From the Secretary . . .

DRE is pleased to announce a contributing column from the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H), Maria Contreras-Sweet. She intends to regularly use this forum to address real estate related issues of interest to licensees.

As Secretary for BT&H, one of my primary objectives is to carry out the Governor’s commitment to improving housing in California. To that end, the Governor has appointed Pat Neal, the new Deputy Secretary for Housing. Her charge is to provide an environment in which good, affordable housing is available for the people of California. To aid in achieving this goal the Governor has proposed funding for a number of housing programs, including programs that provide low interest loans for a variety of residential and commercial housing activities, down-payment assistance to teachers working in hard-to-staff schools, and programs that build or rehabilitate housing for specified low and moderate income households.

At the same time, we are challenged to protect real estate consumers. Recent media coverage has highlighted mortgage lending scams and abuses around the nation, particularly in California. The Los Angeles Times recently reported that the default rate on Federal Housing Authority-backed mortgages in Southern California is 50 percent higher than the national average. The Times also stated that teams of auditors from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and agents from both the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service are performing investigations in this geographical area.

Cases like these continue to underscore the importance of the Department of Real Estate and affiliated Departments within the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency. As real estate values continue to rise, so does the potential for profit in real estate fraud. Clearly, we see that homebuyers and financial institutions remain at risk today which is why I am taking this very seriously, bringing various departments within BT&H together to fight this pattern of fraud. These and other fraudulent business schemes will not be tolerated in California.

California’s real estate market continues to soar. Sales of new homes far exceeded expectations in 1999 and the state’s median home price is expected to rise by 5.0 percent during this year to $228,400, according to recent analyses. A historically high consumer confidence level, sustained by strong manufacturing activity, low unemployment and controlled core inflation (which excludes energy and food) support the high sales level. Because of this and other factors, the real estate industry in California will continue to be a focus of this administration.

I appreciate the opportunity to address readers of the Real Estate Bulletin. I also look forward to having regular contributions to the newsletter with which to highlight important and timely issues in California’s real estate market. ☞

DFEH Sets the Records Straight on Restrictive Covenants

In October of 1999, Governor Gray Davis signed landmark legislation that moves the state one step closer to completely removing discriminatory language from housing deeds and related documents. In his proclamation of April as Fair Housing Month, Governor Davis stated that “despite existing state and federal legislation, discrimination in housing continues to be a serious problem, necessitating vigorous enforcement efforts by the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing and the Fair Employment

Part 1 Ten Most Common Violations Found In DRE Audits

As the real estate industry moves into a new millennium, new things pop up everyday to change the way we do business. New terms, such as E-Loans, Internet Marketing, and E-Form have become jargons of the trade. Yet, certain things have not changed – the most common violations found in DRE Audits. In this regard, the top ten common violations are listed below. The pur-
and Housing Commission.” Among the tools for expanding that enforcement is SB 1148 (Burton). As of January 1, 2000, the new law requires that county recorders, title insurance companies, real estate brokers and salespersons, and common interest development associations that provide declarations, deeds, and other governing documents to any person must place a cover page over the document or a stamp on the first page of the document containing a statement that any restrictive covenants that may appear are void and that any person with an interest in the property has the right to request that the language be removed.

Since the early 1930s, many of the deeds to property in subdivisions throughout the state and the country were drafted with clauses, or “restrictive covenants,” that expressly prohibited persons of certain racial, ethnic, and religious backgrounds from owning, renting, leasing, or living on those properties. The goal was to ensure that neighborhoods remained homogenous (“Caucasian only”); minorities were not welcomed as homeowners or tenants and faced eviction.

But even after the Supreme Court made the restrictive clauses illegal, they continued to be buried deep in documents such as grant deeds and declarations of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), often without the knowledge of the buyer or transferee and in violation of state and federal fair housing laws. Until this year, there was no state law requiring that the public be notified that if a document contained any restriction based on race, color, religion, sex, familial or marital status, disability, national origin, or ancestry, the restrictive language was void and unenforceable and that persons with an interest in the property could ask the county recorder to remove the language.

Law not yet implemented

As expected by some, the new law has not yet been fully implemented. About half of the county recorder offices spot-checked by the Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) were still not in compliance with the law’s requirements several months after it took effect. There may be any number of reasons for the delay: 1) offices or persons that distribute the affected property documents may not be aware of a change in the law; 2) they may not fully understand what documents are affected, or what process must now be followed in preparing those documents for distribution; 3) they may not believe their compliance is mandatory; 4) they may be facing workload or budgetary restrictions that make immediate compliance difficult; 5) or, in the worst case, they may not believe the new law will be enforced because the number of documents containing these clauses is unknown. Nevertheless, the law is applicable regardless of whether the document provider is or is not aware of the presence of a restrictive clause.

The challenge now facing DFEH is three-fold: communicating the provisions of the new state law to the public; enlisting the support of persons and agencies charged with providing property documents with implementation of the law; and enforcing the provisions whenever necessary to protect homeowners and tenants from practices deemed discriminatory.

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Reminder
Proof of Legal Presence Required

On August 1, 1998, the Department began enforcing a federal law which requires all applicants for an original or renewal real estate license to submit proof that they are either a United States Citizen, or a legal resident alien who is entitled to receive a public benefit. The document that is submitted to establish legal presence must be accompanied by a completed State Public Benefits Statement (RE 205).

Unfortunately, the Department is still receiving a large number of original and renewal license applications that are incomplete in that the State Public Benefits Statement and/or a legal presence document are not included. When incomplete applications are received, processing delays are incurred. These delays not only adversely affect the individual whose application is being held in suspense until receipt of the required documentation, but also all other original and renewal applicants, due to the additional workload that is created for the Licensing Section.

Licensees should plan ahead to ensure that they have an acceptable document on hand to establish legal presence when their license comes up for renewal. The most common document that can be used for establishing proof of U.S. citizenship is a birth certificate. In most cases, individuals can obtain a certified copy of their birth certificate from either the county recorder’s office in the county where they were born, or from the state office of vital statistics for the state where they were born. In addition to a birth certificate, there are a variety of other documents that can be used to establish proof of U.S. citizenship or legal alien status. A complete list of acceptable documents is contained on the State Public Benefits Comprehensive List (RE 205B) which may be obtained by contacting any DRE office or at our Web site www.dre.ca.gov.

Since it can take a number of weeks to obtain a certified copy of a birth certificate, and possibly longer for other kinds of documents, it is in the interest of all license applicants to obtain the appropriate documentation as early as possible to avoid processing delays.

With respect to existing licensees, the Department will accept the legal presence document along with the State Public Benefits Statement (RE 205) at any time during the licensee’s four year license term. When it is possible, it is a good idea to submit the documents early, so that the legal presence requirement is not still outstanding when it is time for license renewal. This will serve to eliminate any unforeseen problems that may affect the renewal process.

Please help us to help you avoid delays by making certain that you submit an appropriate document establishing legal presence in the United States, together with a properly completed State Public Benefits Statement, with your original or renewal license application.

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What DFEH has done
Since January, the Administration and DFEH have taken several steps to aid in setting the records straight. First, in recognition of the anniversaries of state and federal fair housing laws, Governor Davis proclaimed the month of April 2000 as “Fair Housing Month” in California and encouraged both the public and private sectors to educate themselves about fair housing laws and to promote fair housing practices. Second, DFEH and state Real Estate Commissioner Paula Reddish Zinnemann issued a joint letter to professional associations representing real estate brokers and salespersons enlisting their help in reminding their memberships of the duty to attach the required notification to deeds, declarations and governing documents. A similar letter was sent to associations representing title insurance companies and escrow companies. Third, DFEH asked all county recorders to begin complying with the law within a thirty day time frame to avert any need for corrective or enforcement actions.

DFEH will continue to monitor and encourage compliance throughout the state as we move toward full implementation of the SB 1148 and related statutes. Our actions to date are just the beginning — achieving our goal of fair, non-discriminatory housing for the residents of California will require the combined, good-faith efforts of real estate professionals, regulatory agencies, and consumers. We look forward to working with all of you.

Dennis Hayashi is the director of DFEH, the state department charged with enforcing anti-discrimination laws in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Further information about DFEH and its services may be obtained by calling (800) 233-3212 or by accessing DFEH’s Web site at www.dfeh.ca.gov.

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

Oakland Region
McDaniels, Luther (RES)
P.O. Box 785, Salinas
Effective: 2/22/00

San Diego Region
American Southwest Funding Corp. (REC)
4660 La Jolla Village Dr.,
Ste. 500, San Diego
Effective: 12/27/99

Morrell, Richard Anthony (REB, REO)
4660 La Jolla Village Dr.,
Ste. 500, San Diego
Effective: 12/27/99
Officer of: American Southwest Funding Corporation
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pose of this article is to call your attention to these common deficiencies and to provide you with procedures that you can follow to ensure compliance with these laws and regulations.

B & P Code Section 10148 – Retention of Records

Business and Professions Code Section 10148(a) states that a real estate broker shall retain for three years copies of all listings, deposit slips, canceled checks, trust records, and other documents executed by him or her or obtained by him or her in connection with any transactions for which a real estate license is required. This section requires that, after notice, the books, accounts, and records shall be made available for examination, inspection, and copying by the commissioner or his or her designated representative during regular business hours; and shall, upon the appearance of sufficient cause, be subject to audit without further notice, except that the audit shall not be harassing in nature.

A broker who fails to keep transaction files, canceled checks, deposit slips or other records prepared or obtained for a period of three years may be cited for violation of this section. Some brokers cited for violation of this section have simply failed to provide records after reasonable attempts by the Department to examine them. Other brokers cited have lost control of or destroyed records that should have been maintained. Formal legal action can result from a broker’s failure to provide records. You should review the record retention policies for your office to make sure you are in compliance with this code section.

Regulation 2731 – Use of False or Fictitious Name

Commissioner’s Regulation 2731 states that a licensee shall not use a fictitious name in the conduct of any activity for which a license is required under the Real Estate Law unless the licensee is the holder of a license bearing the fictitious name. Brokers should periodically check their license status with the Department to be sure that their license bears the fictitious name(s) they are using. Many brokers cited for violation of this regulation believed that having the dba registered with the county was sufficient to allow them to use it in their real estate business. Other brokers who are cited for this violation state that they had the fictitious name on their license at one time but may have had their license lapse for a brief period of time and failed to add the dba back on to their license.

Regulation 2831 – Trust Fund Records To Be Maintained

This regulation requires the broker to maintain, in columnar form, a record of all trust funds received and deposited by the broker. At a minimum, the following information must be indicated in columnar form in chronological order: date funds were received; name of payee or payor; amount received; date of deposit; amount paid out; check number and date; and the daily running balance of the trust account. If any of these columns are not present, then there is a violation of Regulation 2831. The accurate use of DRE form RE 4524 fully complies with this regulation.

When we cite this regulation, most of the time it is for one or more of the following reasons:

▶ The broker did not maintain any trust fund records.

▶ If trust fund records were maintained, they were either not in columnar form or a column (noted above) was missing. We have seen many brokers utilize a standard checkbook as trust fund records. These records do not comply with Regulation 2831.

▶ In some instances, columnar records were maintained by a licensee but he/she was still cited because the items posted were not accurate, e.g., when posting a check, it was the wrong amount; or, for a deposit, “the amount” was wrong and/or “the date of deposit” was the wrong date.

▶ A broker maintaining columnar records can still be cited if a daily running balance is not maintained or is inaccurate. Brokers must always keep a daily running balance of the aggregate amount of trust funds in their bank accounts.

(For trust funds not deposited into a trust account, the columnar record should show the date trust funds were received, the form of the trust funds, amount received, description of the property, identity of the person to whom funds were forwarded, and date of disposition. The accurate use of DRE form RE 4524 fully complies with this part of the regulation.)

It should be noted that records maintained under an automated data processing system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles should be in compliance as long as they contain the elements previously noted.

Regulation 2831.1 – Separate Record for Each Beneficiary or Transaction

This regulation requires the broker to maintain, in columnar form, a separate record of trust funds for each beneficiary or transaction accounting for all funds which have been deposited into a trust account. This record identifies which beneficiary has funds in the trust account. This record must include the following in chronological order and in columnar form: date of deposit, name of deposit, name of payee or payor, check number, date and amount, and running balance of the separate record after each transaction on any date.

This regulation is cited mostly due to one or more of the following reasons:

▶ The broker did not maintain separate records for each beneficiary.

▶ Separate records were maintained,
Disciplinary Action — Dec. 99 to Feb. 00

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 found in the Business and Professions Code and the Regulations of the Real Estate Commissioner, both of which are printed in the Real Estate Law book. The Real Estate Law book is available for purchase from the Department of Real Estate. Disciplinary actions that are "stayed" means "a delay in carrying out" all or part of the recommended discipline.

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 activities of his or her salespersons
2726 Failure to have broker-salesperson agreements
2731 Unauthorized use of fictitious business name
2731(a) Failure to obtain fictitious business name license
2742(c) Failure of corporation to be in good standing
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
2832.1 Failure to obtain permission to reduce trust fund balance in a multiple beneficiary account
2834 Trust account withdrawals by unauthorized or unbonded person
2834(a) Unauthorized person making withdrawals from trust fund account
2835 Retention of broker funds in trust account
2846 Failure to use approved lender/purchaser disclosure statement
2950 Violation of escrow regulations

Business and Professions Code

490 Substantially related criminal conviction
498 License obtained by fraud or misrepresentation
10130 Acting without license
10138 Payment of compensation to unlicensed person
10137 Unlawful employment or payment of compensation
10139 Acting as real estate broker without having a broker license

Castellanos, Miguel Angel Perez (REB) 8132 Firestone Blvd., #128, Downey Effective: 2/9/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Mark, Eric (REB) P.O. Box 1292, Downey Effective: 1/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Martindale, John R. (RES) 31661 Paseo Isabella, San Juan Capistrano Effective: 1/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Matteson, Magda (REC) 9250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Irvine Effective: 1/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Nariman, Sam (RES) 30001 Golden Lantern, #68, Laguna Niguel Effective: 1/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Olivo, Jorge Alberto (RES) 5520 Gage Ave., Bell Gardens Effective: 1/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Orebgoso, Luis Jose (RES) 2000 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton Effective: 1/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

San Francisco Regional Funding Corporation (REC) 3355 Michelson Dr., Ste. 300, Irvine Effective: 2/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Seeger, Robert Markley (RES) P.O. Box 90237, San Bernardino Effective: 12/30/99 Violation: 10177(j)

Shahbaei, Behnaz Sheila (REC) 27896 Violet St., Mission Viejo Effective: 12/30/99 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Shea, Da (REC) 1173 Lexington Ct., San Luis Obispo Effective: 1/1/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Los Angeles Region

Baelo, Alex Argane Jr. (REB) 13217 South St., Cerritos Effective: 1/12/00 Violation: 10177.5

Bernal, Katalin (RES) 2423 Green View Pk., Los Angeles Effective: 12/30/99 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Kapetanis, Haik (REC) 221 N. Chevy Chase Dr., Glendale Effective: 11/10/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

KDK Genesis Group, Incorporated (REC) 1000 Corporate Pointe, Ste. 101, Culver City Effective: 12/26/99 Violation: 10137, 10145, 10148, 10176(a)(e)(i), 10177(d)

Mark, Eric (REB) P.O. Box 1292, Downey Effective: 1/11/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Martindale, John R. (RES) 31661 Paseo Isabella, San Juan Capistrano Effective: 10/29/98 Violation: 10176(a)(b), 10177(j)

Matteson, Magda (REC) 9250 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Irvine Effective: 1/11/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Nariman, Sam (RES) 30001 Golden Lantern, #68, Laguna Niguel Effective: 2/8/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Olivo, Jorge Alberto (RES) 5520 Gage Ave., Bell Gardens Effective: 12/14/99 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Orebgoso, Luis Jose (RES) 2000 E. Chapman Ave., Fullerton Effective: 1/18/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Pacific Prime Residential Funding Corporation (REC) 3355 Michelson Dr., Ste. 300, Irvine Effective: 2/16/00 Violation: 2715, 10162, 10165, 10177(d)

Seeger, Robert Markley (RES) P.O. Box 90237, San Bernardino Effective: 12/30/99 Violation: 10177(j)

Shahbaei, Behnaz Sheila (REC) 27896 Violet St., Mission Viejo Effective: 12/30/99 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Shea, Da (REC) 1173 Lexington Ct., San Luis Obispo Effective: 1/1/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

REVOKE LICENSES

Fresno Region

Polosjuk, Alexander (RES) 1173 Lexington Ct., San Luis Obispo Effective: 1/12/00 Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Los Angeles Region

Baelo, Alex Argane Jr. (REB) 13217 South St., Cerritos Effective: 1/12/00 Violation: 10177.5

Bernal, Katalin (RES) 2423 Green View Pk., Los Angeles Effective: 12/30/99 Violation: 490, 10177(b)
San Diego Region

American Dream Possibilities, Inc. (REC)
1441 State St., El Centro
Effective: 1/3/00
Violation: 10145, 10177(d)

Dickson, Richard Dwayne (REB, REO)
1441 State St., El Centro
Effective: 1/3/00
Officer of: American Dream Possibilities, Inc.
Violation: 10177(h)

Hamilton, Eugene Thomas (REC)
15648 Davis Cup Ln., Ramona
Effective: 11/8/99
Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Larin, Maria Xammar (RRES)
2655 Reynard Way, San Diego
Effective: 2/25/00
Violation: 490, 10177(b)

Renteria, Juan Espinosa (RRES)
P.O. Box 1633, Spring Valley
Effective: 29/00
Violation: 10130, 10177(d)(j)

SUSPENDED WITH STAY

Los Angeles Region

Capital Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc. (REC)
16000 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 900, Encino
Effective: 12/9/99
Violation: 2726, 2832, 10145, 10177(d)

Suspected for 30 days-stayed for 1 year on terms and conditions

Flenoid-English, Willetta (REC)
3900 Lenawee, #5, Culver City
Effective: 12/14/99
Violation: 10145, 10177(d)(f) (g)(h)
Suspected for 2 years-all but 30 days stayed on terms and conditions

Gold, Richard Steven (REB, REO)
16000 Ventura Blvd., Ste. 900, Encino
Effective: 12/9/99
Violation: 2726, 2832, 10145, 10177(d)

Suspected for 30 days-stayed for 1 year on terms and conditions

Mark 1 Mortgage (REC)
12750 Center Court Dr., #140, Cerritos
Effective: 2/10/00
Violation: 2726, 2832, 2832.1, 2834, 10145, 10177(d)

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

Troup, Brian Curtis (REB, REO)
3200 Los Angeles Ave., #12, Simi Valley
Effective: 2/15/00
Violation: 10159.2, 10177(b)
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

REVOKED WITH A RIGHT TO A RESTRICTED LICENSE

Fresno Region

Ellis & Associates, Inc. (REC)
1002 North 11th Ave., Hanford
Effective: 12/30/99
Violation: 10145, 10177(d)
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions
J accuez, Jose Manuel (REB)  
603 Mc Henry Ave., Modesto  
Effective: 12/20/99  
Violation: 10130, 10137, 10176(e), 10177(d)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Jose, Florentino Lao (REB, REO)  
1002 North 11th Ave., Hanford  
Effective: 12/30/99  
Officer of: Ellis & Associates, Inc.  
Violation: 10177(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Parker, Susan Carol (RES)  
4576 Shasta Ln., Paso Robles  
Effective: 12/6/99  
Violation: 490, 10177(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Sanchez, Edward Mesa (REB)  
912 E. Hatch Rd., Modesto  
Effective: 12/8/99  
Violation: 2834(a), 10137, 10176(e), 10177(d)(h)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Los Angeles Region

Bunker Hill Enterprises, Inc. (REC)  
6566 Caliente Rd., Ste. A, Oak Hills  
Effective: 2/17/00  
Violation: 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Bunker, Stephen Louis (REB)  
1777 Green Rd., Pinon Hills  
Effective: 2/17/00  
Officer of: Bunker Hill Enterprises, Inc.  
Violation: 10177(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Carr, Betty Jean (REB)  
74-939 Highway 111, Ste. D-2, Indian Wells  
Formally known as: Vokes, Betty Jean  
Effective: 2/12/00  
Officer of: Indian Wells Enterprises  
Violation: 2725, 2832.1, 10145, 10148, 10177(d)(h)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Chai, Vince Lucas (REB, REO)  
8780 E. Valley Blvd., Ste. L, Rosemead  
Effective: 1/27/00  
Violation: 10137, 10138  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Circle Mortgage Corp. (REC)  
48 205 Alder Ln., Palm Desert  
Effective: 12/9/99  
Violation: 2726, 2742(c), 2831, 2831.1, 2832, 2834, 2835, 2846, 10145, 10176(e), 10177(d)(h), 10232.1, 10232.2, 10232.25, 10240  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Colonial Heritage Homes, Inc. (REC)  
2766 Hillview Dr., Newport Beach  
Effective: 12/20/99  
Violation: 2801.5, 10177(d), 11018.2  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions; RREC license to be suspended for 90 days

Fass, Randall Joseph (RES)  
20118 Superior St., Chatsworth  
Effective: 1/18/00  
Violation: 490, 10177(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Golden, William Dennis (RES)  
7608 Mason Ave., Winnetka  
Effective: 1/31/00  
Violation: 490, 10177(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Gonzalez, Claudio (RES)  
13828 Ramona Pky, Baldwin Park  
Effective: 12/8/99  
Violation: 498, 10177(a)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Houldin, Robert F. (REB, REO)  
101 Blue Lagoon, Laguna Beach  
Effective: 12/9/99  
Officer of: Circle Mortgage Corporation  
Violation: 2726, 2742(c), 2831, 2831.1, 2832, 2834, 2846, 10145, 10176(e), 10177(d)(f)(h), 10231.2, 10232(c), 10232.2, 10232.25, 10240  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Indian Wells Enterprises (REC)  
74-939 Highway 111, Ste. D-2, Indian Wells  
Effective: 2/12/00  
Violation: 2832.1, 2832.1, 10145, 10148, 10177(d)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Kinsey, Kevin Duane (REB, REO)  
5120 Goldleaf Cir., Ste. 308, Los Angeles  
Effective: 12/6/99  
Officer of: KDK Genesis Group, Inc.  
Violation: 10137, 10145, 10148, 10176(e)(i), 10177(d)(h)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Lee, Julie H. (REB)  
4502 Dyer St., #101, La Crescenta  
Effective: 12/28/99  
Violation: 10176(e)(i), 10177(d)(g)(h)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Mauss, Sally (RES)  
332 E. Madison Ave., Pomona  
Effective: 2/9/00  
Violation: 490, 10177(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

McCumsey, Robert Dean (REB, REO)  
2766 Hillview Dr., Newport Beach  
Effective: 12/20/99  
Officer of: Colonial Heritage Homes, Inc.  
Violation: 2801.5, 10177(d), 11018.2  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions; RREC license suspended for 90 days

Mills-Alegre, Isabel (RES)  
145 Via Marina, Marina Del Rey  
Effective: 12/14/99  
Violation: 490, 498, 10177(a)(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Steinlechner, Johann Hannes (REB)  
1610 E. Tamarisk Rd., Palm Springs  
Effective: 2/8/00  
Violation: 2726, 2831, 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2834, 10145, 10148, 10177(d)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Oakland Region

Allen, William Dean (REB)  
2636 Bridgeway, Rm. 200, Sausalito  
Effective: 12/29/99  
Violation: 2731, 2831, 10145, 10177(d)(h)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Barde, Saul (REB)  
1601 Bayshore Hwy, Ste. 302, Burlingame  
Effective: 12/19/99  
Violation: 10177(d)(g)(h)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Clemons, James Allen (REB)  
1999 S. Bascom Ave., #480, Campbell  
Effective: 12/25/00  
Violation: 2831.1, 2831.2, 2832, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d), 10229(j)(3)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

INDEFINITE SUSPENSIONS (under Recovery Acct. provisions)

Sacramento Region

Correa, Diane Lynnette (RES)  
4118 Ft. Donelson, Stockton  
Effective: 2/3/00  
Violation: 490, 10177(b)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Jordan, Willoughby Tillis III (REB)  
1103 Holly Dr., Tracy  
Effective: 2/23/00  
Violation: 2831.2, 2832.1, 10145, 10177(d)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Knadler, Howard Craig (REB)  
9700 Business Park Dr., Ste. 200, Sacramento  
Effective: 2/11/00  
Violation: 10177(f)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

San Diego Region

Metcalf, Rick D. (REB)  
6622 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla  
Effective: 1/20/00  
Violation: 2731(a), 2834(a), 10137, 10145, 10159.5, 10177(d)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions; RREC license suspended for 30 days

Servin, Jorge S. (RES)  
355 Third Ave., Ste. 103, Chula Vista  
Effective: 2/2/00  
Violation: 10130, 10137, 10139, 10177(d)  
Right to RREC license on terms and conditions

Carmen, Robert David (REB)  
1210 Third St., Atwater  
Effective: 1/18/00

Haasl, Mary Ann (RES)  
P.O. Box 730, Bonsall  
Effective: 12/17/99

McCombs, Joel D. (RES)  
P.O. Box 371, Altadena  
Effective: 2/2/00
Compliance, Complaint or Question
Who Do You Call?

Who are you going to call with your questions about the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Truth in Lending Act (TILA & REG Z), Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA), Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (FDCPA), Equal Credit Reporting Act (ECRA), Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA), or the Real Estate Law? Who will handle a complaint or question about something a bank or savings & loan, title or escrow company did during a transaction? Where do you get information about obtaining a California Finance Lender’s License (CFL), or a Residential Mortgage Lending License (RML), or an independent escrow license? Where do you go to learn about state subsidized first time home buyer home loan programs? Perhaps you want to verify the license status of an appraiser or even get your appraisal license, who do you call? You may want to file a complaint against a pest control contractor who issued a questionable report or want to check the license status of the contractor who bid on the repair job, where do you turn?

Although we routinely receive calls concerning all of the above, the DRE only has enforcement authority for the Real Estate Law. This means that we must refer questions about laws or licenses administered or enforced by other federal or state agencies to those agencies. We recognize that it is harder than ever to keep track of the virtual alphabet soup of laws, regulations and the agencies which administer them. In the hope of helping real estate licensees keep in compliance with the various laws to which they are subject, or in obtaining answers needed to better serve their clients, we offer the following list of agencies and the laws they are charged with enforcing. We encourage you to keep this list for future reference.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)
The FTC has enforcement authority in the case of mortgage companies for the following laws:

- Equal Credit Opportunity Act (interpretive questions may be addressed to the Federal Reserve Board (FRB))
- Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- Truth in Lending Act (interpretive questions may be addressed to the Federal Reserve Board) (Note that this act includes Reg Z and “Section 32” loan disclosure requirements)

Web site: www.ftc.gov
FTC Headquarters/Financial Services Division, 6th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580, (202) 326-3224
FTC Regional Office, 901 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, (415) 744-7920
FTC Regional Office, 11000 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90024, (310) 575-7890

The Federal Reserve Board (FRB)
Persons with questions on the meaning of any Regulation Z provision under the Truth in Lending Act, the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, or the Equal Credit Opportunity Act may request a formal board or unofficial staff interpretation. The questions should be addressed to the:

Director of the Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551, (202) 452-3667
Web site: www.bog.frb.fed.us

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
HUD has administrative authority for, among others, the following Acts:

- Real estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA)
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA)

The HUD headquarters office may be contacted for more information on RESPA or HMDA.

HUD RESPA Enforcement Unit, 451 7th Street S.W., Suite 5241, Washington, DC 20417, (202) 708-4560
Web site: www.hud.gov

HUD also serves as the agency to which independent (non-depository and non-depository affiliate) lenders submit their data under the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act. Information on how and where to send the report, as well as guidance on HMDA compliance may be obtained by telephoning HUD’s “HMDA hotline” at (202)755-7530.

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC)
The OCC administers in whole or in part and has enforcement authority over national banks for the following Acts:

- Community Reinvestment Act
- Equal Credit Opportunity Act
- Fair Credit Reporting Act
- Fair Debt Collection Practices Act
- Fair Housing Act
- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act
- Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act
- Truth in Lending Act

For information regarding the consumer laws, contact the OCC at:

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 150 E. Street, S.W., Mail Stop 7-8, Washington, D.C. 20219, (202) 874-4428
Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Western District Office, 50 Fremont Street, Suite 3900, San Francisco, CA 94105-2292, (415) 545-5900
Web site: www.occ.treas.gov

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Manufactured homes
Misleading representations

It has been brought to our attention that some real estate licensees who are involved in the sale of manufactured homes (mobile homes) have asked escrow agents to make misleading representations to lenders that the home is real property when, in fact, it is chattel. As the buyer’s slenderness may want assurance that the manufactured home has been converted to real property, escrow agents have allegedly been pressured by brokers and others to falsely represent that the home is real property even though it is not on a permanent foundation. Before you make representations that a manufactured home is real property, you should make certain your representation is accurate. Also, real estate licensees should never request that other service providers in a transaction falsely represent any information.

Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB)
SPCB licenses and regulates pest control operators. The SPCB Web site provides a lot of consumer information and can be used to verify the license status of a pest control operator.

Structural Pest Control Board, 1418 Howe Ave, Ste. 18, Sacramento, CA 95825, 916-263-2540
Web site: www.dca.ca.gov/pestboard

California Housing Finance Agency (CHFA)
The California Housing Finance Agency’s mission is to finance below-market rate loans to create safe, decent, and affordable rental housing and to assist first-time home buyers in achieving the dream of home ownership. CHFA assists low and moderate-income home buyers in the realization of their goal of home ownership in California. CHFA offers below market interest rate 30-year fixed loans to first-time home buyers who meet the income and sales price limits for the County in which they wish to purchase.

Sacramento Headquarters, 1121 L St., 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, Main: 916-322-3991
Los Angeles Office, 100 Corporate Pointe, Ste. 250, Culver City, CA 90230, Main: 310-342-1250
Web site: www.chfa.ca.gov

Office of Real Estate Appraisers (OREA)
OREA licenses real estate appraisers and ensures adherence to the national Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP), California law and Regulations. They also investigate complaints against appraisers. The OREA Web site provides a lot of consumer information and can be used to verify the license status of an appraiser.

Office of Real Estate Appraisers, 1755 Creekside Oaks Drive, Suite 190, Sacramento, CA 95833, 916-263-0722
Web site: www.orea.ca.gov

Department of Corporations (DOC)
DOC, among other things, has enforcement authority over the following laws:

• California Residential Mortgage Lending Act – This act regulates the activities of Residential Mortgage Lenders or RML licensees.
• California Finance Lenders Law – This law regulates the activities of California Finance Lenders or CFLs.
• Escrow Law – This law regulates the activities of independent escrow companies.

Please note that you can verify the license status of a RML or CFL licensee through the DOC Web site.

Department of Corporations, 320 West 4th St., Los Angeles, CA 90013-1105, (213) 576-7690
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but the broker was cited because information was missing.

- Separate records were maintained, but the broker was cited because the items posted were not accurate, e.g., when posting a check, it was the wrong amount; or, for a deposit, “the amount” was wrong and/or “the date of deposit” was the wrong date.

- Separate records were maintained, but a daily running balance for each record was not maintained or it was not accurate. Brokers must always keep a daily balance for each separate record.

Who do you call?
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Department of Corporations, 980 9th Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 327-0308
Web site: www.corp.ca.gov

Department of Insurance (DOI)
DOI has jurisdiction over title insurance companies. For questions or complaints contact:
Department of Insurance, Consumer Services Division, 300 South Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90013, 1-800-927-4354 or 213-897-8921
Department of Insurance, Consumer Services Division, 45 Fremont St., San Francisco, CA 94105, 1-800-927-4357
Web site: www.insurance.ca.gov

Other Useful Web Sites

www.leginfo.ca.gov – The legislative counsel maintains this Web site. It will allow you to search any of the California Codes. In addition, it provides information on current and past legislative bills.

www.ca.gov – This Web site is the State of California home page. This site provides useful links to most all state agencies.

www.bth.ca.gov – This Web site is the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency (BT&H) home page. This site provides information about and links to the thirteen departments BT&H oversees, including the Department of Real Estate, Department of Corporations, California Housing Finance Agency, Department of Finance Institutions, and Housing and Community Development.

ccr.oal.ca.gov – The Office of Administrative Law maintains this site. It will allow you to search all of the California Code Of Regulations.

www.dre.ca.gov – This Web site is maintained by the Department of Real Estate and provides useful information to both consumers and real estate licensees.

It should be noted that records maintained under an automated data processing system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles should be in compliance as long as they contain the elements previously noted.

**Regulation 2831.2 – Trust Account Reconciliation**

Regulation 2831.2 requires that the total of all Separate Beneficiary or Transaction Records maintained pursuant to Regulation 2831.1 be reconciled with the balance of the Record of All Trust Funds Received and Paid Out required by Regulation 2831.1 at least once a month except when the bank account did not have any activities. The requirement is that the accounting records be reconciled to each other. This is not only a legal requirement, this is also part of a sound internal control for trust fund handling.

In order for this procedure to have a reliable result, the Record of All Trust Funds Received and Paid Out must be reconciled first with the bank account statements as of a certain cut-off date. This procedure is commonly known as bank reconciliation and is performed basically to determine the accuracy of the records. A cut-off date is the calendar date (usually end of the month), when no transaction or activity thereafter is considered. This process is completed once all adjustments and corrections of any reconciling items have been made to the ending balance on each record to arrive at an adjusted cash balance. In other words, the balance of the record of all trust funds received and paid out has to equal the adjusted cash balance.

The next step is to compare and reconcile the total of all beneficiary or transaction records with the adjusted cash balance as of the cut-off date of the bank reconciliation. The main objective of this procedure is to determine, based on the records, whether all trust funds held on behalf of others are on deposit in the corresponding trust account. Another purpose of this procedure is to ascertain that there is no unidentified overage or broker’s funds in excess of $200 in the trust account. Any discrepancy must be corrected accordingly. The broker is required to maintain a record of the trust account reconciliation showing the name of the bank account number, date of the reconciliation, account number or name of the principals, beneficiaries or transactions and the amount of trust funds held by the broker for each of the principals, beneficiaries or transactions. Failure to comply with this Regulation could result in substantial loss of trust funds and disciplinary action against the broker by the Department.

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### Mail To:
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P.O. Box 187006
Sacramento, CA 95818-7006.

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