; REO Real estate officer; REC Real estate corporation]
- ✓ Below are brief summaries of various regulations and code sections. The full text of the sections is available on the DRE Web site *www.dre.ca.gov* under Real Estate Law and/ or Regulations.



✓ Disciplinary actions that are "stayed" means there is "a delay in carrying out" all or part of the recommended discipline.

Commissioner's Regulations

	Commissioner's Regulations			
	2715	Licensee's failure to maintain current business or mailing address with DRE		
	2725	Failure of broker to exercise reasonable supervision over the		
	2123	activities of his or her salespersons		
	2726	Failure to have broker-salesperson agreements		
	2731	Unauthorized use of fictitious business name		
	2752	Broker's failure to notify DRE of salesperson employmen		
	2753	Broker's failure to retain salesperson's license at main office or		
		return the license at termination of employment		
	2831	Failure to keep proper trust fund records		
	2831.1	Inadequate separate trust fund beneficiary records		
	2831.2	Failure to reconcile trust account		
	2832	Failure to comply with trust fund handling provisions		
	2832(a)	Failure of broker to place trust funds into hands of owner, into a		
		neutral escrow depository or trust fund account within three busi-		
		ness days of receipt		
	2832(d)	Failure of broker holding trust funds contingent on offer of accep-		
		tance to properly place funds within 3 business days of acceptance		
	2832.1	Failure to obtain permission to reduce trust fund balance in a		
		multiple beneficiary account		
	2834	Trust account withdrawals by unauthorized or unbonded person		
	2835(b)	Retention of broker funds in trust account		
	2840	Failure to give approved borrower disclosure		
	2950(d)	Failure of broker handling escrows to maintain records and accounts		
	2950(e)	Failure by broker to make escrow records available for inspec-		
		tion		
	2950(g)	Broker-handled escrow disbursement without written instructions		
	2950(h)	Failure to disclose interest in the agency holding the escrow		
	2950(i)	Failure to render written statement upon closing broker-handled		
		escrow		
	2951	Improper record keeping for broker handled escrows		
	2970	Failure to submit advance fee material for review		
	2972	Advance fee accounting		
Business and Professions Code				
	490	Substantially related criminal conviction		

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498	License obtained by fraud or misrepresentation
10085	Failure to submit advance fee materials
10130	Acting without license
10137	Unlawful employment or payment of compensation
10145	Trust fund handling
10145(a)	Trust fund handling
10145(c)	Failure by salesperson to deliver trust funds to broker
10146	Advance fee handling
10148	Failure to retain records and make available for inspection
10159.2	Failure by designated officer to supervise licensed acts of corporation
10159.2(a)	Failure by designated officer to supervise licensed acts of corporation
10159.5	Failure to obtain license with fictitious business name

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10160	Failure to maintain salesperson licenses in possession of broker
10161.8	Failure of broker to notify Commissioner of salesperson employment
10163	Failure to obtain a branch office license
10103 10176(a)	Making any substantial misrepresentation
10176(a) 10176(i)	Fraud or dishonest dealing in licensed capacity
10170(1) 10177(a)	Procuring a real estate license by misrepresentation or material
10177(a)	false statement
10177(b)	Conviction of crime
10177(b) 10177(d)	Violation of real estate law or regulations
` ′	Conduct that would have warranted denial of a license
10177(f)	
10177(g)	Negligence or incompetence in performing licensed acts
10177(h)	Failure to supervise salespersons or licensed acts of corporation
10177(j)	Fraud or dishonest dealing as principal
10177(k)	Violation of restricted license condition
10177(n)	Violation of real estate syndicate provisions of corporate securi-
	ties law
10178	Failure of broker to notify Commissioner of salesperson termina-
	tion
10231	Accepting loan funds for other than a specific loan
10231.1	Retaining lender's funds for more than 25 days without a written agreement with the lender
10232	Failure to notify DRE of threshold status
10232.2	Failure to file or maintain trust fund status
10238(a)	Failure of broker to notify Commissioner within 30 days of first
` ′	mortgage transaction or of any material change in required notice
10238(f)	Violation of restriction to sell notes in excess of 10 qualified
	persons
10238(j)	Violation of trust fund handling and records maintenance
10238(k)(3)	Failure to submit independent certified public accountant report
10240	Failure to provide mortgage loan disclosure statement
10241	Improper mortgage loan disclosure statement

Financial Code

4975 et seq. Violation of covered loan requirements

REVOKED LICENSES

FRESNO REGION

Gonzalez-Castro, Erika (RES)

2300 Oak Crest Dr., Turlock Effective: 8/27/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Koehler, Ryan B. (RES)

7960 B Soquel Dr. #143, Aptos Effective: 8/6/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Pearlberg, Neil C. (RES)

404 Ewell Ct., Aptos Effective: 7/19/07 Violation: 10176(i)

Wessel, June Lorraine (RRES)

6824 Mollison Ct., California City *Effective:* 7/9/07

Effective: 7/9/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

LOS ANGELES REGION

Aguilar, Oscar (RES)

2172 Avalon Ave., Pomona *Effective:* 6/18/07 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Alonzo, Olivia D. (RES)

16377 Main St., Ste. C, Hesperia *Effective:* 6/18/07 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Anderson, David Leonard (RES) 5186 Kaiser Ave., Santa Barbara

Effective: 8/2/07 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Brennan, Lawrence Michael (RREB, RREO)

24 Fremont St., Newport Beach Effective: 6/21/07 Violation: 10148, 10159.2,

10177(d)(g)(h), 10232.2, 10238(k)(3)

Chang, Jobe Yeuhwa (REB)

2633 S Baldwin Ave., Arcadia Effective: 7/17/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Chatman, Fearl Sharavne (RES)

4517 Pickford St., #5,

Los Angeles

7/10/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Chung, Min Young (REB, REO)

4130 W. Commonwealth Ave.,

Fullerton

Effective: 6/12/07 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

County Realty & Finance, Inc. (REC)

205 West 1st St., Ste. 202, Tustin Effective: 8/6/07

Violation: 2731, 2831, 2831.1,

2831.2, 2832, 2834, 2840, 2950(d)(e)(h), 2951, 10145, 10148,

10159.5, 10176(a), 10177(d)(g)(h), 10240, 10241

Elterman, Richard Harold (RES)

512 W. Struck, Orange *Effective:* 6/18/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Emami, Dianoush (REB)

17772 Irvine Blvd., Ste. 102, Tustin

6/28/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Franco, Alfredo (REB)

4122 Philadelphia St., Ste. B, Chino

8/8/07 Effective:

Violation: 490, 498, 10177(a)(b)

Gonzalez, Frank J. (RES)

10026 Mattock St., Downey Effective: 6/18/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Gonzalez, Oscar Fabien (REB)

9515 Orizaba St., Downey 8/20/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Gonzalez, Rogelio Jr. (RES)

1039 Grossmont Dr., Whittier Effective: 6/18/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Gran, Ronna Lynn (RES)

317 Culper Ct., Hermosa Beach Effective: 6/18/07 490, 10177(b) Violation:

Hadizadeh, Nasrin (RES)

4610 Densmore Ave. #101, Encino

8/28/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Harris, Artesia Jamar (RES)

19671 Beach Blvd., #101, Huntington Beach Effective: 6/12/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Harris, Furman Lloyd (RES)

2560 Northshore Ln.. Westlake Village Effective: 8/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Herrel, Lynette L. (RES)

2226 Malcolm Ave., Los Angeles Effective: 7/17/07 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Johnson, Paul Allen (RES)

31 Skyline Ln., Pomona Effective: 6/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Lemire, Kimberly Katherine (RES)

550 Rye Ave., La Habra Effective: 6/7/07 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b)

Levey, David Mark (REB)

24411 Biltmore Lane, Laguna Niguel 7/30/07 Effective: 490, 10177(b) Violation:

Lo, Hankok Hon (RES)

16221 Castana Ave., Bellflower Effective: 6/18/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Marin, Miguel (RES)

8645 San Carlos Ave., South Gate

6/20/07 Effective:

10145(c), 10176(i), Violation: 10177(d)

Mehlinger, Richard H. (REB)

9454 Wilshire Blvd., #830, Beverly Hills Effective: 7/5/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Muschetto, Matt Anthony (RES)

2320 Villareal Dr., Orange Effective: 6/18/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Myers, Kevin Grant (RES)

9421 Tanager Ave., Fountain Valley Effective: 6/18/07 490, 10177(b) Violation:

Nava, Tony M. Jr. (RES)

3501 Hart Ave., Rosemead Effective: 7/23/07 Violation: 10177(n)

Nix, Richard Allen (RES)

20718 Christine Ave., Torrance Effective: 7/16/07 490, 10177(b) Violation:

Olbrich, Douglas Brian (RES)

1037 S. Dancove Dr., West Covina Effective: 7/2/07 Violation: 498, 10177(a)

Perez, Alberto (RES)

19538 Four Oaks, Canyon Country 8/7/07 Effective: 490, 10177(b) Violation:

Peterson, Jeff Scott (RES)

5680 Crestline Place, Rancho Cucamonga Effective: 7/16/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Pierrottet, Jon C. (RES) 1074 Parkview Dr., Ste. 205,

Covina Effective: 6/18/07 Violation: 10177(b)

Pitchford, Mary Ann (RES)

1313 W. Park Western Dr., #15,

San Pedro

6/14/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Potter, D. Sidney (RES)

P.O. Box 287, Pasadena Effective: 6/22/07 Violation: 498, 10177(b)

Prosser, Diana Darlene (REB)

180 Newport Center Dr., Ste. 180, Newport Beach

Effective: 6/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Quinteros, Tatihana (REB, REO)

1224 E. Katella Ave., Ste. 207,

Orange

Effective: 8/6/07 Officer of: County Realty & Finance, Inc.

Violation: 2731, 2831, 2831.1,

2831.2, 2832, 2834, 2840, 2950(d)(e)(h), 2951, 10145, 10148, 10159.5, 10176(a), 10177(d)(g)(h), 10240, 10241

Rowell, Deborah Sue (RES)

28 Optima, San Clemente Effective: 6/18/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Sandoval, Maria Lourdes (RES)

1210 W. Cornell St., Rialto Effective: 7/2/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Secured Equities Corporation (RREC)

25401 Cabot Rd., #117. Laguna Hills Effective: 6/21/07

Violation: 10148, 10177(d)(g), 10232.2, 10238(k)(3)

Shaffron, Dayna (RES)

12414 Deerbrook Ln., Los Angeles Effective: 6/18/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Vachhani, Pat Deepa (REB)

3901 Park View Ln., Apt. C-7, Irvine

Effective: 8/16/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Valladares, Louis (RES)

1133 Gatlin Ave., Hacienda Heights Effective: 7/31/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Vertrees, William Thomas Jr. (RES)

2439 Orange Ave., #D, Costa Mesa

Effective: 7/3/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Welch, Larry Joe (RES) 838 S. Mansfield Ave.,

Los Angeles 07/30/07 Effective: 498, 10177(a) Violation:

OAKLAND REGION

Aldea, Jesus Luis Tan (RES)

5771 Havencrest Cir., Stockton Effective: 8/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Augustine, Demeka T. (RES)

65 Rio Robles East #2309,

San Jose

8/9/07 Effective:

Violation: 490(a), 10177(b)

Brill, Eric (RES)

181 Laidley St., San Francisco Effective: 7/10/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Calnet Finance & Investment San Francisco, Inc. (REC)

1786 36th Ave., San Francisco

Effective: 6/4/07

Violation: 2752, 2831, 2831.1,

2831.2, 2832.1, 2834, 10137, 10145, 10161.8, 10177(d), 10240, 10241

Hall, Leif Vladimir (RES)

27 Trident Dr., Pittsburgh Effective: 7/10/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Hampton, Loran Stephan (RES)

2532 Santa Clara Ave. #250, Alameda

Effective: 8/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Kwock, Darin C. (RES)

P.O. Box 27586, San Francisco Effective: 8/9/07 Violation: 10177(b)(f)

Vo, Timmy Trung (RES)

1075 E. Brokaw Rd., San Jose Effective: 7/10/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

SACRAMENTO REGION

1st Option Mortgage, Inc. (REC)

950 Reserve Dr. #160, Roseville Effective: 8/10/07

10137, 10176(a), Violation: 10177(d)(g)(h)(j)

Crooks, Patricia Sue (RES)

2782 21st St., Sacramento Effective: 7/9/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Faust, John Edward (RES)

1638 Glenmore Dr., Fairfield Effective: 8/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Gallo, Joseph Salvatore (REB) 4740 Northgate Blvd. #135,

Sacramento 8/23/07 Effective:

Violation: 490, 10177(b) Hernandez, Ralph Darrell (RES)

2530 Vandiver Ln., Redding Effective: 6/14/07 Violation: 10177(a)

McAninch, Michael Scott (RES)

9272 Madison Ave., Carmichael Effective: 7/12/07 Violation: 490, 10176(a)

McHone, Brandon J. (RES)

943 Appleridge Pl., Suisun City Effective: 8/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Rosetti, Dino Robert (REB)

950 Reserve Dr. #160, Roseville Effective: 8/10/07 Violation:

10137, 10148, 10159.2,10176(a), 10177(d)(g)(h)(j)

Salas, Martin A. (RES)

4550 N. Pershing, Stockton Effective: 7/23/07 Violation: 10176(i), 10177(j)

Swan, Timothy Roger (RES)

4110 Greenview Dr.. El Dorado HIlls Effective: 8/7/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Thomas, Tim E. (RES)

1110 Shasta St., Redding 8/6/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

SAN DIEGO REGION

Abrams, Charleen T. (RES)

143 Sage Dr., Palm Springs Effective: 6/14/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Conaway, Steven L. (RES)

17752 Robusta Dr., Riverside 7/16/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Gavilanes, Humberto (RES)

39835 Tanager Trail, Murrieta Effective: 6/11/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Majano, Walter (REB)

732 Lions Lair Rd., Beaumont Effective: 8/22/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Montecastro, Hendrix Moreno (REB, REO)

32573 Angelo Dr., Temecula Effective: 7/9/07 Stonewood Officer of: Consulting, Inc. Violation: 10159.2, 10177(d)(g)(h)

Scott, Jeffrey Lloyd (REB)

5739 Central Ave, Riverside Effective: 7/12/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Stonewood Consulting, Inc. (REC)

26273 Horsetail St., Murrieta

7/9/07 Effective:

2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, Violation: 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 10145, 10177(d)(g), 10241

Telenzak, Stephen Michael (RES)

2368 Palo Danzante, Alpine Effective: 7/9/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Ulmos, Luis A. (RES)

6814 Magnolia Ave., Riverside Effective: 8/8/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

REVOKED WITH A RIGHT TO A RESTRICTED LICENSE

FRESNO REGION

Gonzalez, Rosario (RES)

5105 Eastridge Ct., Bakersfield Effective: 7/17/07 Violation: 10145(c), 10176(a), 10177(g)

Right to RRES license on terms

and conditions

Paladino, Renee Kay (REB)

821 Lewis Rd., Royal Oaks Effective: 7/23/07 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

LOS ANGELES REGION

Avala, Martha (REB, REO)

13940 Pioneer Blvd., Norwalk Effective: 7/5/07 Officer of: Southland Home Realty, Inc. Violation: 10159.2,

10177(d)(g)(h) Right to RREB license on terms

and conditions

Bowers, Brian (RES)

49 Edgar Ct., Newbury Park Effective: 6/19/07 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Cathchings, Marvin Earl Sr. (REB)

4011 Elizabeth St., Compton Effective: 7/18/07 10137, 10177(d) Violation: Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Delamora, Martin (REB, REO)

2551 E. Gage Ave., **Huntington Park** Effective: 8/7/07 Officer of: Teamwork Realty, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, Violation:

2832(d), 2832.1, 2950(d)(g)(i), 2951, 10145, 10159.5, 10176(a), 10177(d)(g)(h)(k)

Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Dillard, Derrick Lamont (RES)

949 S. Stanley Ave., Los Angeles Effective: 8/28/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Fernandez, Lucero M. (RES)

13821 Philadelphia St., Whittier 7/16/07 Effective: 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Fishman, Avidan I. (RES)

5139 White Oak Ave. #12, Encino 8/7/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Flockhart, Debra Mayes (RES)

2336 Cartlen Dr., Placentia 7/30/07 Effective: 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Guzman, Carlos Frederico (REB)

40922 Maple Dr., Forest Falls Effective: 8/27/07 2715, 2725, 2726, Violation:

2731, 2832, 10137, 10145, 10160, 10163, 10176(a), 10177(d)(g), 10240

Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Mollaie, Joseph (RES)

9500 Monte Mar Dr., Los Angeles Effective: 6/11/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Moya, Phala J. (REB, REO)

10226 Lakewood Blvd., Ste. 101, Downey Effective: 7/5/07

Officer of: Southland Home Realty, Inc.

Violation: 10137 Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Pavelic, Ante Kreshimir (RES)

156 S. Oak Knoll #308, Pasadena Effective: 8/8/07 Violation: 10130, 10137, 10177(d)(g)

Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Romero, Alisandro (REB)

10552 Geraldine Rd., Garden Grove 6/7/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Southland Home Realty, Inc. (REC)

10226 Lakewood Blvd., Downey Effective: 7/5/07 Violation: 10137

Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Sudman Enterprises, Inc. (REC)

620 Newport Center Dr., 11th Floor, Newport Beach Effective: 6/11/07 2831.2, 2835(b), Violation: 10145, 10177(d)(g)

Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Sudman, Ronnie Wayne (REB)

620 Newport Center Dr., 11th Floor, Newport Beach Effective: 6/11/07 10159.2. Violation: 10177(d)(g)(h)

Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Tabatabai, Alaedin (REB) 1990 E Grand Ave., Ste. 250,

El Segundo Effective: 7/16/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Teamwork Realty, Inc. (REC)

2551 E. Gage Ave., Huntington Park Effective: 8/7/07 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, Violation:

2832(d), 2832.1, 2950(d)(g)(i), 2951, 10145, 10176(a), 10177(d)(g)(k)

Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Turner, Donna Maria (RES)

15735 S. Visalia Ave., Rancho Dominguez 6/18/07 Effective:

Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Wade, James Lawrence (REB)

125 Columbia, Ste. C, Aliso Viejo Effective: 7/12/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

OAKLAND REGION

Ballesteros, Michael Nagal (RES)

1071 Esparanza Way, San Jose 6/15/07 Effective: 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Berkeley, Charles Ryan (REB)

2991 Shattuck Ave., Ste. 301, Berkeley Effective: 7/9/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Brady, Joseph John (RRES)

14287 Chester Ave., Saratoga Effective: 6/28/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Bueno, Rafael Hernando (RES)

1789 4th St., Livermore Effective: 7/9/07 Violation: 10145, 10177(d) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Calnet Finance & Investment, Inc. (REC)

1006 Webster St., Oakland Effective: 6/4/07 Violation: 2752, 2753, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2834, 10137, 10160, 10161.8, 10177(d), 10240, 10241

Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Caveney, Daniel William (RES)

187 Molino Ave., Mill Valley Effective: 8/20/07 Violation: 490(a), 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Daoang, James (RES)

3237 Brownhill Ct., San Jose 7/25/07 Effective: Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Domadia, Ashok C. (RES)

183 Leal Way, Fremont Effective: 7/13/07 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Gonzalez, Raul (REB)

20955 Foothill Blvd., Hayward Effective: 7/2/07 Violation: 10176(a)(i), 10177(g) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Kumar, Jasmine (RES)

517 Bryce Ct., Milpitas Effective: 6/27/07 Violation: 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Lam, Marks Hung Sing (REB, REO)

1786 35th Ave., San Francisco Effective: 6/4/07

Officer of: Calnet Finance & Investment San Francisco Inc.

> Calnet Finance & Investment Inc.

Violation: 10159.2(a), 10177(d)(h)

Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Mineo, G. I. (RES)

P.O. Box 2641, San Ramon Effective: 7/30/07 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Reyes, Melody B. (RES)

233 Hazelwood Dr., South San Francisco Effective: 6/20/07 Violation: 10177(b)(f) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Smith, Michael Curtis (RES)

1320 Gordon Ln., Santa Rosa Effective: 6/14/07 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Stewart, Kasey David (REB)

1865 Winchester Blvd. #200, Campbell

Effective: 8/21/07

490(a), 10177(b) Violation: Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Tulcanaza, Edgar Antonio (RES)

190 West 41st Ave., San Mateo Effective: 8/21/07 Violation: 490(a), 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Wang, Jason Ming Yu (RES)

10181 Western Dr., Cupertino Effective: 7/5/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

SACRAMENTO REGION

Conte, Alicia Marie (RES)

2510 Longvalley Dr., Newcastle Effective: 8/10/07 Violation: 10130, 10177(d) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Duffy, George (REB, REO)

1143 Junction Dr., Manteca Effective: 6/18/07

Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832(a), 10130, 10137, 10145, 10177(d),

10240

Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Ford, Anthony K. (RES)

3170 Van Housen Dr., Ukiah Effective: 8/6/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Herbert, John Howell (RES)

1489 Ridge Dr., Redding Effective: 7/13/07 *Violation:* 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Naidoo, Ofelia Olivia (RES)

10223 Canadeo Way, Elk Grove 6/26/07 Effective: 10176(a)(i), Violation:

10177(g)

Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Tyler, Robert Thomas (REB)

365 Duncan Hill Rd., Auburn Effective: 6/5/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RREB license on terms and conditions

Walker, Thana Marie (RES)

P.O. Box 5772, Corning Effective: 6/5/07 490, 10177(b) Violation: Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

SAN DIEGO REGION

Estrada, Jose (RES)

1231 Tori Dr., Hemet Effective: 8/7/07 Violation: 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms

and conditions

Jennings-Sapp, Nancy (RES)

3031 Golf Crest Ridge Rd., El Cajon

Effective: 6/5/07 10130, 10145(c), Violation:

10177(d)(g) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

McManus, Robert A. (RES)

P.O. Box 891423, Temecula Effective: 7/5/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

O'Brian, Bonita Jacquelyn (RES)

26038 Madison Ave., Murrieta Effective: 8/9/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

Rigsby, Russell Lee (RES)

1294 Edgar Ave., Beaumont Effective: 8/16/07 Violation: 490, 10177(b) Right to RRES license on terms and conditions

SUSPENDED WITH STAY

FRESNO REGION

21st Century Financial Resources, Inc. (REC)

1305 Vine St., Paso Robles Effective: 8/2/07 2831, 2831.1, Violation:

2832.1, 10145, 10177(d)

Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Hayes, Kevin L. (REB, REO)

1423 K St., Modesto Effective: 7/5/07

Red Oak Realty and Officer of:

Lending

Violation: 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145, 10159.2,

10177(d)(h)

Suspended for 60 days-30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

LOS ANGELES REGION

Ahmed, Nasim (REB, REO)

3595-1 Inland Empire Blvd.,

Ontario

6/20/07 Effective:

Officer of: N A D Realty, Inc. Violation: 2831.2, 2832.1, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h)

Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Balyan, Jacqueline Beoglyan (REB, REO)

2727 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank

Effective: 8/13/07

First Capital Financial Officer of:

Resources, Inc.

Violation: 10159.2, 10177(h) Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

First Capital Financial Resources, Inc. (REC)

2727 W. Alameda Ave., Burbank

Effective: 8/13/07

10137, 10145, 10177(d), Violation:

10236.4

Suspended for 90 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

NAD Realty, Inc. (REC)

3595-1 Inland Empire Blvd. Ontario Effective: 6/20/07

Violation: 2831.2, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d)

Suspended for 90 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Shepherd, Markus Steven (REB, REO)

19028 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 232, Tarzana

Effective: 6/4/07

Officer of: Emerald Mortgage Corp.

10137, 10177(d) Violation: Suspended for 60 days-30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Thacher, Robert Morton (REB)

7144 Airway Way, Yucca Valley Effective: 6/8/07 Violation: 2731, 2831.2, 2840,

2950(h), 2951, 10145, 10177(d), 10231, 10232.2

Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

OAKLAND REGION

Gross Mortgage Corporation (REC) 1999 Harrison St., Ste. 1650,

Oakland Effective:

7/5/07

Violation: 2831, 2831.1, 2832, 10145, 10148, 10177(d), 10238(j)(1)

Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions



Gross, Leonard Aburn (REB,

1999 Harrison St., Ste. 1650, Oakland

Effective: 7/5/07 2831, 2831.1, Violation:

2832, 10145, 10148, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h), 10238(j)(1)

Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Heyden, Randall Gilbert (REB)

88 Rowland Way, Ste. 200, No-

Effective: 7/26/07

10159.2, 10177(d)(h) Violation: Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and condi-

Kay-Co Investments, Inc. (REC)

88 Rowland Way, Ste. 200,

Novato

7/26/07

Effective: 2831, 2831.2, 2832, Violation:

2832.1, 2834, 10145, 10177(d)(f), 10240,

10241 Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and condi-

Lewis, Andrew A. (REB)

475 S. San Antonio Rd.,

Los Altos

Effective: 8/23/07 Violation: 4975(a)(1), (a)2),

(c), 10176(i),

10177(g)(j)Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Mowat, Lois Camille (REB)

19 Bates Blvd., Orinda

Effective: 8/31/07 Violation: 2726, 2831, 2831.1.

2831.2, 10145, 10177(d), 10231.1, 10238(f)(k), 10240, 10241

Suspended for 120 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Vanderpool, Mark Steven (REB)

2333 San Ramon Vly Blvd., #295, San Ramon

Effective: 8/23/07 2752, 2831, 2832, Violation: 10145, 10161.8,

10177(d), 10178 Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

SACRAMENTO REGION

Acadian Properties, Inc. (REC)

140 B St., Ste. 3, Davis Effective: 7/2/07

2832.1, 2834, 10145, Violation: 10177(d)

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Suspended for 60 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Montijo, Trinie Ann (REB, REO)

408 G St., Davis 7/2/07 Effective:

Acadian Properties, Officer of: Inc.

Violation: 2832.1, 2834,

10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h)

Suspended for 60 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and condi-

Red Oak Realty and Lending (REC)

100 Gold Dredger Dr., Oroville Effective: 7/5/07

Violation: 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832,

2832.1, 10145, 10159.2, 10177(d)(h)

Suspended for 60 days-30 days stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

SAN DIEGO REGION

Dickey, William Glenn (REB)

5920 Friars Rd., Ste. 206,

San Diego

7/31/07 Effective:

2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, Violation: 10159.2, 10177(d)(h),

10232, 10238(a)

Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and condi-

Lingo, Kristopher Lee (REB)

5920 Friars Rd. S 206, San Diego Effective: 8/30/07

10159.2, 10177(h) Violation: Suspended for 45 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and condi-

Peninsula Equity Funding, Inc. (REC)

5920 Friars Rd. S-206,

San Diego

8/30/07 Effective:

2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, Violation: 2832.1, 10145,

10177(d), 10232, 10233(b), 10238(a)(f)

Suspended for 45 days—stayed for 2 years on terms and conditions

Rehmann, David George (REB)

1911 Hidden Crest Way,

El Cajon

7/16/07 Effective:

2731, 2834, 10161.8, Violation:

10177(d)

Suspended for 45 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and condi-

tions



Vanderhorst, Fred John (REB, REO)

1240 Lancer Glen, Escondido Effective: 7/11/07

Mortgage Marketing, Officer of:

2831.2, 2832.1, Violation: 10145(a), 10177(d),

10240

Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 30 days on terms and conditions

W G D Real Estate Services, Inc. (REC)

5920 Friars Rd., Ste. 206,

San Diego

7/31/07 Effective:

2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, Violation: 10177(d), 10232,

10238(a)

Suspended for 30 days-stayed for 2 years on terms and condi-

LICENSE SURRENDERED

(Licenses voluntarily surrendered per B&P Code §10100.2 during an administrative action/investigation)

FRESNO REGION

Burton, Robert Vaughn (REB)

1305 Vine St., Paso Robles Effective: 8/2/07

Sanderson, Diane Rochelle (RES)

P.O. Box 504, Riverbank Effective: 7/30/07

LOS ANGELES REGION

Barnes, Bradley Edward (RES)

P.O. Box 50025, Pasadena Effective: 6/18/07

Dorn Platz & Company (REC)

210 S. Orange Grove Blvd.,

Pasadena

Effective: 6/18/07

Edgefield Real Estate, Inc. (REC)

1500 Adams Ave., Ste. 201, Costa Mesa

8/7/07 Effective:

Ellington Ct. Realty, Inc. (REC)

435 N. Oakhurst Dr. #904, Beverly Hills

Effective: 7/18/07

Emerald Mortgage Corp. (REC)

18425 Burbank Blvd., #615,

Tarzana

6/4/07 Effective:

Jangozian, Ara (RES)

343 W. Vine St., Glendale Effective: 7/3/07

Kesler, Frances (REB)

8950 W. Olympic Blvd., #397, Beverly Hills

6/28/07 Effective:

Mason, Timothy Paul (REB)

2097 E. Washington St., 1E 324, Colton

Effective: 6/7/07

National Homebuyers Alliance (REC)

3734 W. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles 7/23/07 Effective:

Peterson, Kelli Anne (RES)

4 St. Paul Ln., Laguna Niguel Effective: 7/3/07

Platz, Donald Louis (REB)

210 S. Orange Grove Blvd.,

Pasadena

6/18/07 Effective:

SACRAMENTO REGION

Fellini, Mario III (REB)

655 University Ave., 230, Sacramento

7/23/07 Effective:

McKenny, Robin Lynn (REB)

3963 Glenwood St., Eureka 8/30/07 Effective:

Murphy, Deborah Jean (RES)

551 N. Loma Dr., Lodi Effective: 7/2/07

Parry, Michele A. (RES)

1602 Bunk House Way, Roseville Effective: 8/28/07

Piazza, Tina Marie (RES)

715 Mokelumne St., Woodbridge Effective: 7/3/07

SAN DIEGO

Allcare Nursing, Inc. (REC)

26273 Horsetail St., Murrieta 7/30/07 Effective:

Arbor Terrace Real Estate, Inc.

(REC)

Effective:

41120 Elm St., Ste. H218, Murrieta

Montecastro, Bayani Delos (RES)

26273 Horsetail St., Murrieta Effective: 7/30/07

7/30/07

Mortgage Marketing, Inc. (REC)

285 S. Palm Canyon Dr.,

Palm Springs Effective: 7/11/07

PUBLIC REPROVAL

SACRAMENTO REGION

Wolf, Ernest Spencer (REB)

76101 Covelo Rd., Covelo 6/21/07

Effective: Violation:

2726, 2731, 2832, 2970, 2972, 10085, 10145, 10146, 10159.5, 10177(d)

INDEFINITE SUSPENSIONS

(under Recovery Acct. provisions)

FRESNO REGION

Stanton, Ellen E. (REB)

145 Heinlen, Lemoore Effective: 6/21/07

Commissioner's Message

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would encourage you or any distressed borrower to visit these sites to learn about available resources.

Finally, I want to remind you that we need to rid our industry of individuals who violate the law. Time and time again, in legislative hearings, and meetings with consumer groups I am told unscrupulous licensees are often at the root of a consumer's problem. If you become aware of an incident of mortgage related fraud or miscon-

duct by a please rethe DRE. continue disciplin-

www.yourhome.ca.gov

or www.sucasa.ca.gov licensee, port it to I intend to to pursue ary action those real

against estate licensees who take advantage of consumers and fail to comply with regulatory requirements. It is worth noting that the DRE is uncovering more and more fraudulent transactions with criminal complaints or federal indictments coming on the heels of a DRE disciplinary action.

And, I have personally witnessed many agents selflessly assist clients in addressing loan related situations. It is my hope that when I meet with various legislators and consumer advocates in the future, that I am told a real estate licensee helped rectify a problem situation rather than create it. And from what I have seen and heard, I expect this will happen. 🩈

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Legislation Update

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of the existence of a transfer fee for properties that are subject to such a fee. Disclosure will generally be in the form of a recorded notice and a requirement that a seller provide a buyer with a statement indicating, among other things, the amount of the transfer fee based on the asking price and how the fee is calculated.

The California Association of Realtors® sponsored AB 980.

SB 223 (Machado) Real estate appraisals (Chapter 291)

Existing law precludes a licensed appraiser from doing an appraisal if the appraiser's compensation is affected by the sales commission generated by the transaction for which the appraisal was made.

SB 223 prohibits a person with an interest in a real estate transaction involving an appraisal to improperly influence or attempt to improperly influence, through coercion, extortion, or bribery, the development, reporting, result, or review of a real estate appraisal sought in connection with a mortgage loan. A person, who violates the provision of this bill and is licensed under any state licensing law, will be in violation of the licensing law under which the person is licensed.

SB 223 was an urgency bill and was effective the day it was chaptered on October 5, 2007.

SB 385 (Machado) State agencies: accounts: reports. (Chapter 301)

Existing law allows a real estate broker to, among other things, arrange loans secured by real property, including nontraditional mortgage products, as defined.

Recently, federal financial institution regulatory agencies and the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS), together with the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators (AARMR), published guidance on nontraditional mortgage product risks and a statement on subprime mortgage lending. The guidance and statement set forth suggested best practices

for underwriting and marketing nontraditional and subprime loans.

SB 385 requires the Departments of Real Estate, Financial Institutions (DFI) and Corporations (DOC) to apply the guidance on nontraditional mortgage products and the statement on subprime mortgage lending published by CSBS and AARMR to their respective licensees. This bill also allows the departments to adopt clarifying emergency and final regulations with respect to the guidance and subprime statement. In this regard, the Department of Real Estate (DRE) has issued regulations providing for added disclosures for nontraditional loans. Licensees should familiarize themselves with these as well as future regulation proposals, as they become available on the DRE Web site at www. dre.ca.gov.

As to the Guidance and Statement published by CSBS and AARMR, they can be found at the following Web sites:

- ➤ http://www.aarmr.org/pdf/CSBS-AARMR%20FINAL%20GUIDANCE. pdf
- h t t p : //w w w . c s b s . o r g /
 C o n t e n t / N a v i g a t i o n M e n u /
 RegulatoryAffairs/MortgagePolicy/
 Final_CSBS-AARMR-NACCA_
 StatementonSubprimeLending.pdf

SB 385 also extends the authority of the DRE to the principal lending activities of real estate brokers who make more than eight loans a year.

SB 528 (Aanestad) Common Interest Developments: open meetings (Chapter 250)

Existing law does not require HOA boards to solely adhere to the matters set-forth on the agenda. SB 528 requires all issues to be discussed at a board meeting to be on the agenda so that homeowners have advance notice of what issues the HOA board will be acting on. This bill also requires that meeting notices include the agenda for the meeting.

VETOED BILL OF INTEREST SB 226 (Negrete McLeod) Real estate broker license: qualifications VETOED Existing law requires a real estate broker license applicant to complete specified course work and have two years experience as a real estate salesperson licensee, as specified, before the DRE can issue a real estate broker license to the applicant. The two years of experience as a salesperson can be waived if the broker license applicant can demonstrate the equivalent of two years general real estate experience or has graduated and obtained a degree from a four-year college or university, "which course included specialization in real estate".

SB 226 would have required the Real Estate Commissioner to adopt regulations to establish the educational criteria that constitutes a "specialization in real estate".

Existing law requires real estate brokers who arrange loans secured by real property to disclose, among other things, their license identification number in all mortgage lending advertising and on specified mortgage loan disclosures.

This bill would have required real estate licensees to disclose their license identification number on first point of contact marketing materials.

The Governor's veto message stated, in part:

"This bill is substantially similar to a bill that I vetoed last year. Instead of directly repealing one method in which a person can become a real estate broker as last year's bill did, this bill attempts to revise the method via a regulatory route. There is no more evidence this year than last that this licensing method has harmed consumers in the over thirty years it has been in statute.

While I cannot sign the bill, I do support one aspect of the bill. I urge the Legislature to consider legislation next year that authorizes the Department of Real Estate Commissioner to require real estate brokers and salespersons to display his or her license number on consumer first contact materials."

The California Association of Realtors® sponsored SB 226.

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Loan Fraud

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she was a financial executive earning \$9,000 per month from a shell company which they had established, for seemingly no other purpose than to create fictitious employment information for borrowers. In a separate series of transactions, the respondents sold 8 properties to a landscape contractor earning about \$40,000 per year by claiming the contractor was an investment analyst with their company earning \$14,000 per month. This pattern continued with multiple borrowers. The defrauded lenders required no verification of the supplied information since these were "stated income" loans.

As is the case when dealing with someone who is willing to defraud a lender, other parties involved in the transaction had "better take cover" as the chances for their being defrauded by the participants are high as well. In this particular case, in addition to supplying fraudulent information to the lenders, the respondents also made a series of false statements to the straw buyers to induce them into participating in the scheme. The straw buyers were told they were in the business of helping people with bad credit acquire homes through the use of the purchaser's good credit. It was just a way of helping people obtain the "American Dream" of home ownership. The respondents also represented that they had pre-qualified people who were waiting to take over the homes and the loan payments from the purchasers and that these individuals would pay a deposit, make all mortgage payments, property taxes, the related insurance and the maintenance. It was further represented that the pre-qualified individuals would then purchase the homes after two years at a price adjusted for appreciation of about 7 to 10 percent per year. In actuality, no pre-qualified purchasers existed and the respondents simply let the homes go into default which created substantial losses for the lenders and ruined credit ratings for the straw buyers.

Over 19 homes were sold by the respondents in this manner, accounting for over 8 million dollars in loans and over \$277,000 in loan broker commissions.

That is not much when you consider the consequences of their actions. Needless to say, the Department filed accusations and revoked the licenses of the individuals involved. In addition, the individuals responsible were indicted by the United States Attorney's Office on 14 counts of bank fraud, 14 counts of making false statements in loan applications, 7 counts of mail fraud and conspiracy to

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launder funds. It is doubtful that they think their scheme was such a good idea at this point.

Unfortunately, this case is not an isolated incident. DRE has Accusations against a large number of licensees who have been involved in similar schemes and criminal investigations are pending with respect to several of them. From the standpoint of the Department's Enforcement Program, we continue to

investigate complaints regarding transactions that have occurred with damage already done, and we will continue to remove unscrupulous licensees from the business and prevent possible fraudulent acts from occurring. Furthermore, the federal and local levels of government will continue to investigate and prosecute as appropriate.

Real estate licensees are in a more unique position of being able to prevent the problems from occurring in the first place, by recognizing red flags, asking appropriate questions, and giving the principals in your transactions the full picture of what is involved in terms of making a purchase and carrying the payments once the purchase is made.

Remember the old adage "AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTHAPOUND OF CURE". While a lot of damage has been done in the real estate market, we can prevent more of the same from occurring in the future. Please take the time to ensure that the principals in your transactions understand all terms and report abuses in the marketplace to the Department of Real Estate and to federal and local prosecutors where appropriate.

Continuing Education

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