In Stockton we closed our public counter effective Monday, 3/16. Staff has been coming in this week while we try to get everyone setup to work remotely. We are leveraging all of our technology tools such as Bluebeam, Microsoft Teams, SharePoint, Accela, online payment, etc. to be able to offer as much of the same services as usual.

We are still performing inspections but have instructed our inspectors to stay out of private residences and job trailers. They are instructing the contractors to provide them distance and clear areas for their inspections. We are allowing video apps and photos in certain situations.

We are performing plan review electronically, we intend to continue accepting new plan review submittals and proceeding as close to as normal on that front.

Our front counter staff is processing OTC permits through email correspondence back and forth with the applicant and we are aggressively setting up our online permitting portal.

THE PERMIT CENTER IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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I would like to ask all my fellow Building Officials what your plan is... OR should I say, what your City contingency plan is for your Building Department operational function in light of the pandemic.

I would like us to share any and all thoughts and plans, just so we know what each other is doing, because I know that for many of the smaller departments may not be as prepared as others. Whereas the larger jurisdictions will probably be totally controlled by their upper level governing bodies (please correct me if I am off base).

If we are prepared, we shall not fear! So the big question is, are you prepared?

Will you still perform plan review? Inspections?
Please list all functions / duties that you will not be performing if you wouldn’t mind.

Thanks in advance. Please, stay healthy everyone!

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