

California Residential Mitigation Program

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In July of 2016, Bay Area Retrofit was removed from the Earthquake Brace + Bolt's Contractor Directory because you had been conveying to EBB applicants that a Chapter A3 retrofit was ineffective and unsafe. At the time, these statements could be found on your website. Your company has benefitted by being on our Contractor's Directory. Yet, your website encourages homeowners, whether by direct comment or insinuation, to refrain from obtaining a building permit for their retrofit work, potentially making them ineligible for the EBB program. This, combined with your continued denigration of Standard Plan A and Chapter A3, damages the reputation of the Earthquake Brace+ Bolt (EBB) and the CEA Brace+ Bolt (CEA BB) programs.

We will be removing Bay Area Retrofit from the Earthquake Brace+ Bolt/CEA Brace Bolt Contractor Directory, effective immediately.

Sincerely,



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Managing Director, Earthquake Brace + Bolt Program