

To: DSA Stakeholders

From: The Division of the State Architect

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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the First Quarter of 2023

To keep industry partners informed of new and revised forms and publications available online, as well as recent announcements, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) posts this list to the “News & Events” section of the DSA website each quarter. If you have questions regarding any of the forms, publications, or announcements in this summary, please email dsacommunication@dgs.ca.gov.

NEW AND REVISED FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS

JANUARY

- [DSA 403-PER: Performance Method – 2022 CALGreen & Energy Code Compliance Checklist for Pre-Checked \(PC\) Building Designs](#) This form’s checklists have been updated to identify the 2022 California Energy Code Certificates of Compliance to be submitted with the plans as part of the plan review process. These checklists will be required for all PC submittals after July 1, 2023. (01/26/23)
- [DSA 403-PRE: Prescriptive Method – 2022 CALGreen & Energy Code Compliance Checklist for Pre-Checked \(PC\) Building Designs](#) This form’s checklists have been updated to identify the 2022 California Energy Code Certificates of Compliance to be submitted with the plans as part of the plan review process. These checklists will be required for all PC submittals after July 1, 2023. (01/26/23)
- [IR 31-1: Free-Standing, Open-Sided Shade Structures on Public School, and Community College Campuses](#) This publication was revised to clarify requirements for the construction and installation of shade structures on public school and community college campuses. (01/11/23)
- [IR PC-7: Pre-Check \(PC\) Design Criteria for Steel Cantilevered Canopy Structures: 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to clarify the design criteria for new steel cantilevered canopy structures under the 2022 CBC. (01/17/23)

FEBRUARY

- [DSA 1-L: Outdoor Water Use Self-Certification of Landscape and Irrigation Design Documentation Compliance](#) The form was revised to include the most recent requirements for shade trees addressed in CALGreen Codes Chapter 5 as part of the outdoor landscape and irrigation design calculations and compliance documentation for new landscape work at both new and existing public school campuses. (02/17/23)
- [PR 18-04: Electronic Plan Review for Design Professionals](#) This publication was revised to cover the duties of design professionals participating in Electronic Plan Review (EPR) for conventional projects applications, including how to prepare documents prior to submission, the process for document submission, how to respond to plan review comments, as well as corresponding processes for post approval documents. (02/08/23)

- [IR N-4: Modular Battery Energy Storage Systems: 2022 CBC and CFC](#) This publication was issued to clarify the specific code requirements relating to Battery/Energy Storage Systems (BESS) installations. (02/15/23)
- [IR A-22: Construction Projects and Items Exempt from DSA Review](#) This publication was revised due to the construction cost thresholds increased in accordance with the Engineering News-Record's U.S. 20 City Construction Cost Index for 2023. (02/03/23)
- [IR N-3: Energy Code Requirements for Photovoltaic and Battery Systems](#) This publication was issued to clarify Photovoltaic (PV) and Battery/Energy Storage System (BESS) requirements of project submittals to promote uniform statewide criteria for Title 24 Part 6, Energy Code compliance for K-12 and Community College projects under DSA jurisdiction. (02/23/23)

MARCH

- [PR 18-02: Pre-Check \(PC\) Building Designs CALGreen/Energy Code Compliance Review](#) This publication was revised for updates and requirements to California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) and the California Energy Code (CEnC). (02/28/23)
- [IR EB-1: Existing Building Regulations Overview: 2022 CAC](#) This publication was issued to clarify and summarizes regulatory requirements for proposed construction work in existing buildings under DSA jurisdiction. (03/23/23)
- [IR EB-4: Rehabilitation Required by Cost: 2022 CAC](#) This publication was revised due to the 2022 California Administrative Code (CAC) and clarifies the implementation and enforcement of the project cost versus replacement value comparison. (03/15/23)
- [IR A-11: Incremental Submittals](#) This publication was revised to clarify the provisions in the California Administrative Code (CAC) for dividing projects into increments, procedures for submitting increments for plan review and guidance in handling incremental projects throughout the plan review process. (03/16/23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.