



CRA BULLETIN

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2016 BUILDING CODE

As of January 1, 2017, Tuolumne County will be enforcing the 2016 California Building Standards Code, which includes all code texts published by the Building Standards Commission, such as the Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Green Building, and Residential Codes.

In addition to significant changes to energy efficiency and Green Building compliance, there are numerous code changes intended to clarify the use of the Build-

ing and Residential Codes. Most notably, the California Energy Code has mandated several changes in building efficiency that amount to a 28% increase in energy efficiency in the coming code cycle.

In addition, construction waste diversion increases to 65% in 2017. The California Residential Code and Building Code have been modified in several areas to be easier to interpret and apply, as well as to reference other code texts

rather than duplicate language in order to help eliminate conflicts between code bodies.

In preparation for this update, the Building and Safety Division is offering the following free public training on the most significant changes:

California Residential Code
Friday, December 16th
4:00 p.m.
18840 Striker Court

California Building Code
Friday, December 30th
4:00 p.m.
18840 Striker Court

Quick reference material, as well as updated inspection standards, will be posted on the County's website by January 1, 2017.

For more information, please contact Chief Building Official Doug Oliver at 533-5633.

OFFICE CLOSURES

The Community Resources Agency will be closed the following days for the upcoming holidays:

- Friday, December 23, 2016**
- Monday, December 26, 2016**
- Monday, January 2, 2017**
- Monday, January 16, 2017**
- Monday, February 20, 2017**

We apologize for any inconvenience these office closures may cause.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS

Effective **January 1, 2017**, the Community Resources Agency will be changing credit card processing vendors to Official Payments for transactions processed at the CRA Information Center on the 4th Floor. Official Payments charges the customer a service fee for processing credit card and

debit card payments to cover operating costs. This fee is not charged by or paid to Tuolumne County.

Customers will be informed of all charges and fees before authorizing the payment. Two line items will appear on a customer's credit card bill or bank statement—one for the payment and the other for Official

Payment's service fee.

The service fee charged by Official Payments for either credit or debit card transactions will be **2.7% added to the transaction with a \$3.95 minimum charge.**

Customers will still have the option to pay by check or cash without any additional fee.

'TIS THE SEASON OF RECYCLING

It is the holiday season, the time when we create more disposable materials than any other time of the year. It can also be the "Season of Recycling" by recycling gift boxes, catalogs, magazines, cardboard, beverage containers, and many other items.

You can even recycle your Christmas tree for free!

Just take your tree to :

Earth Resource Facility
14909 Camage Avenue
Sonora, CA 95370
Tues. through Sat.
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Groveland Transfer Station
10700 Merrell Road
Groveland, CA 95321
Wed. through Sat.
8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Please make sure no tinsel, decorations, or nails remain on the tree.

You can also call your local franchise hauler to arrange for tree pick up.

Got polystyrene packing materials? Clean #6 white or colored polystyrene, including food containers, can be recycled at Waste Management's facility on Microtronics Way during

the following collection events sponsored by the Master Gardeners:

- Saturday January 21, 2017**
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 22, 2017**
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Solid Waste Manager Belinda Barlow at 209-533-5588.



ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The CRA Engineering Staff has been very successful in obtaining federal and state grants for a variety of road improvement projects. The following projects are anticipated to be scheduled for construction in 2017:

- ◆ **Hardin Flat Road Bridge Replacement Project.** This project will replace the existing fire damaged bridge with a single span concrete box girder bridge. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2.9 million.
- ◆ **Jacksonville Road Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project.** This project entails grinding and replacing the existing deck overlay with a polyester concrete overlay, replacing the deck joint seals, and other associated improvements at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million.
- ◆ **Bridge Preventative Maintenance Project (BPMP).** Eleven bridges will receive preventative maintenance treatments through this project, including methacrylate and polyester concrete deck treatments, reconstruction of bridge approaches, and associated improvements. The estimated cost of this project is \$1.1 million.
- ◆ **Intersection Improvements to Parrotts Ferry Road and SR 49.** This project includes roadway widening and reconstruction, elimination of the right-hand turn "swing lane," and other associated improvements. The estimated cost of this project is \$1.08 million.
- ◆ **Fifth Avenue Signalization Project.** This project entails installing a traffic signal, reconstructing the roadway and other associated improvements at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and State Route 108 in Jamestown at an estimated total cost of \$2.3 million.
- ◆ **Tuolumne Park and Ride Project.** This project will develop the existing Tuolumne Parks and Recreation District (TPRD) gravel lot into a paved parking lot with 56 striped parking spaces and improved lighting and drainage. The new parking lot will serve as a park-and-ride facility for users of the nearby bus stop, as well as serving the users of the Tuolumne Park and Recreation District facilities and the nearby trail network. The total project cost is estimated to be \$319,000.
- ◆ **Yankee Hill Road and Parrotts Ferry Road Reconstruction Project.** This project will install the last asphalt overlay of the Parrotts Ferry Road Reconstruction Project and also reconstruct a portion of Yankee Hill Road at a cost of \$1.1 million.
- ◆ **Special Districts Pavement 2016 Project.** This project will provide pavement preventative maintenance by use of a microsurfacing treatment for the following County Service Area (CSA) and Permanent Road Division (PRD) roads: CSA 10 Monte Grande Heights, CSA 20 Cedar Ridge, CSA 28 Rough and Ready, CSA 32 Ridgewood, CSA 43 Black Oak Estates, CSA 47 Cherry Valley, CSA 48 Sonora Vista Estates, CSA 53 Whispering Woods, CSA 56 Mill Villa Manor, and CSA 59 Mountain Vista. If funding is available, work will be extended to CSA 36 Columbia Vista, CSA 40 Sunnyside, and CSA 51 Twain Harte Heights. The estimated project cost is \$864,460.
- ◆ **Retrofit Regulatory and Warning Signs.** This project involves retrofitting regulatory and warning signs along County maintained roads to meet new federal reflectivity requirements. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$609,000.
- ◆ **Pinecrest Transfer Station Parking Lot Improvements.** This project will reconstruct the Pinecrest Transfer Station parking lot by rehabilitating the contact water sump, constructing a contact water apron and curbing, extending a retaining wall, re-grading slopes and repairing or resurfacing the roadway. This project has a total estimated cost of \$194,100.

For more information regarding these projects, please contact Supervising Engineer Tanya Allen at 209-533-5633.

COMMENTS

The Community Resources Agency welcomes your comments and suggestions on how we can better provide service to you. Comment cards are provided at the CRA Information Center and County Surveyor counter. Members of the CRA Staff are continuing to meet with representatives of the Tuolumne County Building Industry to address ways to enhance our service to you.

ASSISTANCE

For assistance with your development project or information on any of our programs, please contact us at:

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Mailing: 2 South Green Street
Sonora, CA 95370

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Main Line: 209-533-5633
Fleet Services: 209-536-1622

Fax:
Main Line: 209-533-5616
Fleet Services: 209-588-9064
Roads: 209-533-5698
Environ. Health: 209-533-5909

Inspection Requests:

Building: 209-533-5940
Environ. Health: 209-533-5992
Engineering Div: 209-533-6533

*Happy
Holidays
from the
CRA
Staff!*

