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DIVISION 4. GENERAL PROVISIONS [3274 - 9566] (Heading of Division 4 amended by Stats. 1988, Ch. 160, Sec. 16.) PART 5. Common Interest Developments [4000 - 6150] (Part 5 added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 180, Sec. 2.) CHAPTER 6. Association Governance [4800 - 5450] (Chapter 6 added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 180, Sec. 2.)

ARTICLE 1. Association Existence and Powers [4800 - 4820] (Article 1 added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 180, Sec. 2.)

4800. A common interest development shall be managed by an association that may be incorporated or unincorporated. The association may be referred to as an owners' association or a community association.

(Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 180, Sec. 2. (AB 805) Effective January 1, 2013. Operative January 1, 2014, by Sec. 3 of Ch. 180.)

4805. (a) Unless the governing documents provide otherwise, and regardless of whether the association is incorporated or unincorporated, the association may exercise the powers granted to a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation, as enumerated in Section 7140 of the Corporations Code, except that an unincorporated association may not adopt or use a corporate seal or issue membership certificates in accordance with Section 7313 of the Corporations Code.

(b) The association, whether incorporated or unincorporated, may exercise the powers granted to an association in this act. (Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 180, Sec. 2. (AB 805) Effective January 1, 2013. Operative January 1, 2014, by Sec. 3 of Ch. 180.)

4820. Whenever two or more associations have consolidated any of their functions under a joint neighborhood association or similar organization, members of each participating association shall be (a) entitled to attend all meetings of the joint association other than executive sessions, (b) given reasonable opportunity for participation in those meetings, and (c) entitled to the same access to the joint association's records as they are to the participating association's records.

(Added by Stats. 2012, Ch. 180, Sec. 2. (AB 805) Effective January 1, 2013. Operative January 1, 2014, by Sec. 3 of Ch. 180.)