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To: State Board of Fire Services

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Subject/Agenda Action Item:

Information.

Triennial Code Adoption Cycle for Title 24, 2013 California Building Standards Codes

Recommended Actions:

None

Background Information:

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), proposed Building Standards for the 2013 California Building Standards Codes. The general purpose of this rulemaking was principally intended to update and codify a new edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) that adopted by reference more current editions of the model codes and update reference national and SFM standards.

The OSFM intent for the final adoption package included amendments necessary to reasonably maintain a substantially equivalent level of fire and life safety in California.

Stakeholder input and participation was a necessary element to assist the Office of the State Fire Marshal in developing these building standards and amendments. The SFM promulgated this rulemaking package in the continuing effort to foster, promote and develop additional ways and means of protecting life and property against fire and panic while minimizing the economic impact to our affected community.

In this rulemaking package:

- More recent editions of the following model codes adopted by reference are:
 - 2012 International Building Code (IBC)
 - 2012 International Fire Code (IFC)
 - 2012 International Residential Code (IRC)
 - 2011 National Electrical Code (NEC)
 - 2012 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC)
 - 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC)

- The SFM modifications were in part limited to correlation of new 2012 model codes with the SFM regulations and additional revisions for clarity.
- Several stakeholder meetings were conducted over the past two years for these proposals.
- Modifications relating to the several Task Force workings were adopted that included the following:
 - I-3 Task Force proposals revolve around state statute and prison operations (security and fire interaction) prison health care needs (I-3/I-2 facilities).
 - High-rise Task Force modifications examined firefighter operations/tactics, existing regulations (model code and SFM amendments) statutory requirements (global view of all related).
 - Smoke Alarm Task Force recommendations that may affect the CBC, CFC and CRC as well as possible CCR, Title 19 revisions regarding smoke alarm listings.

- In cooperation with the Governor's Office of Planning Research (OPR), modifications adopted that implement and correlate the OPR's Photovoltaic Guidelines and the previously released SFM Photovoltaic Guidelines into the Building, Residential and Fire Code.
- Review of existing CCR, Title 19 provisions were adopted that either revise or repeal provisions into the CFC.
- Correlation with DSA relating to the Leroy F. Green Facilities Act that addresses certain construction provisions based on state funding and CBC/CFC chapter 9 fire sprinkler and alarm provisions. And also,
- Correlation with DSA relating to their adoption and amendments for accessibility and the new Federal Access Guidelines (mostly editorial for the SFM rulemaking).

Expected publication of the 2013 California Building Standards Code is set for July 2013 with an effective date January 1, 2014.

For additional information, please visit the State Fire Marshal Code Development and Analysis website:

http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/codedevelopment/codedevelopment_2013codeadoptioncycle.php

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

None