

### **INTERNAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE**

The California Legislature has adopted new regulations codified in *Civil Code Sections 5900 through 5920*, which require Associations to adopt fair, reasonable and expeditious dispute resolution procedures, effective January 1, 2005. This is separate and apart from, and precedes, the formal ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) requirements set forth in *Civil Code Section 5925 through 5965*. The Association has adopted the following procedures as required under such law:

1. The Association or an Owner may invoke the procedures herein by submitting a request to the other to meet and confer in an effort to resolve any existing dispute. The request must be in writing.
2. An Owner may refuse a request to meet and confer made by the Association with the understanding that further enforcement action may be taken if the dispute is not resolved. The Association may not refuse a request by an Owner to meet and confer.
3. The Association's Board of Directors shall designate a Board member to meet and confer with an Owner.
4. The designated Board member and the Owner shall meet promptly at a mutually convenient time and place. The parties shall explain their positions to each other and attempt, in good faith to resolve the dispute.
5. Any resolution of the dispute agreed to by the parties shall be set forth in writing and signed by the Owner and the designated Board member on behalf of the Association.
6. An agreement reached under this procedure is binding on the Owner and the Association and is enforceable in court if both of the following conditions are met:
  - a. The agreement is not in conflict with law or the Association's governing documents.
  - b. The agreement is consistent with the authority granted by the Board of Director's to the designated Board member or is ratified by the Board.
7. Owners will not be charged a fee to participate in this process.