

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT – STRUCTURAL SAFETY (DSA-SS)

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 11**

A 15-day Notice of proposed changes to building standards of the DSA-SS was held regarding adoption of amendments to the 2010 California Green Building Standards Code for use in the California code of regulations, Title 24, Part 11. Notice was given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of DSA-SS proposed to adopt amendments to the 2010 California Building Standards and adopt, approve, codify, and publish green building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 11. Building standards proposed by DSA-SS for adoption into Part 11 are applicable to public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges. A public hearing was not scheduled; however, written comments were accepted from December 2, 2009, until 5:00 PM on December 16, 2009.

For this reason DSA-SS finds that no revisions have been made which would warrant a change to the informative digest contained in the 45-day and 15-day Notice's for Green Building Standards Code, Part 11, Title 24, CCR.

Summary of the Immediately Preceding Laws and Regulations

Sections 17310 and 81142 of the Education Code authorize the State Architect to establish building standards for the design, construction and inspection of public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges.

Summary of Governor's Executive Orders

S-20-04, December 14, 2004, instructs state entities to design, construct, and operate all new and renovated state-owned facilities paid for with state funds as "LEED Silver" or higher certified buildings.

S-3-05, June 1, 2005, establishes targets for limiting GHG emissions to 2000 levels by 2010, to 1990 levels by 2020, and to 80% of 1990 levels by 2050. It directs the Secretary of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to coordinate this effort with the Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, Secretary of the Department of Food and Agriculture, Secretary of the Resources Agency, Chairperson of the Air Resources Board, Chairperson of the Energy Commission, and the President of the Public Utilities Commission. These agencies formed a Climate Action Team (CAT) to report to the governor by January, 2006 and periodically thereafter on strategies and progress in meeting the goals.

S-20-06, October 17, 2006, directs EPA to continue coordinating reduction of GHG emissions and development of market-based strategies for achievement, mandated by AB 32.

Summary of the Immediately Preceding Regulations (Government Code Section 11346.9(b))

At the direction of the Building Standards Commission, Part 11 of Title 24 will contain California's green building standards. These standards will be coordinated with, and may reference existing laws and regulations (e.g. Title 24, Part 6 energy efficiency standards) pertaining to resource and energy conservation and environmental quality.

Other relevant CCR titles:

- Title 17 includes regulations for air quality promulgated by the California Air Resources Board
- Title 20, Article 4, Appliance Efficiency regulations, contains CEC standards for water consumption of widely used plumbing fixtures.
- Title 23 includes the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance recently updated by Department of Water Resources.

Summary of Effect

This proposed action will make effective mandatory and voluntary green building standards available in CCR, Title 24, Part 11 for buildings under authority of CBSC, on a date commensurate with the 2010 annual code adoption cycle, either 180 days after publication in Title 24 or at a later date to be determined by CBSC.