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### 2007 California Building Code Effective January 1, 2008

The 2007 California Building Code (CBC) becomes effective on January 1, 2008. The new CBC is a California version of the International Building Code. While many of the new code requirements are beneficial to the industry, projects that are already planned and designed, such as approved Master Plans and phased projects, may be adversely affected by certain code changes. In these situations, local building departments have the authority to allow you to proceed under the existing code if you have approved plans for your models (See Health & Safety Code Section 18938.5.(a)). Local building departments also have the authority to permit "Alternative Materials, Designs, Tests and Methods of Construction" which allow you to deviate from the new code in exchange for providing an alternative design or material(s) that "conforms to or is at least equivalent to" the standards in the new code (See CBC Section 108.7). If you plan to submit building plans after the start of the new year, including for previously approved models or master plans, we strongly encourage you to meet with your architects and designers and to contact your local building officials to clarify how the new code may affect your project and what your options are. You can also contact your local BIA or Bob Raymer at CBIA ([rraymer@cbia.org](mailto:rraymer@cbia.org)) for additional information and assistance.

California Building Officials (CALBO) will also be offering a series of training courses in Rancho Bernardo September 24-26, 2007.

View the following link for register for the San Diego classes:

[http://www.calbo.org/industry\\_pro/Training/EdWeekDetail.aspx?EduWeekNum=19](http://www.calbo.org/industry_pro/Training/EdWeekDetail.aspx?EduWeekNum=19)

And the following link shows the classes they are offering:

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