

Public Comment to DSAAC 01-12, Chapter 11B, Part 2

Although I have not had a chance to thoroughly digest the complete re-write of 11B, I have been involved in the process since early this year as a member of the Evan Terry comparison team. The effort by Division of the State Architect- Access Compliance to make one document that architects, building departments, contractors and building owners can use that will ensure compliance with both State and Federal laws is commendable and long overdue. I am sure that further amendments to the code will be necessary as users become more familiar with it but it no doubt will improve accessibility in California immeasurably. No longer will architects be left to wonder if they have captured the standard that provides the highest level of accessibility between the State and Federal standards. No longer will building officials be in a position of approving plans that are compliant with State standards but may not be compliant with Federal standards. California will again be the leader in accessibility.

Please approve the package submitted by Division of the State Architect- Access Compliance intended for the 2013 California Building Standards Code and the 2013 California Administrative Code for all Californians.

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