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2019 California Electrical Code (CEC) Changes

SUMMARY

Below are the significant changes to the 2019 California Electrical Code. A few requirements have been added. The biggest changes in this cycle are in the Photovoltaic systems. Article 690 has changed and 691 has been added.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

NEW- CHANGE		CEC SECTION/TABLE NUMBER	COMMENTARY
	\boxtimes	100	Building exception added.
	\boxtimes	110.3(c)	Listing. Product testing, evaluation, and listing requirements.
	\boxtimes	110.21(A)(2)	Reconditioned equipment marking
	\boxtimes	110.26(A)(6)	Limited access above suspended ceilings.
		110.26(A)(5)	Separation from high-voltage equipment. Where switches, cutouts, or other equipment operating at 1000 volts or less.
		110.41	Pre-energization and operating tests & test reports.
	\boxtimes	210.8(E)	GFCI lighting outlet in crawl space.
	\boxtimes	210.11(C)(4)	At least one 120volt, 20-amp garage branch circuits.
		210.71	Meeting rooms in hotels less than 1000 square feet, shall have outlets, 15- or 20- amp in accordance with 210.71(B)
	\boxtimes	250.30(A)(4)	Building or structure grounding electrode system
	\boxtimes	250.52(A)(2)	Metal in-ground support structure(s)
	\boxtimes	250.122(F)(1)	Conductor installations in raceways, auxiliary gutters, or cable trays
	\boxtimes	250.94	Other means for intersystem bonding termination device.
	\boxtimes	314.27(2)(E)	Separable attachment fittings.

		358.10(B) & (C)	Galvanized steel and stainless steel EMT, elbows, and fittings. Supplementary protection of aluminum EMT, and cinder fill requirements.
	\boxtimes	406.12	Tamper resistant receptacles location list expanded.
	\boxtimes	422.5	GFCI protection for appliances list expanded.
		Article 425	Fixed resistance and electrode industrial process heating equipment. Applies to food processing facilities and factories.
	\boxtimes	445.13(B)	Overcurrent protection provided.
	\boxtimes	445.18(A),(B)& (C)	Disconnecting means, shutdown of prime mover, and generators installed in parallel.
	\boxtimes	445.20(A) & (B)	Unbonded & bonded neutral generators.
	\boxtimes	511.3(C)& (D)	Commercial garages, major and minor repairs. Table 511.3(C) & (D) added.
		Article 690	Solar photovoltaic (PV) systems has new sections and extensive changes throughout the whole article.
		Article 691	Large-scale photovoltaic electric power production facility. PV electric power production facilities with a generating capacity of no less than 5000 kW.
	\boxtimes	700.25	Branch circuit emergency lighting transfer switch.
		Article 706	Energy storage systems operating over 50 volts ac or 60 volts dc.
		Article 710	Electric power production sources operating in standalone mode.
\boxtimes		Article 712	Direct current microgrids.
		725.144	Transmission of power and data for class 2 and 3 circuits that transmit power and data.