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## ATTACHMENT 4

**Date:** February 18, 2016

**To:** **State Board of Fire Services**

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**  
Information on the code adoption process

**Recommended Actions:**  
Informational Only

**Background Information:**

The Office of the State Fire Marshal prepares, adopts and submits regulations establishing the minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic as prescribed in the Health & Safety Code section 13143. This is done in part through the Building Standards Code adoption process which is completed on a triennial cycle. The adoption follows a year behind the International Code Council (ICC) code adoption. The ICC codes are used as the model code for California.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

The California 2016 Triennial Code Adoption Cycle is complete. The Building Standards Commission (BSC) approved the last of the Office of the State Fire Marshal code package on January 20, 2016. Over the next six months editorial correction will be done with the publisher. The 2016 California Building Standards Code is scheduled to be published by July 1, 2016 with an effective date of January 1, 2017.

The ICC is developing the next cycle of codes for 2018. These will be the model code for the 2019 California Building Standards code adoption. ICC separates the codes into two groups: Group A and Group B. Group A includes the International Building Code (means-

of-egress, fire safety, and general) and the International Existing Building Code. Group B includes the International Administrative Code, International Residential Building Code, International Fire Code, International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, and International Building Code- Structural.

ICC Group A public hearing voting is being conducted. Attendees of the Long Beach code hearing are engaged in an on-line voting processes due to technical difficulties during the hearing. The on-line governmental consensus vote will finalize the proposals for the 2018 ICC Codes for Group A codes. This online voting will conclude February 21, 2016.

ICC Group B Committee Action Hearings will be held on April 17-27, 2016 in Louisville, Kentucky. The Public Comment Hearings will take place in Kansas City, Missouri in October of 2016.

Code Development and Analysis is working with various task groups to develop proposals for the 2016 Supplemental to the California Building Standards Code. These task groups include the Aboveground Petroleum Storage Act (APSA) regulations for SB 612 (Jackson) Chapter 452, Education occupancies cleanup, Institutional Detention Occupancies, photovoltaic, Laboratory occupancies, and high-rises. Program is available to answer any questions concerning these task force groups.