

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR
PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS
OF THE
BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION**

**REGARDING THE 2016 REFERENCED STANDARDS CODE
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 12**

The Administrative Procedure Act requires that every agency shall maintain a file of each rulemaking that shall be deemed to be the record for that rulemaking proceeding. The rulemaking file shall include a final statement of reasons. The Final Statement of Reasons shall be available to the public upon request when rulemaking action is being undertaken. The following are the reasons for proposing this particular rulemaking action:

UPDATES TO THE INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS:

(Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(1) requires an update of the information contained in the initial statement of reasons. If update identifies any data or any technical, theoretical or empirical study, report, or similar document on which the state agency is relying that was not identified in the initial statement of reasons, the state agency shall comply with Government Code Section 11347.1)

No data or any technical, theoretical or empirical study, report, or similar document on which the Building Standards Commission (BSC) is relying, has been added to the rulemaking file that was not identified in the Initial Statement of Reasons.

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

(Pursuant to Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(2), if the determination as to whether the proposed action would impose a mandate, the agency shall state whether the mandate is reimbursable pursuant to Part 7 of Division 4. If the agency finds that the mandate is not reimbursable, it shall state the reasons for the finding(s))

The Building Standards Commission has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

(If the determination as to whether the proposed regulation would impose a local mandate, the agency shall state whether the mandate is reimbursable pursuant to Government Code Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4. If the agency finds that the mandate is not reimbursable, it shall state the reasons for the findings)

OBJECTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATION(S).

(Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(3)) requires a summary of EACH objection or recommendation regarding the specific adoption, amendment, or repeal proposed, and explanation of how the proposed action was changed to accommodate each objection or recommendation, or the reasons for making no change. This requirement applies only to objections or recommendations specifically directed at the agency's proposed action or to the procedures followed by the agency in proposing or adopting the action, or reasons for making no change. Irrelevant or repetitive comments may be aggregated and summarized as a group.

The text with proposed changes was made available to the public for a 45-day public comment period from **April 28, 2017 until June 12, 2017**. There is no subsequent public comment period.

No comments in support or opposition of BSC's proposals were received during the 45-Day Public Comment Period. No comment(s) were received after the close of the public comment period.

DETERMINATION OF ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND EFFECT ON PRIVATE PERSONS

(Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(4)) requires a determination with supporting information that no alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the regulation is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation, or would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

BSC evaluated the available relevant green building guidelines; no alternatives were available for BSC to consider

REJECTED PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD LESSEN THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES: (Government Code Section 11346.9(a)(5)) requires an explanation setting forth the reasons for rejecting any proposed alternatives that would lessen the adverse economic impact on small businesses, including the benefits of the proposed regulation per 11346.5(a)(3).

There were no alternatives available to BSC. Providing the most recent methods and applying those building standards on a statewide basis, as required by statute, results in uniformity and promotes affordable costs.