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To: State Board of Fire Services

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Subject/Agenda Action Item:

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

The Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), in conjunction with other State agencies, is in the process of developing and proposing Building Standards for the 2013 California Building Standards Codes. The general purpose is principally intended to update and codify a new edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) that adopt by reference more current editions of the model codes. The more recent editions of the following model codes proposed to be 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 intent is that the final adoption package would include amendments necessary to reasonably maintain a substantially equivalent level of fire and life safety in California. This proposed action will:

- Repeal the adoption by reference of the model codes and incorporate and adopt by reference in its place more recent model codes for application and effectiveness in the 2013 California Building Standards Code pursuant to Health and Safety Code 18928. Health and Safety Code 18928 requires any State agency adopting model codes to adopt the most recent edition.
- Repeal certain amendments to the model codes and/or California building standards not addressed by the model code that are no longer necessary pursuant to Health and Safety Code 18930(a)(7).
- Adopt new California building standards or necessary California amendments to the

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- model codes that address inadequacies of the model codes as they pertain to California laws.
- Bring forward previously existing California building standards or amendments, which represent no change in their effect from the 2010 California Building Standards Code.
- Codify non-substantive editorial and formatting amendments for the format based upon the more recent edition of the model codes.

Stakeholder input and participation is necessary to assist the OSFM in developing building standards. The SFM is promulgating 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. The OSFM is currently conducting pre-rulemaking activities that include several SFM Committee's and Task Force meetings (e.g. Fire Alarm and AES committees, High-rise and I-3 Task Forces) and additional general stakeholder meeting throughout the first half of 2012.

The State Fire Marshal, by State Law, is responsible for the coordination of the State's fire and life safety codes; and must review proposed regulations of other State agencies that promote fire and panic safety before the regulations are submitted for approval. According to a timetable being considered by the State agencies, this rulemaking package is proposed for submission to the California State Building Standards Commission by June 2012. The Building Standards Commission rulemaking process takes approximately one year to complete, expected publication of the 2013 California Building Standards Code July 2013 and 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.php>

To be included on the SFM Code Development and Analysis Division stakeholder email distribution list for regulation development or for additional information please email Kevin Reinertson at kevin.reinertson@fire.ca.gov

Recommended Actions:

NONE

Background Information:

NONE

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

NONE