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## TITLE 24. BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION/DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT — STRUCTURAL SAFETY (DSA–SS AND DSA–SS/CC)

## REGARDING THE 2016 CALIFORNIA PLUMBING CODE, CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 5

(Note to agencies: The laws associated with the instructions in this form are found primarily in Government Code Section 11346.5 et seq. For clarity during the administrative review process, do not remove the headings or statutory references to applicable sections being completed.) Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on behalf of the Division of the State Architect proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 5. The DSA is proposing building standards related to the 2016 California Plumbing Code.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(17).)

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from 3/17/17, until 5:00 p.m. on 5/1/17. Please address your comments to:

California Building Standards Commission 2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130 Sacramento, CA 95833 Attention: Mia Marvelli, Executive Director

Written Comments may also be faxed to (916) 263–0959 or emailed to <u>CBSC@dgs.ca.gov</u>.

Any interested person or his or her duly authorized representative may request, no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide both written and/or oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by the California Building Standards Commission to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

## POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(18).)

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which the CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15–day period.

**NOTE:** To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

## AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(2).)

The California Building Standards Commission proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health & Safety Code § 18928, 18930, 18941 and 18949.1. The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, and make specific the provisions of Health & Safety Code Sections 16000–16023, and Education Code Sections 17280–17317, 81130–81147 and 81052–81053.

The Division of the State Architect is proposing this regulatory action based on Health & Safety Code Section 16022, and Education Code Sections 17310, 81142, and 81053.

## INFORMATIVE DIGEST (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(3).)

## Summary of Existing Laws

Section 16022 of the Health and Safety Code authorizes the State Architect to establish building standards for the design, construction and inspection of plumbing systems for state–owned or state–leased essential services buildings. Sections 17310, 81142 and 81053 of the Education Code authorize the State Architect to establish building standards for the design, construction and inspection of plumbing systems of public elementary and secondary schools, and community colleges.

## **Summary of Existing Regulations**

Existing building standards which prescribe requirements for the design, construction and inspection of plumbing systems for state–owned or state–leased essential services buildings, and public elementary schools, secondary schools and community colleges are promulgated by the Division of the State Architect. These regulations are contained in the California Plumbing Code (Part 5, Title 24).

## **Summary of Effect**

The proposed action would update Part 5 of Title 24 by adopting clarifying regulations within the 2016 California Plumbing Code.

The proposed action also amends the 2016 California Plumbing Code to include flow rate reductions for plumbing fixtures and fixture fittings mandated by the Governor's Executive Order (B–29–15) and in alignment with 2015 California Energy Commission — Appliance Efficiency Regulations (4/2015).

## **Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations**

There are no comparable federal regulations or statutes.

## **Policy Statement Overview**

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain building regulations in conformance with state law by adopting the current edition of the model plumbing code.

## **Evaluation of Consistency**

There are no inconsistent or incompatible regulations proposed.

## OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(4).)

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the Division of the State Architect, or to any specific regulation or class of regulations.

## MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(5).)

The Division of the State Architect has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

# ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(6).)

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by the Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district. Provide a copy of the "Economic and Fiscal Impact Statement" (Form 399)

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: NO
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **NO**
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- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: NO
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **NO** Estimate: 0

### INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(8).)

The DSA has made an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with business in other states.

DECLARATION OF EVIDENCE (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(8).)

No facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence has been relied upon to support the initial determination of no effect.

## FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(11).)

The proposed action does not require a report by any business or agency, so the Division of the State Architect has not made a finding of necessity for the public's health, safety or welfare.

#### COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(9).)

The DSA is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

#### ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION (Gov. Code, § 11346.5, subd. (a)(10).)

The DSA has assessed whether or not and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

□ The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

The DSA has determined that the proposed action has no effect.

□ The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

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□ The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California.

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□ The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

The Division of the State Architect has determined that proposed regulatory action would have no adverse effect on the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

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