



**DSA**  
DIVISION OF THE STATE ARCHITECT

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

# **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS...**

## **Do we really need DSA approval?**

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# Introduction

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# Overview of DSA



# DSA Organization

- ◎ DSA Headquarters
  - > Located in Sacramento
- ◎ DSA Regional Offices
  - > Oakland
  - > Sacramento
  - > Los Angeles
  - > San Diego



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## Roles and Responsibilities

- ◎ DSA Headquarters
  - > Statewide programs
  - > Inspector Program
  - > Laboratory (LEA) Program
  - > Code Development
  - > Policies

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## Roles and Responsibilities

### ◎ Regional Offices

- > Project Plan Review and Approval
- > Construction Oversight
- > Project Inspector Approval
- > Project Certification

# Scope of DSA Authority





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- ◎ Approval of Design for Code Compliance
  - > Structural Safety
  - > Fire & Life Safety
  - > Accessibility
  - > Construction documents must show ALL work
- ◎ Construction Oversight for Code Compliance
  - > Structural Safety
  - > Fire & Life Safety
  - > Accessibility

# Project Types that Require DSA Approval

# Projects Categories That Require DSA Approval

- ◎ Schools
  - > K-12
  - > Community Colleges
- ◎ Essential Services Facilities
  - > State Owned or Occupied
- ◎ Accessibility Only
  - > UC and CSU
  - > State Facilities

# Projects Types That Require DSA Approval

- New Construction
- Additions
- Alterations
- Relocation
- Temporary Structures
- Reconstruction (repair of damage)
- Rehabilitation (non-conforming structures)

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- ◉ Off Campus Work Requires DSA Access Approval but Not Structural or Fire Approval
  - > Garages
  - > Bus Barns
  - > District Office
  - > Other Miscellaneous Buildings

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- ⦿ Approval expires in 1 year but can be extended yearly up to 4 years
- ⦿ Before construction the district or the architect must submit a DSA form 5 for inspector approval and a DSA form 102IC to obtain inspection cards
- ⦿ All changes to or affecting the structural, fire & life safety or accessibility systems must be approved by DSA

# My Project is Approved Now What?

- ① The district must hire a DSA approved lab if material testing is required
- ① Construction must be fully compliant with the DSA approved plans
- ① All required scope must be constructed
- ① The inspection cards must be kept current
- ① Verified reports must be submitted to DSA
- ① The project must be certified by DSA upon completion of construction



# Tips For Success

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- ◉ Knowledge
- ◉ Ownership
- ◉ Requirements
- ◉ Preparedness
- ◉ Expectations
- ◉ Accountability
- ◉ Relationships

# Conclusion

## Safe Accessible Schools