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SUBJECT: 2007 MODEL UNIVERSAL DESIGN CHECKLIST

This Information Bulletin is intended to provide information regarding a recent action by the Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) related to the development and certification of a second Model Universal Design Checklist.

Assembly Bill 1400 (Chapter 648 of Statutes of 2003) adopted Section 17959.6 of the Health & Safety Code. This law requires California builders constructing new for-sale residential units to provide a "checklist" of universal design accessibility features to home buyers. The Department considered input regarding universal design from various individuals and organizations with interests in universal design and its use and, in October 2005, developed and certified the first model universal design checklist.

Since that time, the Department has received additional comments regarding the 2005 model checklist, particularly with respect to the necessity of a summary of the contents. After considering the comments and reviewing the 2005 Checklist, a new 2007 model Checklist was developed. This new 2007 model Checklist retains the clarity and specificity of the original, but is organized differently for ease of use by consumers and builders.

Having carefully considered all relevant information and comments to the Department during the 2005 Checklist development and subsequent use, the "2007 Model Universal Design Checklist", dated January 2007, has been certified as one which may be used voluntarily in substantially the same form by any homebuilder pursuant to Section 17959.6 of the Health and Safety Code. Both the 2007 Checklist and the original 2005 Checklist are deemed to comply with Section 17959.6 of the Health and Safety Code.

Both checklists can be viewed through the Department's website within the State Housing Law Program at <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/sh/AB1400.html>. Questions regarding this Information Bulletin should be directed to Peter Solomon, Housing Standards Programs Manager at (916) 445-9471, or by electronic mail to psolomon@hcd.ca.gov.

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