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What has PAC been up to?

- On March 5, 2012 Terry Salo joined FPD PAC as the new Accessibility Architect. Since then, Terry has been busy processing Architectural Plan Reviews, answering accessibility code questions and has all but settled in. She wrote our feature article this month and will continue to add valuable information via this publication and as requested. Terry's contact information: 916-566-4825 or SaloTL@sutterhealth.org.
- Reporting Progress: Sutter Solano, Sutter Delta and Sutter Santa Rosa Q1 Progress Reports are due to OGC on **April 11, 2012** which means due to Mary Ellen Medinilla **April 2, 2012**. OGC has sent out reminder and by now Mary Ellen has made contact with FPD Staff and Affiliate ADA Coordinators as appropriate. It is essential that everyone assist us in meeting all reporting deadlines. We are currently reporting on "only" 8 surveys with many more headed our way (73), but whose counting. Mary Ellen will assist each team to meet the deadlines, but your support is absolutely necessary. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mary Ellen Medinilla at 916-566-4832 or MedinM@sutterhealth.org.
- Surveying Update: Architectural Barrier Surveys have used 1991 ADAAG as the standard for determining barriers and proposing solutions. No resurveying will be conducted if an existing condition was not a barrier when the surveys were conducted, it does not become a barrier on **March 15, 2012** because of the "Safe Harbor" provision. HOWEVER, some of the "Possible Solutions" offered may no longer be valid after that date.

MARCH MADNESS!!

The United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) published revised regulations for Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 in the Federal Register on September 15, 2010. These revised regulations are the **2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design**. 2010 ADA Standards Mandatory Compliance nationwide became effective **March 15, 2012!**

For physical alterations which began after January 26, 1991 and before September 15, 2010 the 1991 ADA Standard still applies.

For new construction and alterations which began before March 15, 2012 the 1991 ADA Standard or 2010 ADA Standard applies.

And finally, for new construction and alterations

which began after March 15, 2012 the 2010 ADA Standard applies.

These dates are based on when the last application for a building permit or permit extension is certified to be complete by a State, county or local government.

Going forward, all projects and alterations to existing facilities "anything you touch" must comply with 2010 ADA Standards and applicable Title 24 codes in effect at time of submission to an enforcement agency.

Be aware, that California enforcing agencies are not reviewing plans for compliance with 2010 ADA Standards until the Federal changes are adopted by the California Building Standards Commission. How-

ever, Sutter consultants are expected to apply 2010 ADA Standard and 2010 CBC to all Sutter projects even though there is no regulatory agency oversight in place as there are multiple items in 2010 ADA Standards that are more stringent than the 2010 CBC.

Evan Terry Associates is preparing a comparative analysis of the 2010 California Building Code and the 2010 ADA Standards for DSA as a precursor to the adoption of amendments to bring the CBC into compliance with ADA.

2013 CBC is the next code cycle intended to capture these changes to the Federal law. For further information follow this link:

http://www.ada.gov/2010ADAstandards_index.htm

ABRP'S REVIEW IS IN FULL FORCE

Michelle Austin has been busy reviewing ABRP's. Here are some of the most common questions during the review:

Have you provided a selected solution for each barrier?

Were all barriers that have an estimated removal date of previous years removed? If so, how are you tracking the removal of each barrier?

Have all barriers been removed per the selected solution chosen?

Has anything changed since the most recent ABRP was sent to FPD PAC?

Do all low hanging fruit barriers (that have not been removed yet) have an estimated removal date within a year (2012)?

Have you provided any estimated removal dates of 2018? All barriers must be removed by 2017!

Have you received the Fire Alarm Visual Signal Memorandum? If you haven't, and need to know how this impacts your ABRP please contact Michelle Austin at 916-614-2453 or austinm@sutterhealth.org for a copy.