

## Legislative Committee Report to the Yosemite CC Chapter

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Greg Adams, Chairperson

### Legislation updates of interest to Building Departments

The following bills have made it through the legislative process, have been enrolled and are waiting approval or veto of the Governor.

- **AB 715: Low flush water closet and urinals.** This bill would require that all water closets sold or installed in this state shall use no more than an average of 1.6 gallons per flush and that all urinals sold or installed in this state use no more than an average of 1 gallon per flush. The bill was passed in both houses and has gone to enrollment. Next step will be the action of the Governor to sign, let stand or veto.
- **AB 1058: Green Building Construction; Best practices.** This bill would require the Department of Housing and Community Development, by July 1 2009, in conjunction with specified working groups of certain entities along with public and private sector organizations, to develop green building standards for residential occupancies, and submit them to the Building Standards Commission for review, adoption, approval and publication. The bill is on the Governor's desk.
- **AB 888: Green Building Standards.** This bill would require new commercial buildings for which a public agency deems the application for a development project complete on or after January 1, 2013, and that are 50,000 square feet or greater, be designed, constructed, and operated to meet the applicable standards described in the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design gold rating or its equivalent, unless the state adopts specified minimum green building standards, in which case, those commercial buildings would be required to meet the adopted standards. This bill is on the Governor's desk.
- **AB 382: Housing Omnibus Bill** has reached the Governor's desk with the language amended as follows: *"Whenever a building permit is issued for the remodel or modification of an existing swimming pool, toddler pool or spa, the permit shall require that the suction outlet of the existing swimming pool, toddler pool, or spa be upgraded so as to be equipped with an anti-entrapment cover meeting current standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) or the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)."*

Check out these Legislative bills at <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>



I'd like to invite anyone interested in legislation and wanting to keep a watch on legislative issues that may affect our industry, to join me on this committee. Drop me an email at [gadams@willdan.com](mailto:gadams@willdan.com)