

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BSC EF 01-15

SUBJECT

In response to Executive Order B-29-15 (issued April 1, 2015), the California Building Standards Commission (BSC) is proposing the permanent adoption of recently approved emergency building standard regulations pertaining to the reduction of potable water use for exterior landscape irrigation for specified non-residential buildings.

PROPOSING STATE AGENCY

California Building Standards Commission (BSC)

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS

CBSC, in coordination with the Department of Water Resources (DWR), the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the Division of the State Architect – Structural Safety (DSA-SS), the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), as well as other stakeholders, is proposing the permanent adoption of recently approved emergency regulations that amend the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code (Part 11, Title 24, California Code of Regulations, also known as “CALGreen”) as follows:

- Amends and repeals definitions in Chapter 2
- Amends Section 5.304 pertaining to Outdoor Water Use
- Amends and Repeals Sections from A5.304 pertaining to Outdoor Water Use

BACKGROUND

Emergency proclamations issued by Governor Brown in January and April of 2014, as well as Executive Order B-29-15 (issued April 1, 2015), gave direction to the BSC and other agencies to propose emergency building standards pertaining to the reduction of water use for exterior landscape irrigation for specified nonresidential buildings by updating the outdoor potable water use requirements located in the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Chapter 5 and Appendix Chapter A5.

Currently DWR establishes, through Title 23 regulations, the required use of a Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) or a Locally Established Landscape Ordinance (WELO) that is equivalent to the MWELO. A coordinated effort took place with DWR to establish the appropriate formulas and regulatory language to accomplish the desired reduction in water used in exterior landscape irrigation systems within the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen). Along with DWR, HCD for residential occupancies, DSA-SS for public schools K - 12 and community colleges, and OSHPD for hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and correctional treatment centers also proposed new emergency mandatory requirements addressing the outdoor use of water in landscape irrigation systems. BSC is proposing the permanent adoption of these building standards.

FINDINGS:

The proposed submittal appears to be compliant with the Administrative Procedure Act and State Building Standards Law. Please refer to the Final Statement of Reasons for information on BSC's responses to comments received during the 45-day and 15-day public comment periods.

Enclosed for commission consideration are the following documents:

- Final Express Terms;
- Final Statement of Reasons;

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- Nine-Point Criteria Analysis;
- Updated Informative Digest;
- Fiscal and Economic Impact Statement; and
- Initial Statement of Reasons (for reference only)

COMMISSION ACTION:

A nine-point analysis prepared in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 18930 must, to the satisfaction of the commission, justify the approval of the proposed building standards. The commission must give great weight to the determination and analysis of the proposing agency on each of the nine points.

Any factual determination of the proposing agency shall be considered conclusive by the commission unless the commission expressly finds, and sets forth its reasons in writing, that the determination of the proposing agency is arbitrary and capricious, or substantially unsupported by the evidence. If there is such a finding, the commission may return the proposal to the proposing agency for re-examination of the disputed facts.

The commission may take any one of the following actions on this item:

- **Approve**
- **Disapprove**
- **Approve as Amended**
- **Further Study Required**