



General Notes For Structural Observation

These general notes shall be attached to the submitted plan set.

1. Structural observation is required for the structural system in accordance with County Planning & Building's Structural Observation Program. Structural Observation is the visual observation at the construction site of the elements and connections of the structural system at significant construction stages and the complete structure for general conformance to the approved plans and specifications. Structural observation does not waive responsibility for the inspections required by County Planning & Building or any of the special inspectors.
2. The owner shall employ a State of California registered civil or structural engineer or licensed architect to perform the structural observation.
3. The owner or owner's representative shall coordinate a call for a meeting, as described in Section 5.A.
4. The SOR or DSO shall perform site visits at those steps in the progress of the work that allow for correction of deficiencies without substantial effort or uncovering of the work involved. At a minimum, the listed items on form BLD-1036 require site visits, observations and a report from the SOR.
5. The SOR shall prepare form BLD-1037 for each significant construction stage observed. The original Structural Observation report shall be signed and sealed with a wet stamp by the EOR/AOR and shall be sent or delivered to a County building official. A copy of the observation report signed and sealed with a wet stamp by the responsible SOR shall be retained at the project site for the use of the owner, contractor, and inspectors. Any deficiency noted on the observation report will become the responsibility of the SOR to verify its completion by him/her, or by a registered special inspector at the discretion of the SOR.
6. A final observation report must be submitted that states all observed deficiencies are resolved, and the structural system generally conforms with the approved plans and specifications. County Planning & Building will not accept the structural work without this final observation report and that of the approved special inspector, including the correction of specific deficiencies noted by a County building inspector.
7. The SOR shall provide the final wet stamped and signed form BLD-1037 to County Planning & Building.
8. When the owner elects to change the SOR, the owner shall:
 - a. Notify the Building Official in writing before the next inspection by submitting a revised form BLD-1036;
 - b. Call an additional preconstruction meeting; and
 - c. Furnish the replacement structural observer with a copy of all previous observation reports.

The replacement SOR shall approve the correction of all the original observed deficiencies unless otherwise approved by a County building official. The policy of the County Planning & Building shall be to correct any properly noted deficiencies without consideration of their source.

The EOR/AOR shall prepare all changes relating to the structural systems. County Planning & Building staff shall review and approve all changes to the approved plans and specifications.