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NEW CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODES SUMMARY OF CHANGES

California has recently adopted a new series of Building Standards Codes and they are now available for purchase. **All local jurisdictions will be required to enforce these new codes starting January 1, 2017.**

The following is a list of the new Building Standards Codes, reference document and a summary of the significant changes. **All projects submitted for permit application on or after January 1, 2017 will need to show complete conformance to these new codes.** Project review, approval and permit issuance may be slowed or rejected if they do conform to these new standards.

The following codes and references are the minimum now necessary for design and construction. Additional codes, references, reports and other State or Local laws may be applicable depending on the project design requirements and local conditions.

2016 CODES
California Building Code, Volumes 1 & 2
California Residential Code
California Plumbing Code
California Mechanical Code
California Electrical Code
California Energy Code
California Green Building Standards Code
California Fire Code
California Reference Standards Code

REQUIRED REFERENCE STANDARDS
ASCE 7-10 (Minimum Design Loads for Buildings & Other Structures)
AISC 341-10 (Seismic Provisions for Structural Steel Buildings)
AISC 358-10 (Prequalified Connections for Special and Intermediate Moment Frames)
AISC 360-10 (Specifications for Structural Steel Buildings – 13 th Edition)
ACI 318-14 (Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete)
ACI 530-13 (Building Code Requirements & Specifications for Masonry Structures)
AWC / NDS-2015 (Wood Design) & AWC / SDPWS-2015 (Wind & Seismic Design)

General information about the code development and adoption process may be found at the **California Building Standards Commission** website at: www.bsc.ca.gov/Home.aspx

General purchase information may be found at the **International Code Council** website at: www.shop.iccsafe.org/codes/state-and-local-codes/california.html

General summary of various code changes can be found at the following website link: <http://www.reickerpfau.com/article/3527-preparing-for-the-2016-california-building-standards-code>