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CBSC Unanimously Approves Next Generation of California Codes

SACRAMENTO – Following three days of testimonies and hearings, the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) unanimously adopted the state agency amendment packages to the model codes in the late afternoon of Tuesday, January 30, 2007. The audience rose to applaud the efforts of CBSC Chair and State and Consumer Services Secretary Rosario Marin and the appointed commissioners.

The actions of the CBSC to approve the amendment packages constitute a state adoption of the model 2006 International Building Code (IBC); the model 2006 International Fire Code (IFC); the model 2006 Uniform Mechanical Code (UMC); and the model 2006 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC). The California state agencies have been diligently working with the model codes to create the statutory amendment packages since early 2005. These amendment packages to the model codes will create the 2007 editions of the California Building, Fire, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes.

The International Code Council (ICC) and the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), the authors of the model codes, have been working closely with the California state agencies to expedite the code publication process. Both organizations are on track for a publication of the codes in late July 2007. Local jurisdictions will then have 180 days to complete their amendments, for an effective date of all codes in late January 2008.



Pictured: The California Building Standards Commission, from Back Left; Executive Director David Walls, Commissioner Stephen Jensen, Commissioner Steven Winkel, Commissioner Robert Sawhill, Commissioner James Barthman, Middle Row from Left; Vice-Chairman Isam Hasenin, Commissioner Susan Dowty, Chairwoman Rosario Marin, Commissioner Robert Pernell, Commissioner Christina Jamison, Center; Commissioner Kim Blackseth. *Photo Courtesy of David Walls.*