To: DSA Stakeholders
From: The Division of the State Architect
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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the Fourth Quarter of 2018

To keep stakeholders abreast of new and revised forms and publications available online, as well as recent announcements, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) posts this list to the “News & Events” section of the DSA website each quarter. If you have questions regarding any of the forms, publications, or announcements in this summary, please email DSAcommunication@dgs.ca.gov.

New and Revised Forms and Publications:

**OCTOBER**

- **BU 18-01: Applicability of Pre-Check (PC) Design Criteria for Non-PC Projects** The new bulletin informs clients that the PC Design Criteria documents prepared by DSA for the respective pre-check (PC) project types shall also be considered and incorporated in site-specific submittals for structures of the same project type. (10/31/18)

- **DSA 810: Fire & Life Safety Site Conditions Submittal** The form was revised in its entirety and reflects a change in direction, placing the responsibility for determining the viability of fire department (FD) access and water supply on the design professional (DP). The form can also be used by the DP to propose design alternates to the local fire authority for non-compliant conditions associated with FD access and water supply. (10/22/18)

- **IR 23-9.10: Prefabricated Wood I-Joist: 2016, 2013, and 2010 CBC** The revised Interpretation of Regulations (IR) was updated to clarify its applicability to the 2016, 2013 and 2010 editions of the CBC and provide clarification for lateral and rotational support, long-term deflection, and shear transfer nailing at I-joist blocking panels for wood I-joists installed in construction projects under DSA’s jurisdiction. (10/5/18)

- **IR A-28: Fire Alarm System Changes in Existing Buildings** The revised IR includes references updated to reflect currently adopted standards and to accurately reflect the title names of noted NFPA documents. (10/8/18)

- **PL 09-01: Fire Flow for Buildings** The revised policy clarifies the intended direction of the policy and correctly references the applicable appendix tables in the California Fire Code. (10/08/18)

- **PR 18-04.BB17: Procedure: Electronic Plan Review for Design Professional of Record Using Bluebeam 2017** The new procedure facilitates the change from the paper design
review process and introduces the steps required to view and incorporate DSA’s design review comments in Bluebeam Studio using Bluebeam version 2017. (10/03/18)

- **PR 18-04.BB18: Procedure: Electronic Plan Review for Design Professional of Record Using Bluebeam 2018** The new procedure facilitates the change from the paper design review process and introduces the steps required to view and incorporate DSA’s design review comments in Bluebeam Studio using Bluebeam version 2018. (10/03/18)

- **PR 18-05: Procedure: Electronic Plan Review for Consultant Plan Reviewer** The new procedure facilitates the change from the paper design review process to a digital design review process using DSAbox, Bluebeam Studio Projects and Sessions. (10/03/18)

**NOVEMBER**

- **IR A-6: Construction Change Document Submittal and Approval Process** The revised IR states that Category B Construction Change Documents (CCD) voluntarily submitted to DSA will be charged fees for review and concurrence. Category B CCDs required by DSA will not cause a fee charge if DSA concurs that the CCD is Category B. (11/27/18)


- **PL 09-02: Electronic Submittal/Plan Review** **DELETED** 11/14/18

- **PL 18-01: Communication Towers, Poles and Buildings Utilized by State Agencies for Essential Services Communications** The new policy clarifies requirements for new construction and modifications to antenna and equipment mounted on existing towers and poles. (11/26/18)

- **PL 18-02: Record Sets of DSA-Approved Construction Documents** The new policy includes updates for Electronic Plan Review. (11/27/18) **Replaces** PL 06-01

- **PR 14-06: Plan Review Submittals for Electronic Submission and Review** **DELETED** 11/14/18

- **PR 16-01: Electronic Back Check for Plan Review Projects** **DELETED** 11/14/18
DECEMBER

- **IR 23-1: Prefabricated Wood Construction Connectors: 2016, 2013, and 2010 CBC** The revised IR was updated to clarify its applicability to the 2016, 2013 and 2010 editions of the CBC and provide clarification for allowable load capacities and the use of cast-in-place proprietary hold-down bolts installed in construction projects under DSA’s jurisdiction. (12/3/18)

- **PL 07-03: Fire Department, Emergency Access Roadways and School Drop Off Areas** The policy was revised for consistency with California fire code and California vehicle code requirements. (12/12/18)

- **PL 09-05: Elevator Cab Sizes** Fire & Life Safety revised the CBC edition and section references for consistency with the 2016 edition; amended to coordinate with new DSA procedure for requesting design alternates by referencing PR 18-01. (12/12/18)

**Announcements of Interest:**

**New DSA Website, Coming Soon**

A re-designed Division of the State Architect (DSA) website is scheduled to go live in the coming weeks. Based on client feedback and market research, the new website will contain fewer webpages and will be easier to navigate.

Information clients seek most often will still be found on the homepage, and often sought after information will be placed in a prominent location on the homepage for easier access on future visits. Content was reorganized to separate the information necessary for DSA approvals or certifications (Services) and specific program information (Resources).

The DSA homepage will remain at the same web address (www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa) but the webpages and documents will have new links. To ease the transition, links you may have saved to specific documents on our current site will remain live for a limited time.

This website redesign will not impact our web applications and databases (eTracker, DSAbox, CASp database, DSA Academy, etc.).

For client convenience, once the new website is live, we will send another announcement that includes links to the most frequently accessed information on our website.