

Government Advocacy is a key component of the mission on the BCASWI. In 2023, our membership was active in several key local issues that will save our builders and developers thousands of dollars and hours of unnecessary delays.

2023 BCASWI Government Advocacy Issues

Eagle Pathway Standards – letter submitted

- Worked with City of Eagle to revise their pathway standard which was excessive in cost (\$1.2M/mile) and resulted in pathways with short life span and more costly repairs. Revised standard closer to \$300k/mile and more inline with local industry standard requirements.

Eagle City Water Capitalization Fees – letter submitted

- This issues is still active and BCASWI is continuing participation in the process.

Eagle notification Requirements – letter submitted, application to change notification requirements filed.

- This previously required significant mailers including most of the City depending on the size of the project. Mailing expenses could cost between \$25-\$40k per public hearing. This is being reduced to more standard notification requirements found across the Treasure Valley.

Eagle Water Standards

- Worked to reign in these updated standards to be more in-line with local/state industry standards resulting in significant costs savings and simpler requirements to administer.

City of Kuna/Kuna School District fees

- Supported Kuna School District's unsuccessful bond campaign.
- Actively working with the City of Kuna and Kuna School District to remove the "voluntary" mitigation fee of \$3600/lot, have them back off their negative and aggressive approach towards developers making projects harder to approve, and support a well thought out and professionally managed bond campaign.

City of Kuna Code revisions

- Members provided input on City of Kuna development code revisions. Resulted in various improvements including lot coverage issues.

City of Meridian Design Standard Updates

- City of Meridian proactively reached out to the BCASWI to review proposed development design standard modification. BCASWI put together a working group to

review, meet with the city, and modify as needed. The city was receptive to some but not all of the revisions proposed by BCASWI. Matter is ongoing in 2024.

ACHD review of techs vs. inspectors

- Review techs and inspectors were not on the same page. This resulted in delays and additional costs to developers. Since bringing this to ACHD's attention it has since improved but will require ongoing monitoring.

ACDC Pathway Policy/PROWAG – letter submitted

- ACHD presented the proposed changes to the BCASWI. Members submitted comment letters and publicly testified. ACHD amended their revisions to accommodate some of our members requests. Notably, removed one leg of pedestrian crossings at t-intersections which adversely affect lots or required removal of lots altogether.

Dasco gas service lines/installation

- Dasco fell significantly behind in gas service line installation leading into winter. This is necessary to provide heat to homes under construction, so delays do not occur nor require builders to pay for temp. heaters. IMG allowed members to work through priority list of homes. Still remains a challenge.

Boise Zoning code sustainability standards – letter submitted

- Additionally, the BCASWI was given a seat on the Assured Water Supply committee

Idaho Power Development Service Installation Delays

- Worked with Idaho Power to improve communication and reduce delays that were up to 4-6 months.