



# **NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

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## **Contact Governor Newsom – Support SB 440: Private Works Change Order Reform**

**SB 440 (Ochoa-Bogh)**, our industry-backed change order reform bill, has officially passed the Legislature and **is now on Governor Newsom's desk**.

SB 440 extends the successful public works change order framework (AB 626, 2016) to private projects, ensuring fair timelines and payment procedures. Without it, unresolved or unpaid change orders continue to cause delays, costly litigation, and serious financial strain on contractors.

Key reforms in SB 440 include:

- Allowing contractors to initiate the payment process for work performed outside the original contract scope.
- Requiring private project owners to review claims for extra work within a timely window.
- Upholds the owner's right to dispute or reject all or part of a change order claim, while requiring prompt payment of any undisputed amounts in line with existing California prompt payment laws.
- Requiring nonbinding mediation before litigation for any disputed or denied claims, or portion of claims, encouraging early and cost-effective resolution.

👉 [Contact the Governor's office today](#) and urge him to sign SB 440.

Your voice can make the difference!