

## **2009 Code Cycle: It's A Wrap!**

The commission's most important work of 2009 was the lengthy code cycle which began July 1, 2009. The triennial process is a daunting collaborative and labor intensive task that culminated this month (January 12) with the adoption of the 2010 edition of the California Building Standards Code (Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations).

Amongst the deluge of submittals, were the new mandatory regulations for the California Green Building Standards Code (CGBC) from each of the submitting agencies.

In addition to the new green policies, the 2009 International Residential Code (IRC) was adopted for codification in the 2010 edition of the California Residential Code (CRC). The IRC includes a mandate for the installation of automatic fire sprinkler systems in one and two family dwellings.

The Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, was tasked with establishing a dual plumbing code for the state that will provide design standards to safely plumb buildings with both potable and recycled water systems.

The 2010 edition of Title 24, The California Building Standards Code has a projected effective date of January 1, 2011. For more information regarding the code cycle, proposed changes or the commission review go to the [CBSC](#) Web site.