

**To:** DSA Stakeholders

**From:** The Division of the State Architect

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**Subject:** Document Updates and Announcements for the Fourth 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](mailto:dsacommunication@dgs.ca.gov).

## NEW AND REVISED FORMS AND PUBLICATION

### OCTOBER

- [BU 11-08: Occupant Load Determination and Posting in Assembly Occupancies in California Public Schools and Community Colleges](#) This publication was revised with minor clarifications to the process. In Section 4, direction has been added that any proposed request for an increase in occupant load by the design professional must also include evaluation of any impacts to structural system, plumbing fixture count and accessibility provisions. (10/09/23)
- [BU 15-02: Water Flow for Fire Protection Systems Dining Drought Conditions](#) This publication was revised to reflect current code references. Clarification has been added in the Background section that when the State has issued a water emergency condition declaration, that water supply (i.e., fire flow) information for fire protection designs may be from within the preceding 12 months, rather than the required six months. (10/09/23)
- [BU 11-06: Current Fire & Life Information Regarding Relocatable Buildings](#) In Section 2 of this revised publication, a reference to policy (PL) 07-03: *Fire Department and Emergency Access Roadways and School Drop-Off Areas* regarding fire department emergency access roadways and school drop-off areas was added. (10/10/23)
- [IR 18-3: Foundations Analysis and Design Forces: 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to clarify the design of the foundation elements that resist forces from the seismic force resisting system (SFRS) of the building superstructure on projects under DSA jurisdiction. (10/30/23)

### NOVEMBER

- [IR 25-2: Suspended Lay-In Panel Ceiling: 2022 CBC](#) This Interpretation of Regulations (IR) provides guidelines for the design and installation of metal suspension systems for lay-in ceilings on projects under DSA jurisdiction. (11/03/23)
- [IR 31-2: Intermodal Shipping Container Conversion to School Building: 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to clarify the requirements for the conversion of intermodal shipping containers to modular school buildings under DSA jurisdiction. (11/08/23)
- [IR 19-6: Flat Wall Insulating Concreting Form \(ICF\) Construction](#) This publication was revised to clarify the requirements, specifications, inspections, testing and acceptance criteria for the use of flat wall insulating concrete forms (ICF) in cast-in-place concrete construction on DSA projects. (11/16/23)

- [DSA 403-C: CALGreen Code Submittal Checklist](#) This form was issued to reinforce and update CALGreen compliance documentation. DSA is rescinding Guideline (GL)-4: CALGreen Code. (11/30/23)

## DECEMBER

- [DSA 3: Project Submittal Checklist](#) This form was revised to correspond with related procedure/industry updates, and it addresses Forms, Fees, Construction Documents and Supporting Documents required by plan reviewers. (12/01/23)
- [IR A-8: Project Inspector and Assistant Inspector Duties and Performance: 2022 CAC](#) This Interpretation of Regulations (IR) clarifies the duties of project inspectors (PI) and assistant inspectors (AI) performing inspection duties on construction projects under DSA's jurisdiction. (12/05/23)
- [IR 18-4: Superstructure to Foundation Connection: 2022 CBC \(PDF\)](#) This Interpretation of Regulations (IR) clarifies code requirements relating to the design of the connection of a building's seismic force resisting system (SFRS) superstructure to the foundation on projects under DSA jurisdiction. (12/12/23)
- [IR 9-2: Carbon Monoxide Detection Requirements for Group E Classrooms and Group 1–4 Occupancies](#) The publication was revised to coordinate with changes in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 72. (12/14/23)
- [IR A-26.cc: Community College – Occupancy Classification and Occupant Load Factors: 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised and updated to correspond with the 2022 California Building Code. (12/14/23)
- [IR A-25: Design, Installation and Maintenance of Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems \(AFSS\): 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to coordinate with the 2022 California Building Code, NFPA 13 (2022) and FLS Policy changes. (12/14/23)
- [IR A-21: Design, Installation and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems](#) This publication was revised to coordinate with NFPA 72 and DSA policies. (12/14/23)
- [PL 07-03: Fire Department and Emergency Access Roadways and School Drop-Off Areas](#) This publication was revised has been updated to reflect additional CFC values and clarifications in its application to projects. (12/14/23)
- [PL 09-01: Fire Flow for Buildings](#) This publication was revised to coordinate with the changes in the 2022 California Fire Code and NFPA Standards 13 and 24 and DSA accepted practices. (12/14/23)