

## Legislative News

### 2009 New Law Summary

The following is a summary of new laws that may impact local building departments. You can check the full text at [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov).

**AB 210 (Hayashi) – Building Codes;** Specifies that local governments may adopt changes or modifications to green building standards in the Building Standards Code in the same manner as they are authorized for other building standards.

**AB 283 (De Saulnier) – “Purple Pipe”:** Extends deadline and allows greater flexibility for Department of Water Resources to recommend changes to plumbing regulations for recycled water piping. State law sets a statewide target of 1 million acre-feet of recycled water use by 2010. Despite state and local efforts, recycled water use now stands at approximately 600,000 acre feet. According to the Recycled Water Task Force, California has the potential to recycle up to 1.5 million acre-feet per year of water by the year 2030. In recent years, the legislature has passed various bills to encourage recycled water, including AB 371 (Goldberg) of 2006, which required DWR to adopt standard regulations for designing and installing piping for recycled water (AKA “purple pipe”). This bill would extend the deadline for completing purple pipe regulations.

**SB 407 (Padilla) – Plumbing Retrofit:** Requires the replacement of all non-water conserving plumbing fixtures in commercial and residential properties built prior to 1994 with water-conserving fixtures by either 2017 or 2019, depending on the type of property under specified conditions.