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NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

Effective January 1, 2010

The California Energy Commission (CEC) released a statement on Monday, June 29, 2009 stating that the effective date for enforcement of the 2008 Energy Efficiency standards has been moved from August 2, 2009 to January 1, 2010. The CEC is experiencing delays in development of the public domain compliance software so it is necessary to postpone the effective date of the standards. The effective date for enforcement of the standards has changed to January 1, 2009 to comply with State statutes which require that the public has access to free public domain energy compliance software.

http://www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2008standards/notices/2009-06-29_notice_effective_date.html

California has always been a leader in energy efficient design and the new standards, if properly enforced, will lower the energy use of new and altered buildings by approximately 20% beyond the current standards. CALBO is in support of a green and energy efficient California.

The CALBO energy committee has been working closely with the CEC to help streamline the implementation of the 2008 Energy Efficiency Standards. Several Plan Check and Inspection checklists are currently under development with scheduled release this summer. The CEC will be providing online short courses and onsite training for building department staff.

The CALBO Training Institute (CTI) has recently developed a full day seminar for permit technicians, plan reviewers and inspectors that will provide an overview of the fundamentals of energy, provide a general overview of how the energy standards are organized and where to find information, and review the changes in the 2009 standards relevant to building department staff. Visit www.calbo.org for training dates and locations.

If you have questions regarding the technical provisions of the energy standards please contact the CEC energy hotline. If you have comments regarding building department enforcement of the energy efficiency standards you may contact the CEC or a CALBO Board Member. The CALBO Board will continue to encourage the CEC to clarify and simplify the approach to enforcement of the new standards.