MOVED BUILDING ENERGY REQUIREMENTS

Purpose:
This is to clarify the application of energy requirements to single family dwellings when they are to be moved.

Background:
With respect to the new energy regulations, a moved building is an existing building. SCC Section 16.40.100(c) requires moved buildings to be brought up to Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Mechanical codes, but does not specifically address energy regulations. The section also states that the Chief Building Inspector may waive a specific requirement when the requirement meets the Sacramento County Building Code in effect at the time it was built and does not cause a health or safety hazard.

Note: Subsection 104.2.8.3 of SCC Section 16.02.160 clarifies when the scope of work for R-3 and U Occupancies involves the removal or replacement of fifty (50) percent or greater of the linear length of the walls of the building (exterior plus interior) within a one-year period, the project shall be considered new construction; and the entire building shall comply with all current codes.

Policy:
Moved buildings are not to be subjected to the new energy requirements. However, any addition will be subject to the energy requirements as required for “Room Additions”. For an existing building, R-38 ceiling insulation is the minimum in all accessible attic space over conditioned areas. If the wall finish is to be removed, then R-19 will be required for walls.