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2013 Update to California Title 24

Part 6 (of 12): Energy Code

Establishes Building Energy Efficiency

Standards for all new construction and retrofits



All other portions of the 2013 Code went into effect January 1, 2014 (including CALGreen).



Overview

Building Energy Efficiency Standards are codified in California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 6

- Updated every 3 years
- Must incorporate only cost-effective energy efficiency measures
- On a path to ZNE (2020/2030)

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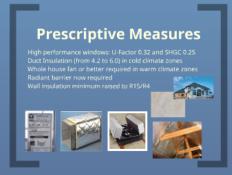
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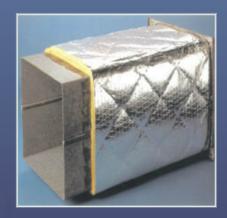
Prescriptive Measures

High performance windows: U-Factor 0.32 and SHGC 0.25 Duct Insulation (from 4.2 to 6.0) in cold climate zones Whole house fan or better required in warm climate zones

Radiant barrier now required

Wall insulation minimum raised to R15/R4











2013 Changes Nonresidential

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So What's Really Going on?

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Faucet > 2.2 GPM



CALBO Legislative Analysis

Installation of Water Use Efficiency Improvements: SB 407 (2009) I California Civil Code Section 1101.1-1101.8

The Application of SB 407 (2009)

Based on the California Building Officials' analysis of Senate Bill 407 (SB 407) and current building codes we recommend the following application of SB 407 within your local jurisdiction. Please note this is not a legal opinion and we strongly advise each jurisdiction consult with their legal council.

As of January 1, 2014, SB 407 requires non-compliant plumbing instures to be replaced by water-conserving plumbing fixtures when a property is undergoing alterations or improvements. Based on definitions found within the California Building Code and California Green Building Code, alteration and improvements are interpreted to mean any construction on an existing structure which enhance or improve the structure. Construction related to repairs or maintenance of the structure is not considered to be an alteration or improvement.

Through this interpretation, SB 407 only applies to permitted additions, alterations and improvements. Additionally, permits can be pulled for property maintenance and repair without triggering the SB 407 requirements. Below is a list of permits that are considered to be repair or maintenance.

Permitted Repairs That Will Not Trigger SB	407
Electrical Service Change Out	
IVAC Change Out	
Re-Roof	
Sewer Line Replacement	
Siding or Stucco	
ite Work: Retaining Walls, Fences, Walk Ways, Etc.	
Water Heater Replacement	
Window Replacement	
Other Repairs as Determined by the Building Official	

For CALBO's complete legislative analysis click here

If you would like to continue to receive information on this bill and other legislation please email Kelly Sherley at ksherley@calbo.org.

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