CRITICAL UPDATE – Construction deemed essential in New CA order

CALIFORNIA ISSUES STATEWIDE STAY AT HOME ORDER

UCON ANALYSIS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Construction, including housing construction, listed as essential need during COVID-19 crisis.

UCON Members and Industry Partners:

March 20; Yesterday evening, Governor Newsom took the unprecedented step of issuing a statewide “Stay at Home” Order. Below are critical updates for our members to understand at this time.

As a result of direct advocacy from our UCON and our industry, the Administration has updated the exemptions to include construction, including housing construction. The directive reads as follows:

*The California State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health is ordering all individuals living in the State of California to stay home or at their place of residence, except as needed to maintain continuity of operation of the federal critical infrastructure sectors, critical government services, schools, childcare, and construction, including housing construction.*

This important clarification allows our industry to continue working on critical infrastructure improvements, including roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, and housing.

If your firm has been working under a county Shelter in Place Order, there is no change in your operating
guidelines. If your county / geographic area was not previously covered by a Shelter in Place Order, then this new definition applies. We are working with the Administration to determine which ordinance applies if you are operating in a county with a stricter definition than the one issued by the Governor.

UCON is in contact with all the major union leaders this morning and to coordinate messaging to the field employees. This is being done to keep the union construction industry aligned and to avoid mixed messages or confusion on the part of tens of thousands of union members.

We are working with the Administration and our full Government Relations and legal team to get clarifications and updates as this rolls out.

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United Contractors remains available for you and your staff. We continue to work with counsel, labor & agency leaders, elected officials and our full scale of team members to bring you the most up-to-date and important information. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We are here for you.

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