Division: Plans Examination  
Code Interpretation: BP-CI-013  
Subject: HANDICAP FAUCETS  
Code: IBC 1109.2  
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A. CODE REQUIREMENT
   The International Building Code, Section 1109.2 requires toilet and bathing facilities shall be accessible.

B. INTERPRETATION
   Faucets that are required to meet accessibility requirements will not be required to meet water conservation requirements.

C. RATIONALE
   1. Chapter 4 of the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code addresses water conservation requirements for plumbing fixtures that are in compliance with the state of Nevada requirements for water conservation. However, neither of these documents addresses handicap requirements for faucets.

   2. Chapter 11 of the International Building Code addresses accessibility requirements by referring to ANSI A117.1 Section 606.4 in which “conventional one quarter turn, lever operated, push type and automatic controlled” faucets are acceptable examples. When self-closing faucets are used, they shall remain open for 10 seconds minimum.

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