Memo

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To: Executive Deans, cc: CPDC AVC, Chiefs, Planners
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Subject: Clarification of Code Edition to be used for CSU Projects

This memo identifies the appropriate building code editions to be used in the design and construction of CSU projects.

The CSU is responsible for the enforcement of building codes as approved by the California Building Standards Commission (BSC). Although the BSC has adopted the NFPA 5000 model code, the NFPA code is not yet implemented or in yet effect. Actual migration to and implementation of this code is only tentatively scheduled for sometime in 2006. Given the current deficiencies in the NFPA the CSU will be implementing NFPA only at such time when legally required to do so. Until otherwise notified, the current edition of the California Building Code remains the reference standard for all CSU projects.

Assuming an orderly transition for model codes is in place for future code updates the following transition dates to new code editions shall apply:

**CSU Code Review:**
For State Projects:
The code edition implemented and in effect at the time of state project funding shall be used.

For Nonstate Projects:
The code edition implemented and in effect at the time of project listed or is amended into the current year CSU Capital Outlay Program shall be used.

**State Fire Marshal and Seismic Peer Reviews**
CSU Code Review transition dates to new code editions are applicable to SFM and SPR reviews as well.

**DSA – Access Compliance reviews**
At the present time the current edition of the CBC in conjunction with DSA published checklists are the criterion for DSA approval. DSA is currently in the process of revising its approval process and moving towards a self-certification model. While the details are not yet finalized we are seeking and expect to apply the same standards as noted above for CSU Code Review. CPDC will issue a memo to update DSA requirements as soon as this information becomes available.