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**BUILDING STANDARDS BULLETIN 99-03**

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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING RELATED TO RECOMMENDING RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS IN THE CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE

The Commission, at their July 14, 1999 meeting, appointed a committee to review and recommend resolution of the following conflicting provisions of the California Plumbing Code:

California Plumbing Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 5) Section 603.3.4, providing that:

Direct connections between potable water piping and sewer connected wastes shall not exist under any condition with or without backflow protection. Where potable water is discharged to the drainage system it shall be by means of an approved airgap of two (2) pipe diameters of the supply inlet, but in no case shall the gap be less than one (1) inch (25.4mm). Connection may be made to the inlet side of a trap provided that an approved atmospheric vacuum breaker is installed not less than six (6) inches (152 mm) above the flood level rim of such trapped fixture, so that at no time will any such device be subjected to any back-pressure.

California Plumbing Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 5), Appendix G-A, Section G 1, Subdivision (a), providing that:

The provisions of this Appendix shall apply to the construction, installation, alteration and repair of graywater systems for subsurface landscape irrigation. The graywater system shall not be connected to any potable water system without an air gap (a space or other physical device which prevents backflow) and shall not result in any surfacing of the graywater. Except as otherwise provided for in this Appendix, the provisions of the Uniform Plumbing Code (U.P.C.) shall be applicable to graywater installations.

The committee will meet at 10:00 a.m., 1130 K Street, Suite 101, Sacramento, California 95814, on Wednesday, August 4, 1999

Members of the committee are:

- The Commission's Coordinating Council, representing:
 - The Department of Health Services
 - The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development
 - The Department of Housing and Community Development
 - The Department of Industrial Relations
 - The State Fire Marshal
 - The State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission
 - The Department of General Services
- The Department of Water Resources
- The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management, Department of Health Services
- The International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials

This committee was appointed by the Commission pursuant to the requirements of Health and Safety Code Section 18933 (b) and is required to provide its recommendations to the Commission within 30 days of appointment.

If you have any questions related to this Bulletin, please contact Travis Pitts, Executive Director, at (916) 323-6363.