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**BUILDING STANDARDS BULLETIN 09-01**

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TO: CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE USERS
SUBJECT: EFFECTIVE DATES FOR ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTS AND EMERGENCY RULEMAKINGS TO THE 2007 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24)

The purpose of this bulletin is to address and clarify the Title 24 history notes regarding the effective date for the recently published annual supplements to the 2007 California Building Standards Code (Code), as well as the effective dates for the permanent adoption of emergency building standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission (Commission) and for errata included in the supplements.

There are mandated time frames in law related to the effective dates of Commission-approved standards for both regular rulemakings and emergency rulemakings. The law states that approved building standards become effective 180 days after publication in the Code or at a later date established by the Commission. The Commission has established August 1, 2009, as the effective date for the recently published annual supplements.

Emergency building standards are effective when filed with the Secretary of State, or upon a later date as specified. Emergency building standards are in effect for 180 days and must be adopted as permanent in order to remain in effect beyond that time. In the annual supplement applying to the 2007 California Building Code, emergency standards shown in history notes for the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the Division of the State Architect are shown as being permanently adopted and therefore remaining in effect since their original adoption as emergencies.

In addition, these annual supplements contain errata and changes without regulatory effect. The errata correct misprints of building standards currently in effect, while the changes without regulatory effect correct inconsequential oversights made during the annual cycle.

History notes in future supplements will contain specific effective dates of the material in the supplements.

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