**Docks & Houseboats**

Are County building permits required?

**Docks do require building permits in this jurisdiction.** When plans for the dock are submitted to our plan review department, prior approvals by affected State and Federal agencies are required.

Several State and Federal agencies require a pre-review of dock plans showing in addition to information that is project specific:

- It's location
- Information on attachments, to ensure that no damage will be done to the levee or attachment point
- Proof that the dock will not encroach into a waterway or create any kind of hazard, etc.

Contact phone numbers for those agencies are provided at the end of this flyer. If an agency has no requirements please note that with the plans you submit to the County and some documentation.

When the plans for the project have been signed off by interested State and Federal Agencies, they can be submitted to the County. Consider the following to assist in developing a complete set of plans. Docks shall meet the requirements of the current adopted codes; Building, Plumbing, Electrical and Mechanical as applicable to the project.

- Provide structural calculations for the dock, keeping in mind what it will be used for. This will ensure a sturdy long-lived structure.
- Will there be electrical provided on the dock? Be sure to show this on the plans, how it will be run to the dock, the amperage and wire sizing etc. Provide load calculations if the circuit is coming from an existing panel.
- Do you want water spigots on the doc? Show the supply pipe size and type, how it will be secured and the source.
- Will a sewer/pump out facility be provided on the dock? Show the pipe size and type and how it will be secured. Show how the sewer will be serviced. Septic? Sewer system? Pump out tank? Consider location of cleanouts and the sizing of existing systems.
- Will there be a boathouse or lift on the dock? Provide manufacturers installation instructions for any lifts and engineering for the structure as needed.
Houseboats that are not motorized and/or easily moveable require permits from this jurisdiction in compliance with all local codes and ordinances.

- Barges, floating restaurants, floating lodging facilities, businesses etc. also require permits and will comply with all codes and ordinances affecting a similar project built on land.
- Consider how the structure will be secured to the land or dock. Provide information on the plans.
- Consider the supporting utilities and show them with the plans.
- If it is a commercial purpose structure, consider parking and accessibility and address them on the plans.

Information on what items are necessary to complete a full set of plans for your type of project in Sacramento County are available from our staff. Please feel free to call us or visit our website. All that information is listed in the header of this flyer.

A partial list of State and Federal Agencies that may require review of your project are:

- Reclamation Board (Division of Flood Management, Department of Water Resources) (916) 653-5434
- State Lands Commission (916) 574-1822
- Army Corp. of Engineers (916) 557-5100
- Fish & Game (916) 653-7664

Information on any other State or Federal reviews that may be required for your project will be given to you by the listed agencies.