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TO: Local Code Enforcement Agencies
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SUBJECT: Exterior Elevated Elements – Permanent Adoption of
Emergency Regulations for Exterior Elevated Elements
Effective December 13, 2017
2016 California Building Code
2016 California Existing Building Code

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to announce the permanent adoption of emergency building standards regulations amending the 2016 California Building Code (CBC) and 2016 California Existing Building Code (CEBC). These regulations are currently in effect as emergency regulations through January 26, 2018. The permanent adoption of these regulations ensures that the regulations will continue to remain in effect without interruption in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, Parts 2 and Part 10.

On December 12, 2017, the California Building Standards Commission approved the Department of Housing and Community Development's certification of compliance and request for permanent approval of the emergency regulations. These regulations, with the exception of Section 101.8 in the 2016 CEBC, are identical to provisions published in the 2018 International Building Code and 2018 International Existing Building Code.

These permanently adopted standards impact the construction of exterior elevated elements (EEE) for residential occupancies, including any EEE attached to factory-built housing, hotels, motels, apartment buildings, state buildings or public schools. The EEE regulations provide additional details required for: construction documents, inspections, an increase in structural live loads for balconies and decks, surface slopes

to reduce water retention, and added ventilation to the underside of enclosed EEE. The regulations also include Section 101.8 in the CEBC which reinstates a maintenance provision from the 2013 CEBC allowing local jurisdictions to reinspect buildings if deemed necessary.

The approved text of the regulations (HCD EF 01-17) and certifying rulemaking documents for the permanent adoption of these emergency regulations are available on the CBSC website at:

<http://www.bsc.ca.gov/Rulemaking/regrule/CertifyingRulemakingsforApprovedEmergencyBuildingStandards.aspx>

Additional information on the adoption of the emergency regulations may be found in HCD's original Information Bulletin 2017-01 and supplements available at:

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/information-bulletins.shtml>

HCD will be revisiting these regulations as part of the 2018 Triennial Building Standards Code Adoption Cycle for development of the 2019 CBC and 2019 CEBC. Please sign up on our Email Sign Up page to receive notifications of rulemaking activities related to building standards. Please access our website at

<http://www.hcd.ca.gov/about/contact.shtml> and select the checkbox under "Building Standards" to receive updated information about proposed building standards.

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