



DSA Updates

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Update Outline

1. Planning ahead
2. Higher project cost thresholds for DSA review exemptions
3. Anchorage of non-structural components

1. Planning ahead

- Projects submitted for DSA approval beginning 1/1/2017 must conform to the **2016** California Building Standards Codes.
- Pre-checked PC designs conforming to the 2013 codes may be submitted through 6/30/2017 (Bulletin BU 16-03).
- Schedule an electronic back-check to prepare for future all-electronic plan review.
- DSA is actively preparing for a potential large increase in workload.

2. Higher project cost thresholds for DSA review exemptions

DSA Interpretation of Regulations IR A-10: Alterations and Reconstruction Projects-DSA Approval Exemption (Rev. 6/30/2016)

- \$100,000 valuation and below
- \$225,000 valuation and below
 - > No work of a structural nature
 - > No work regulated by Title 24 accessibility standards
 - > No work that triggers accessibility upgrades
 - > Work meets all fire/life safety standards

3. Anchorage of non-structural components

What is the problem?

- ⦿ Earthquakes can shift or knock over file cabinets, bookcases, office equipment, refrigerators, vending machines, storage racks, etc.
- ⦿ Improperly anchored components may be a hazard to life and property
- ⦿ Many non-structural components are not required to be seismically anchored by the California Building Code.

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- *Guide and Checklist for Nonstructural Earthquake Hazards in California Schools*

[http://www.caloes.ca.gov/PlanningPreparednessSite/Documents/Nonstructural EQ Hazards For Schools July2011.pdf](http://www.caloes.ca.gov/PlanningPreparednessSite/Documents/Nonstructural_EQ_Hazards_For_Schools_July2011.pdf)

- *AB 1783 may obligate all school districts to inspect school buildings for conformance with the guidelines and post the findings on its website.*



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