



*California's Building Department of the Year – Members of the City of Riverside Building & Safety Division receive recognition at the March 5, 2013 City Council meeting.*

## CALIFORNIA'S BUILDING DEPT OF THE YEAR

On April 22, 2013, the City of Riverside's Building and Safety Division was awarded the prestigious "*Building Department of the Year*" award for the State of California by the California Building Officials (CALBO) at their annual meeting in Napa, California. CALBO represents all Building Departments throughout California.

The Riverside Building Department was given special recognition for several innovative programs which streamline the inspection or permit issuance process for its customers. Some of those programs are highlighted in this newsletter.

Riverside is the only Building Department in California to have been awarded the Building Department of the Year award twice; in 2004 and in 2013.

Several local developers, contractors and architects were present at the City Council recognition. Tom Hunt and Mark Thompson, both active members of the development community, spoke to the City Council giving high praise to the Building and Safety Division for providing quality services and for being customer service driven and solution oriented.

## CalGreen Code to Apply to Smaller Projects

The 2013 Edition of the California Green Code will incorporate several new Green building requirements. One of the major new requirements is that the Green Code will be applicable to additions and alterations of residential building projects. Perhaps the biggest impact to home owners will be a new mandate which requires that non-compliant plumbing fixtures (fixtures that use too much water) be replaced when any building permit is issued for the home. The new requirement is a result of Senate Bill 407 (Padilla) which added new language to the California Civil Code Section 1101.1.

## Electronic Plan Review "ePlan Review" (Paperless)

As part of its Business First program, the City of Riverside has launched **ePlan Review** - an efficient, cost effective method for businesses and residents to have plan approved in the plan check process. **ePlan Review** is designed to save businesses and homeowners valuable time and money during the plan check process, and enables more streamlined routing and more expeditious processing of plans. There is no need to buy software; all that is needed is internet access. ePlan Review accepts over 250 file types, and files can be uploaded and reviewed from anywhere. This solution is now available for both building plan checks and planning cases. For more details, visit the Building and Safety Division's web page at: <http://www.riversideca.gov/eplans/apply/>

## NEW State Building Codes to go into effect 1-1-2014

Every 3 years, the State of California adopts the most recent national building codes. The State also mandates that all California cities and counties adopt and begin enforcing those State codes on a specified date. According to the California Building Standards Commission, the 2013 California Building Codes (also known as Title 24) must be adopted and enforced beginning on January 1, 2014. Any projects submitted for first plan review on or after January 1, 2014 will be required to comply with the new codes. Projects submitted before that date will be allowed to remain under the previous editions of the codes for both plan review and inspections.

## From the Building Official

Members of the Building and Safety Division are dedicated, talented, and knowledgeable professionals who look forward to helping you design and build a quality project. Let us know how we can help...



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