

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE
NEW 2019 CALIFORNIA
BUILDING STANDARDS CODE**
**Effective January 1, 2020, the new 2019 California
Building Standards Code will take effect.**

**CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS CODE
CHANGES TO TAKE EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2020**

Every three years, the State adopts new codes (known collectively as the California Building Standards Code) to establish uniform standards for the construction and maintenance of buildings, electrical systems, plumbing systems, mechanical systems, and fire and life safety systems. Sections 17922, 17958 and 18941.5 of the California Health and Safety Code require that the latest edition of the California Building Standards Code apply to local construction 180 days after publication.

All architects, engineers, designers, developers, owners and contractors **must** be familiar with the codes in effect at the time of plan submittal. March Joint Powers Authority (MJPA), as required by State law, cannot approve projects that do not comply with the codes in effect at the time of plan submittal. All projects submitted on or before December 31, 2019, are permitted to comply with the 2016 Edition of the California Building Standards Code.

Beginning on January 1, 2020, MJPA is required by State law to enforce the 2019 Edition of California Building Standards Codes (also known as Title 24 of the California Codes of Regulations).

The California Building Standards Code consists of the following 13 parts. More detailed information on each section can be found on the [International Code Council website](#).

- Part 1 California Administrative Code (CAC)
- Part 2 California Building Code (CBC)
- Part 2.5 California Residential Code (CRC)
- Part 3 California Electrical Code (CEC)
- Part 4 California Mechanical Code (CMC)
- Part 5 California Plumbing Code (CPC)
- Part 6 California Energy Code (CEEC)
- Part 7 (Currently Vacant)
- Part 8 California Historical Building Code (CHBC)
- Part 9 California Fire Code (CFC)
- Part 10 California Existing Building Code (CEBC)
- Part 11 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)
- Part 12 California Reference Standards Code

ALL PLANS SUBMITTED AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2019 SHALL BE NOTED ON PLANS AS BASED ON THE ABOVE CODES.