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**TO: City and County Building Officials  
City and County Fire Officials  
Manufactured Home Manufacturers and Dealers  
Interested Parties  
Division Staff**

**SUBJECT: MANUFACTURED HOME FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS**

This Information Bulletin does not replace Information Bulletin (IB) number 2001-04 (MH) which announced preemptive requirements for the design and installation of fire sprinkler systems, if such systems are installed in new or used manufactured homes, mobilehomes and multifamily manufactured homes containing two dwelling units.<sup>1</sup> IB 2001-04 may be obtained on the Department's website at the following address:  
<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/codes/mhp/infobulls.html>

On January 1, 2011, the 2010 California Building Standards Codes, in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, will become effective, including (new) Part 2.5, California Residential Code (CRC), which mandates the installation of fire sprinkler systems in dwelling units pursuant to section R313. This requirement is applicable to townhouses and one-and two-family dwellings.

This Information Bulletin provides information to local building and fire enforcement agencies that the provisions of both the California Health and Safety Code section 18909(g)<sup>2</sup> excluding manufactured housing and the preemptive requirements of CCR, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 2.5, the implementation of the 2010 CRC will not mandate the installation of fire sprinkler systems in manufactured homes, mobilehomes or multifamily manufactured homes with two dwelling units.

The CCR, Title 25, Division 1, Article 2.5 establishes requirements for the installation of fire sprinkler systems in manufactured homes, mobilehomes and multifamily manufactured homes with two dwelling units, which only apply when either fire sprinkler systems are required through enacting ordinances by a local government or authority having jurisdiction or where the purchaser, dealer or owner elects to install a fire sprinkler system

<sup>1</sup> "Multifamily manufactured homes with two dwelling units are defined in Health and Safety Code Section 18008.7. These fire sprinkler regulations do not apply to multifamily manufactured homes containing more than two dwelling units.

<sup>2</sup> "Building Standard" does not include any regulation, rule, order, or standard that pertains to mobilehomes, manufactured homes, commercial coaches, special purpose commercial coaches or recreational vehicles.

in a new or used manufactured home, mobilehome or multifamily manufactured home with two dwelling units.

Anyone having questions concerning the manufactured housing fire sprinkler regulations may contact Kevin Cimini, Manufactured Housing Program Manager, at (916) 445-3338.

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Kim Strange  
Deputy Director