

**UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

**REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 5**

**DUAL PLUMBING DESIGN STANDARDS FOR POTABLE AND RECYCLED WATER
SYSTEMS INSIDE BUILDINGS**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) made revisions that warrant changes to the informative digest contained in the Notice for California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 5.

Summary of the Immediately Preceding Laws and Regulations

Water Code § 13553 declares that the use of potable water for certain indoor uses and in certain structures is an “unreasonable” use of potable water if recycled water is available. Section 13553 (B) states “That any plumbing modifications in the condominium unit or any physical alteration of the structure will be done in compliance with state and local plumbing codes.”

Assembly Bill 371 Water Recycling Act of 2006 gave DWR authority to adopt the code. Water Code §13557, amended by Stats. 2009, Ch. 178 (S.B. 283, DeSaulnier), restated that DWR adopt the code by December 2009. SB 283 also requires DWR to regularly update the code.

Summary of the Immediately Preceding Regulations

There is currently no California dual plumbing code.

Summary of Effect

The adoption of California Dual Plumbing Design Standards will assist local agencies in providing recycled water. The absence of a California Dual Plumbing Code has caused confusion in local jurisdictions. Local authorities have turned to the Uniform Building Code without assurance that the code is compliant with California Department of Public Health requirements. Some local agencies have denied dual plumbed buildings because of this uncertainty. Adoption of this dual plumbing code will increase the use of recycled water and further the success of water conservation throughout the state.