Regular Meeting of the Building Inspection Commission August 20, 2025

Agenda Item 9



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Background on Triennial Process

Every three years, the national model codes are updated. State law then requires California, via the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC), to amend and adopt these model codes.

Once the CBSC completes their 18-month review and adoption process, local jurisdictions are required to adopt the updated state codes, while carrying forward existing local amendments.

2025 Building Code Introduction

DBI's Technical Services Division (TSD) has gone through the updated state codes and provided recommended changes to ensure cross-references include accurate code sections, chapter numbering is correct, and redundant sections are removed.

No proposals from TSD are substantive, rather they are exclusively designed to carry forward existing amendments and maintain a functioning code.

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The Code Advisory Committee, beginning in April, has reviewed the various code sections and their associated amendments.

All code sections received unanimous recommendations for approval, with some minor alterations related to typos or phrasing.

2025 Building Code Introduction

The Department recommends the BIC take an action to request the introduction of ordinances to repeal the 2022 Building Codes and replace them with the 2025 Building Codes.

These ordinances will then be introduced, and we'll return to the BIC in the coming weeks for review of the ordinances.

Per state law, the 2025 codes are required to be implemented by January 1, 2026.



THANK YOU