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BUILDING INDUSTRY BULLETIN

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TO: ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, GENERAL CONTRACTORS, and ASSOCIATIONS

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT (Assembly Bill No. 2913) - **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE**

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FROM:



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On June 24, 2019, the California Building Standards Commission adopted the state amendment packages to the 2018 model codes, including the 2017 National Electrical Code. **The existing 2016 California Building Standards Code will expire December 31, 2019.** The existing 2016 California Building Standards Code contains the 2015 model codes (International and Uniform Codes), 2014 National Electrical Code, and 2016 California Energy Efficiency Standards and 2016 California Green Building Standards.

The newly adopted 2019 California Building Standards Code (CBSC) will become effective January 1, 2020. No extensions of the plan review period or permit issuance period will be granted by the Building Official as outlined in Building Standards Bulletin 19-03 and 19-04 from the California Building Standards Commission (see attached).

Permits for all projects approved under the current 2016 CBSC must be issued before December 31, 2019 or prior to the expiration of the plan review. All City Standard Plans must be updated (approved application submitted) to the new 2019 California Building Standards Code prior to the effective date of January 1, 2020. Permits shall not be issued until such time plans are in conformance to the new code provisions.

PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER THE 2016 CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS

1. Existing Standard Plans under the 2016 California Building Standards Code

Construction permits, for established template plans, may be issued for locations within established tracts. Permits issued no later than December 31, 2019, will be based on these current standard plans on file and current code standards of the 2016 CBSC. Issued permits will remain in effect for 1 year from the date of issuance. If permits expire past the 1 year and no construction has commenced, they will become null and void and be subject to the 2019 CBSC.

If the applicant intends to submit in excess of five permits for any tract, the applicant must submit for purposes of timely processing no later than December 9, 2019.

2. All Other Plans

Proposed plans for specific buildings or structures consisting of commercial, industrial, multiple-family and custom single-family dwellings must be submitted for plan review no later than **December 23, 2019**. The proposed plan must be completed to the satisfaction of the Building Official (application approved). After completion of plan review, all required construction permits must be obtained within 180 days. No extensions of the plan review will be granted by the Building Official, due to the effective changes in the State code standards. Required construction permits must be issued prior to expiration of the plan review (within 180 days of the date on the correction list).