

**Date:** September 25, 2017

**To:** Mia Marvelli, Executive Director  
**California Building Standards Commission**  
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130  
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**From:** Department of General Services  
Division of the State Architect

**Subject: 90-day Re-Adoption of Emergency Regulations (DSA–SS and DSA–SS/CC EF 01/17)**

Dear Ms. Marvelli,

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) is requesting a second 90-day re-adoption of emergency regulations filed as DSA–SS and DSA–SS/CC EF 01/17, which amend the California Building Standards Code (Part 2, Title 24, California Code of Regulations), and the California Existing Building Standards Code (Part 10, Title 24, California Code of Regulations). The proposal modifies sections of these Codes specific to the enhancement of design, construction and inspection for exterior elevated elements for buildings and structures under the authority of DSA, including provisions in Chapters 1, 16, 16A, and 23 of Part 2 and Chapter 1 of Part 10. These regulations were developed in coordination with the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The emergency regulations were based on the 2018 draft edition of the International Building Code and the International Existing Building Code. (These codes are now available as published codes as of September 2017). This re-adoption is being submitted to the CBSC to continue the emergency adoption approved January 27, 2017 (effective January 30, 2017), and the subsequent re-adoption approved by the CBSC on June 20, 2017 which expires on October 27, 2017.

The CBSC Exterior Elevated Elements Subcommittee met May 25, 2017 to solicit technical expertise from representatives of the CBSC staff, HCD, DSA, Office of the State Fire Marshal, local building officials, design professionals, property owners and managers, the building industry, the wood, steel and concrete industries, and any other interested parties. In addition, the International Code Council indicated the 2018 edition of the International Building Code and the International Existing Building Codes would be released in September or October of this year. To accommodate one or more public/private stakeholder meetings and the release of the 2018 model code language, DSA and the other state agencies agreed to request two 90-day extensions of the approved emergency regulations, as allowed by Government Code Section 11346.1.

The re-adopted DSA–SS and DSA–SS/CC EF 01/17 emergency building standards will expire October 27, 2017. Due to the time required to facilitate a 45-day public comment period (as well as other regulatory requirements pursuant to Government Code Sections 11346.2 and 11347.3), DSA will be unable to conclude the certification of compliance phase by the scheduled October 17, 2017 BSC meeting. Therefore, to meet the requirements for the certification process, DSA requests a second 90-day re-adoption as allowed by State law. If approved by the CBSC, the expiration date of these emergency regulations will be extended to January 26, 2018.

Thank you,



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Attachments:

- DSA Face Sheet
- Finding of Emergency
- Emergency Express Terms
- Nine Point Criteria Analysis