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Code Interpretation 25-06

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Decks in the Wildland Urban Interface

OVERVIEW

Edition: 2022 Title 24, California Building Standards
Code: Part 2-California Building Code (CBC), Part 2.5-California Residential Code (CRC)
Section(s): CBC 707A.10 & CRC R337.7.10
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QUESTION #1:

Is a deck (such as a wood-framed outdoor floor assembly consisting of deck joists, deck beams, etc.) considered a type of “appendage”?

ANSWER #1:

Yes. Without adopted definitions for an appendage or deck in the 2022 CBC or 2022 CRC; the Merriam – Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary (11th Edition) provides those definitions by reference. Per those definitions, a deck is an example of an appendage.

QUESTION #2:

Are CBC Section 707A.10 and CRC Section R337.7.10 intended to apply to the underside of the exterior exposed decks that are attached to the applicable buildings?

ANSWER #2:

Yes. A deck is an example of an appendage per the Merriam – Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary (11th Edition). Per CBC 707A.10 and CRC Section R337.7.10 an AJH may require the underside of overhanging appendages to be enclosed unless the requirements for “Exception to Section R337.7.10” or “Exception to Section 707A.10” are met.