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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AMENDMENTS

The California Building Standards Law provides that any city and/or county, or fire protection district may establish more restrictive building standards than those contained in the California Building Standards Code that are reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geological, or topographical conditions [Health and Safety Code (H&SC) Sections 13869.7 and 18941.5(b)].

A city and/or county is required to file these modifications with the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) [H&SC Section 17958.7(a)]. No city and/or county amendment is effective until the change, together with the local jurisdiction's findings, is filed with the CBSC. In no case will the effective date be sooner than 180 days after publication of the California Building Standards Code.

On the other hand, a fire protection district is required to transmit its adopted ordinances to the city and/or county where they will apply. The legislative body of the city and/or county may then ratify, modify, or deny a fire protection district's adopted ordinances and transmit its determination to the district. No ordinances adopted by the district become effective until ratification by the city and/or county where the ordinances will apply. Upon ratification of a fire protection district's adopted ordinances, the city and/or county is required to file a copy of the district's findings, its own findings, and the adopted ordinances with the Department of Housing and Community Development [H&SC 13869.7(c)]; please direct the filing to the attention of the State Housing Law Program Manager.

Please refer to Building Standards Bulletin 99-01, March 17, 1999, for additional information regarding the applicability of the California Building Standards Code and local jurisdiction amendments to it. The bulletin may be obtained by clicking your browser's "Back" button and selecting Building Standards Bulletin 99-01.