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**From:** Mankin, Michael [Michael.Mankin@dgs.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 20, 2007 10:29 AM  
**To:** Don Reeves  
**Subject:** RE: Parking Lot Entrance "Tow-Away" Sign

Yes.

Yesterday, the Access Committee of the State Architect's Advisory Board (DSAAB) met, and they agreed the CA Building Code needed to be realigned to reference the MUTCD Tow-away sign (R100B(CA)), to add language in CH 11A and B requiring black letters on white, and to see if the address and phone number required by statute can refer to the local police or removed entirely from law. In the meantime, you are on your way to becoming the most knowledgeable architect on access in CA, especially on this issue.

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**From:** Don Reeves [mailto:dreeves@adadr.com]  
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**To:** Mankin, Michael  
**Subject:** Parking Lot Entrance "Tow-Away" Sign

Michael:

You may remember our e-mail exchange on this subject after the CASP meeting in Del Mar last year. Almost all of the "Tow-Away" signs I have seen in California have white letters on a blue background. CBC Section 1129B.5 describes this sign but does not specify color.

There is also widespread confusion as to the wording required on the sign, and some towing companies claim they have "multiple yards" and refuse to provide an address on the sign. Since I aspire to be the most knowledgeable architect in the state in matters of accessibility, I am compelled to search for some authority concerning this sign. I believe the "California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices" provides that authority. Chapter 2B-Regulatory signs, Part 2 – signs, page 2B-43 applies.

The "disabled tow-away" (R100B(CA)) sign is described and refers to CVC 22511.8 and 22511.9. CVC 22511.8 (d) also states that this sign must show the actual physical address where the "...vehicles may be reclaimed..." and the telephone number of the "...local law enforcement agency...". The sign is shown on the "California Sign Chart," Sheet 3 of 10. The Caltrans sheet on this sign (code R100B) calls for the border and legend to be black and the background white.

Can I rely on this information to advise clients that the black and white sign is the only acceptable design in California?

Best Regards,

Donald J. Reeves