

California Building Standards Commission



The California Building Standards Commission oversees the development, adoption and publication of California's mandatory building codes, which affect nearly all buildings in the state. The commission:



- Administers and publishes the California Building Standards Code in its entirety every three years. Halfway through that period, timely additions, changes and corrections are made to the code.

- Manages the regulatory rulemaking processes that ensure public and industry stakeholder participation.

- Coordinates the code development processes with the other code proposing and adopting state agencies. Model code standards, upon which California bases its codes, may be modified with state amendments.



- Develops green building standards for occupancies that are not under explicit authority of another state agency.

- Consists of governor-appointed commissioners who represent the public, design professions, the building and construction industry, local government building officials, local fire and safety officials, and organized labor.

Fast Facts

- The California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) was the first-in-the-nation mandatory green building code.

- The California Building Standards Code is made up of 13 parts and more than 5,500 pages.