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BUILDING STANDARDS INFORMATION BULLETIN 13-07

DATE: **December 18, 2013**

TO: **LOCAL BUILDING DEPARTMENTS**
STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS
LICENSED CONTRACTORS
DESIGN PROFESSIONALS
INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: **Effective Date Change For Parts of the 2013 California Building Standards Code**

The purpose of this information bulletin is to announce the change of the effective date of specific provisions of the 2013 edition of the California Building Standards Code, Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

At the December 18, 2013, meeting of the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), the CBSC approved the action taken by the California Energy Commission (CEC) at its public hearing on December 11, 2013, changing the effective date of the 2013 California Energy Code, in Part 6, and the 2013 California Administrative Code, Chapter 10, in Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations, from January 1, 2014, to July 1, 2014. The CBSC also addressed the necessary change in the effective date of affected energy provisions only in the 2013 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Part 11, Title 24, California Code of Regulations.

Background

Unanticipated delays have occurred in developing the 2013 Public Domain Residential and Nonresidential California Building Energy Code Compliance (CBECC) software for demonstrating performance compliance with the 2013 California Energy Code. Without the new software, requiring compliance with the 2013 California Energy Code will create a hardship for the building design professionals, the construction industries and enforcement agencies.

Related Action

At its December 18, 2013, meeting the CBSC approved the change of the January 1, 2014, effective date for affected energy provisions only in the 2013 CALGreen, Part 11, Title 24, California Code of Regulations to July 1, 2014. This action was necessary because of the relationship of these provisions to Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6, California Administrative Code and California Energy Code respectively.

Summary of Change and Affect

California Energy Code, Part 6 – Effective July 1, 2014

- The 2013 California Energy Code, Part 6, Title 24, California Code of Regulations now goes into effect on July 1, 2014. Until July 1, 2014, the 2010 California Energy Code, Part 6 is the effective code. The 2010 California Energy Code will remain in effect until July 1, 2014.

California Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 10 – Effective July 1, 2014

- The 2013 California Administrative Code, Chapter 10, Part 1, Title 24, California Code of Regulations now goes into effect on July 1, 2014. Until July 1, 2014, the 2010 California Administrative Code, Chapter 10, Part 1, continues to be the effective code. The 2010 California Administrative Code, Chapter 10, Part 1, will remain in effect until July 1, 2014.

  Questions relevant to the change of the effective date of the 2013 energy provisions contained in Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6, California Administrative Code and California Energy Code respectively, should be directed to the Energy Standards Hotline at (800) 772-3300 or via e-mail at Title24@energy.ca.gov .

CALGreen, Part 11

- Affected energy provisions only of the 2013 CALGreen, Part 11, Title 24, California Code of Regulations now go into effect on July 1, 2014. The affected energy provisions that will not be effective until July 1, 2014 are identified in the attached summary of Sections Effective July 1, 2014. The effective date for the remainder of the 2013 CALGreen code not listed in the attached summary is January 1, 2014.

  Questions relevant to CALGreen and the change of the effective date for residential green building standards should be directed to Emily Withers, District Representative, Department of Housing and Community Development at (916) 445-9471 or via e-mail at ewithers@hcd.ca.gov .

  Questions regarding non-residential green building standards should be directed to the CBSC at (916) 263-0916 or via e-mail at cbsc@dgs.ca.gov .

Please take note that all other Parts and provisions of the 2013 California Building Standards Code will become effective on January 1, 2014.

Local Government Action

Local enforcement agencies that have already adopted the 2013 California Building Standards Code through ordinances, or made amendments thereto, should consult with counsel, and take the necessary steps to address the enforcement of those provisions identified herein, or amendments thereto, until July 1, 2014.

Application of Building Standards

California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Division 13, Part 2.5, Section 18938.5 states that only building standards approved by the CBSC, and that are effective at the local level at the time an application for a building permit is submitted shall apply to the plans, specifications and construction performed under that building permit. Additionally, this section of law provides for exceptions and should be carefully reviewed. The 2013 California Energy Code, Part 6, the 2013 California Administrative Code, Part 1, Chapter 10, and the affected energy provisions of the 2013 CALGreen, Part 11 (as identified in the attachment to this information bulletin), will apply to submitted permit applications on and after July 1, 2014. HSC Section 18938.5 may be viewed at the Official California Legislative Information website http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml .

In order to better ensure a statewide distribution of the information announcing the change in effective date, state agencies and local building departments are requested to forward this information bulletin to appropriate staff, stakeholders and customers as appropriate.

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Attachment

CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALGreen)
SECTIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Part 11 code sections affected by changing the effective date of the 2013 Energy Code

RESIDENTIAL CODE SECTIONS

DIVISION A4.1 - PLANNING AND DESIGN

A4.106.5.2
A4.106.5.3
A4.106.10
A4.106.10(1)
Table A4.106.10

DIVISION A4.2 - ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Performance Approach for Newly Constructed Buildings

A4.201.1
A4.203.1.1.1
A4.203.1.1.2
A4.203.1.1.3(1)
A4.203.1.1.3(4)
A4.203.1.2.1
A4.203.1.2.2

Performance Approach for Additions and Alterations

A4.204.1.1.1(1)
A4.204.1.1.1(1) Exception 1
A4.204.1.1.1(1) Exception 2
A4.204.1.1.1(4)
A4.204.1.2.1
A4.204.1.2.1(1)
A4.204.1.2.1(2)
A4.204.1.2.2
A4.204.1.2.2(1)
A4.204.1.2.2(2)

DIVISION A4.6 – Tier 1 and Tier 2

CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (CALGreen)

SECTIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Part 11 code sections affected by changing the effective date of the 2013 Energy Code

NON-RESIDENTIAL CODE SECTIONS

DIVISION 5.4 - MATERIAL CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

5.106.8 (1)
5.106.8 Exception 1
5.410.2 Exception 4
5.410.2.1(2)
5.410.2.2(1), (2), & (3)

DIVISION 5.5 - ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

5.504.5.3 Exception 1
5.506.1
5.506.2

DIVISION A5.1 - PLANNING AND DESIGN

A5.106.11.2.3

DIVISION A5.2 - ENERGY EFFICIENCY

A5.203.1.1.1
A5.203.1.2.1
A5.203.1.2.1(1)
A5.203.1.2.1(2)
A5.203.1.2.2
A5.203.1.2.2(1)
A5.203.1.2.2(2)

DIVISION A5.4 - MATERIAL CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

A5.409.2

DIVISION A5.6 - VOLUNTARY TIERS

A5.601.2.2
A5.601.2.3
A5.601.3.2
A5.601.3.3
Table A5.601
SECTION A5.602-Application Checklist (applicable respective sections listed above in Divisions 5.4, 5.5, A5.1, A5.2, and A5.4)