

Statement for Structural Observation, 2013 CBC

PROJECT ADDRESS _____

PERMIT NUMBER _____

Description of Work _____

Where structural observation is required by 2013 CBC Section 1704 the Statement for Structural Observation shall name the individuals or firms who are to perform structural observation and describe the stages of construction at which structural observation is to occur (see duties specified in 2013 CBC Section 1704).

The Structural Observer of Record and Persons who perform the structural observation

The individual or firm who is responsible for the structural observation may be called the "Structural Observer of Record" for the project. Per 2013 CBC 1704, a structural observer of record must meet all of the following three conditions:

1. It must be a person or firm registered in California to practice engineering or architecture.
2. It must have a direct contractual relationship with the owner to provide the structural observation service.
3. It must be either the engineer or architect of record for the structural design or another engineer or architect designated by the engineer or architect of record.

The person who actually performs structural inspection in the field may be either the Structural Observer of Record or an engineer or architect under the responsible control of the Structural Observer of Record.

Prepared by:

Registered Design Professional in Responsible Charge License/Registration No.

Phone Number Signature Date

Owner's Authorization:

Owner

Phone Number Signature Date

Structural Observer of Record:

Name	Firm or Company	License/Registration No.
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Phone Number	Signature	Date
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Field Structural Observer: License/Registration No. _____

Name	Signature	Date
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Submission of Structural Observation

The Structural Observer of Record is responsible for submitting the observation report as required by 2013 CBC Section 1704. The person who actually performs the observation may fill out a draft report, noting any observed deficiencies. The draft report shall be reviewed, completed, stamped and signed by the Structural Observer of Record who takes the responsibility for the report. Whenever someone other than the Structural Observer of Record performs a structural observation that person’s name and professional registration number shall be identified in the report.

Deficiencies observed must be reported in writing to the owner’s representative, relevant special inspectors, the contractor and the Building Official. Whether or not any deficiency is observed, a structural observation report shall be submitted to the building official at each significant construction stage as designated in the Inspection and Observation Program. The Jurisdiction’s inspection approval at those stages shall not occur before receiving the report.

To facilitate the construction process, an inspector may conditionally approve an inspection based on a draft report prepared by the structural observer in the field, pending on submission of the report stamped and signed by the Structural Observer of Record.

Chapter 17; Structural Tests and Inspections

The following sections of Chapter 17 of the California Building Code are added, deleted, or amended as follows for Structural Observation:

Subsection 1704.5.1 is amended.
 Subsection 1704.5.2 is amended to read as follows:

1704 General. Where required by the provisions of Section 1704.5.1 or 1704.5.2 the owner shall employ the registered design professional in responsible charge for the structural design, or another registered design professional designated by the registered design professional in responsible charge for the structural design to perform structural observations as defined in Section 1702. At the conclusion of the work included in the permit, the structural observer shall submit to the building official a written statement that the site visits have been made and identify any reported deficiencies that, to the best of the structural observer’s knowledge, have not been resolved.

Subsection 175.5.1 is amended to add conditions 1 and 2 as follows:

All residential structures 5000 square foot or larger.
 All buildings 20,000 square foot or larger.

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