



California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin 13-003

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PLAN REVIEW SUBMITTALS UTILIZING THE 2013 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE (TITLE 24, PARTS 1 THROUGH 12) PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2014.

This bulletin applies to all state owned, state leased or state occupied buildings that are under the jurisdiction of the Office of the State Fire Marshal for plan review.

In January 2013, the California Building Standards Commission completed the formal adoption and approval of the 2013 California Building Standards Code, which consists of 12 parts of Title 24, California Code of Regulations. The new 2013 California codes will be published and available to the public July 4, 2013. The effective date is 180 days after publication (January 1, 2014).

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will consider requests on a case-by-case basis after October 1, 2013, to voluntarily utilize the 2013 California codes for projects submitted for plan review prior to the effective date of January 1, 2014.

Applications submitted to the Office State Fire Marshal for the approval of plans and specifications on or after the effective date of the 2013 California codes, as established by the California Building Standards Commission, the project must comply with the 2013 California Codes.

Projects submitted to Office of the State Fire Marshal utilizing the current adopted California Building Standards Code (2010 edition) will continue to be accepted until the last business day prior to the official effective date of the 2013 California codes (January 1, 2014).

The Office of the State Fire Marshal will accept projects submitted under the 2010 California Codes after the effective date of January 01, 2014 where it can be demonstrated that the design was in its final stages of development during the code transition and that the funding is tied to a 2012/2013 allocation. The request for review under the 2010 California Codes after the effective date must be submitted in writing and approved by the Fire and Life Safety Division, Plan Review Supervisor. It shall be noted that submittals shall not be designed using a combination of codes (2010 and 2013).

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