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This 2014 edition of Title 26 adopts Chapters 2 through 35 of the 2013 edition of the *California Building Code* (including certain appendices) with local County amendments. The complete *California Building Code* is included in this book. Colored replacement pages containing local County amendments are supplied in a separate packet. The purpose is to allow the colored pages to remain as a unit or individually be substituted for the pages of the *California Building Code*, where applicable.

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**Chapter 1. Administrative Provisions.** This chapter contains provisions similar to those found in the *California Building Code* plus others that are unique to the County. Section 101 designates Title 26 as the “Building Code.”

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**Chapters 65–99. Special County Requirements.** These chapters have been implemented to meet the special needs of the County. The subjects covered are identified in the table of contents.

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