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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

TICKET DISTRIBUTION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) adopted Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 18944.1 (Regulation 18944.1) to regulate the distribution and disclosure by public agencies of certain tickets and passes to public officials; and

WHEREAS, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) occasionally receives complimentary tickets to conferences, symposiums, summits or other events related to the CEC's public purposes from third party sources, both public and private, for distribution to CEC officials; and

WHEREAS, Regulation 18944.1 provides that an agency's distribution of these tickets, and any meals and beverages consumed and nominal items received in association with attendance at the event, pursuant to an adopted policy and properly disclosed by the agency, is not a gift to the public official and does not trigger a disclosure requirement on the official's Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) or potential disqualification under Regulations 18700 and 18702.4; and

THEREFORE, THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FINDS, that the proposed Ticket Distribution Policy complies with the FPPC's requirements as specified in Regulation 18944.1.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC adopts the proposed Ticket Distribution Policy, including any changes approved at the business meeting.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director shall designate a ticket administrator to administer the Ticket Distribution Policy on behalf of the CEC.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on June 11, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner
NAY: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION FINDING BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS
CONTAINED IN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO ORDINANCE NO. 4898 SATISFY
STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS UNDER PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION
25402.1(h)(2)

WHEREAS, The County of San Mateo adopted Ordinance No. 4898, which establishes certain locally adopted building energy efficiency standards; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25402(a) and (b) establishes that the California Energy Commission (CEC) shall prescribe, by regulation, statewide building energy efficiency and conservation standards; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2) provides that nothing in Public Resources Code section 25402(a) or (b) shall prohibit the enforcement of city or county building energy efficiency standards if: (1) the city or county files the basis of its determination that the standards are cost-effective with the CEC and (2) the CEC finds that the locally adopted standards will require the diminution of energy consumption levels permitted by the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402(a) and (b); and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106 establishes a process for local governmental agencies to submit an application to the CEC for a determination that locally adopted building energy efficiency standards meet the requirements set forth in Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2); and

WHEREAS, The County of San Mateo submitted an application to the CEC that included (1) the basis of its determination that the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 4898 are cost-effective and (2) documentation that the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 4898 will require the diminution of energy consumption levels compared to the 2022 Energy Code, as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106, on January 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The County of San Mateo adopted a determination at a public meeting on November 19, 2024, that the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 4898 are cost-effective; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has analyzed whether the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 4898 will require the diminution of energy

consumption levels compared to the 2022 Energy Code, and determined that it will do so; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106(b)(4) requires that the local governmental agency's application include any findings, determinations, declarations, or reports, including any negative declaration or environmental impact report, required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, The County of San Mateo, in its application to the CEC, submitted the California Environmental Quality Act documentation required by California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106(b)(4); and

WHEREAS, The locally adopted energy efficiency and conservation standards application filed by the County of San Mateo satisfies the requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2), the CEC finds the following: (1) The County of San Mateo has filed the basis of its determination that the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 4898 are cost-effective, and (2) Ordinance No. 4898 will require the diminution of energy consumption levels compared to the 2022 Energy Code; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CEC directs the Executive Director to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on June 11, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION FINDING BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS
CONTAINED IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04 SATISFY STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS UNDER PUBLIC
RESOURCES CODE SECTION 25402.1(h)(2)

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Cruz adopted Ordinance No. 2024-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-04, which establish certain locally adopted building energy efficiency standards; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25402(a) and (b) establishes that the California Energy Commission (CEC) shall prescribe, by regulation, statewide building energy efficiency and conservation standards; and

WHEREAS, Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2) provides that nothing in Public Resources Code section 25402(a) or (b) shall prohibit the enforcement of city or county building energy efficiency standards if: (1) the city or county files the basis of its determination that the standards are cost-effective with the CEC and (2) the CEC finds that the locally adopted standards will require the diminution of energy consumption levels permitted by the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402(a) and (b); and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106 establishes a process for local governmental agencies to submit an application to the CEC for a determination that locally adopted building energy efficiency standards meet the requirements set forth in Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2); and

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Cruz submitted an application to the CEC that included (1) the basis of its determination that the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 2024-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-04 are cost-effective and (2) documentation that the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 2024-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-04 will require the diminution of energy consumption levels compared to the 2022 Energy Code, as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106, on March 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Cruz adopted a determination at the public meetings on December 10, 2024, and March 11, 2025, that their locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 2024-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-04 are cost-effective; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has analyzed whether the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 2024-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-04 will require the diminution of energy consumption levels compared to the 2022 Energy Code, and determined that it will do so; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106(b)(4) requires that the local governmental agency's application include any findings, determinations, declarations, or reports, including any negative declaration or environmental impact report, required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, The City of Santa Cruz, in its application to the CEC, submitted the California Environmental Quality Act documentation required by California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106(b)(4); and

WHEREAS, The locally adopted energy efficiency and conservation standards application filed by the City of Santa Cruz satisfies the requirements of California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, section 10-106; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402.1(h)(2), the CEC finds the following: (1) The City of Santa Cruz has filed the basis of its determination that the locally adopted energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance No. 2024-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-04 are cost-effective, and (2) Ordinance No. 2024-21 and Ordinance No. 2025-04 will require the diminution of energy consumption levels compared to the 2022 Energy Code; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CEC directs the Executive Director to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

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AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

***2025 Energy Code Solar Photovoltaic
& Battery Energy Storage System
Exemption Determination for Trinity
Public Utilities District***

Docket No.: 25-BSTD-02

**ORDER DETERMINING THAT 2025
ENERGY CODE SOLAR
PHOTOVOLTAIC & BATTERY
STORAGE REQUIREMENTS DO NOT
APPLY TO TRINITY PUBLIC
UTILITIES DISTRICT'S SERVICE
AREA**

I. INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 11, 2024, the California Energy Commission (CEC) adopted the 2025 Energy Code, contained in the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6, which includes solar photovoltaic (PV) requirements for newly constructed single-family buildings (Section 150.1(c)14) and low-rise multifamily buildings (Section 170.2(f)), and solar PV and battery energy storage system (BESS) requirements in nonresidential buildings (Sections 140.10(a), 140.10(b)), and high-rise multifamily buildings (Sections 170.2(g), 170.2(h)). High-rise multifamily buildings are multifamily buildings that have four or more habitable stories. These requirements, along with the rest of the 2025 Energy Code, go into effect January 1, 2026.

Section 10-109(k) of the 2025 Energy Code states, "The Commission may, upon written application or its own motion, determine that the photovoltaic or BESS requirements ... shall not apply, if the Commission finds that the implementation of public agency rules regarding utility system costs and revenue requirements, compensation for customer-owned generation, interconnection fees, or other factors, causes the Commission's cost effectiveness conclusions, made pursuant to Public Resources Code 25402(b)(3), to not hold for particular buildings ... In cases where conditions have changed that potentially would alter Energy Commission determinations that previously have been made, the Energy Commission may reconsider those determinations on its own motion."

On June 10, 2022, Trinity Public Utilities District (PUD) submitted an application to the CEC for a determination whether the solar PV system requirements of the 2022 Energy Code, which went into effect January 1, 2023, should apply to newly constructed single-family and low-rise multifamily buildings in its service area. The CEC found that Trinity PUD's rules regarding residential rates, compensation, and charges for customer-

owned generation caused the CEC's 2022 Energy Code cost-effectiveness conclusions to not hold for these building types in Trinity PUD's service area. The CEC determined at the February 15, 2023, business meeting that the 2022 Energy Code solar photovoltaic requirements do not apply to newly constructed single-family and low-rise multifamily buildings in Trinity PUD's service area.

On November 21, 2022, Trinity PUD also submitted an application to the CEC for a determination whether the solar PV system and battery energy storage system requirements of the 2022 Energy Code should apply to newly constructed nonresidential and high-rise multifamily residential buildings in its service area. The CEC found that Trinity PUD's rules regarding nonresidential rates, compensation and charges for customer-owned generation caused the CEC's 2022 Energy Code cost-effectiveness conclusions to not hold for these building types in Trinity PUD's service area. The CEC determined at the September 13, 2023, business meeting that the 2022 Energy Code solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system requirements do not apply to newly constructed nonresidential and high-rise multifamily buildings in Trinity PUD's service area.

Since the CEC made these determinations, Trinity PUD has revised its residential and nonresidential rates, as well as compensation and participation charges for customer-owned generation. On its own motion, pursuant to Section 10-109(k) of the 2025 Energy Code, CEC staff (staff) has completed a cost-effectiveness analysis of the 2025 Energy Code solar photovoltaic requirements based on Trinity PUD's revised rates, compensation and charges for customer-owned generation finding that the CEC's cost-effectiveness conclusions for the 2025 Energy Code do not hold for newly constructed single-family, nonresidential, low-rise multifamily, and high rise multifamily buildings in the Trinity PUD service area.

The 2025 Energy Code requires that newly constructed nonresidential and high-rise multifamily buildings required to have a solar PV system must also have a battery energy storage system. For buildings where staff's analysis does not find solar PV systems to be cost effective in Trinity PUD's service area, the 2025 Energy Code cost-effectiveness conclusions regarding battery energy storage systems would also not hold. The benefits of combined solar PV and battery energy storage systems would not occur and the cost effectiveness of the combination could not be shown.

Staff also notes that Trinity PUD does not offer either a program where solar PV generation is compensated through virtual energy bill credits, or a community solar program. Therefore, staff finds that high-rise multifamily buildings in Trinity PUD meet Exception 5 to Section 170.2(g) of the high-rise multifamily solar PV requirements in the 2025 Energy Code.

The CEC considered the Executive Director's Recommendation at its June 11, 2025, Business Meeting.

II. CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on the entirety of the record, the CEC finds that:

- 1) On its own motion, pursuant to Section 10-109(k), staff prepared a cost-effectiveness analysis of the 2025 Energy Code solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage requirements based on Trinity PUD's revised rates, compensation and charges for customer-owned generation.
- 2) Staff's analysis meets the requirements in Section 10-109(k) of the 2025 Energy Code.
- 3) On May 13, 2025, the CEC provided a copy of staff's cost-effectiveness analysis of the 2025 Energy Code solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage requirements for newly constructed buildings in Trinity PUD's service area to interested persons, provided an opportunity for public comment for 10 days, and considered all public comments received in developing the Executive Director's recommendation.
- 4) On May 27, 2025, the CEC provided an updated copy of the staff analysis that corrected a minor error as it was published on May 13, 2025.
- 5) The Executive Director reviewed the staff analysis and, on May 30, 2025, submitted a recommendation to the CEC to determine that the 2025 Energy Code solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system requirements do not apply to newly constructed single-family, nonresidential, low-rise multifamily and high-rise multifamily buildings in Trinity PUD's service area.
- 6) The Executive Director reviewed staff's analysis and conclusion that the action is not a project, as defined, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) or, in the alternative, if it is a project, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the common-sense exemption and recommends the CEC confirm this determination.
- 7) The Executive Director also recommends that the CEC direct staff to, on its own motion, reconsider the cost-effectiveness determinations for Trinity PUD's service area in each future code cycle.
- 8) The CEC has considered the Executive Director's recommendation and all relevant information regarding staff's analysis and finds that the 2025 Energy Code solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system requirements do not apply to newly constructed single-family, nonresidential, low-rise multifamily and high-rise multifamily buildings in Trinity PUD's service area.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The CEC has considered staff's analysis, the Executive Director's recommendation, all written comments submitted, oral comments made at today's business meeting, and CEC staff's responses to all comments on this matter.

Therefore, the CEC concludes the following in accordance with Sections 10-109(k) of the 2025 Energy Code:

- 1) Trinity PUD revised rates, compensation, and charges for customer owned hydro-electric generation result in the Commission's solar PV and BESS cost effectiveness conclusions in the 2025 Energy Code to not hold for newly constructed buildings in the Trinity PUD service area.
- 2) The 2025 Energy Code solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system requirements do not apply to newly constructed single-family, nonresidential, low-rise multifamily and high-rise multifamily buildings in the Trinity PUD's service area.
- 3) The CEC directs staff to, on its own motion, reconsider the cost-effectiveness determinations for Trinity PUD's service area in each future code cycle.
- 4) The CEC delegates the authority and directs CEC staff to take, on behalf of the CEC, all actions reasonably necessary to carry out the above direction.
- 5) Approval of this determination is not a project, as defined, subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and, alternatively, if it is a project, it is exempt pursuant to the common sense exemption under section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
- 6) Any interested person may obtain a copy of the staff report by accessing TN# 263394 at CEC Docket Log 25-BSTD-02 at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=263394&DocumentContentId=100004>.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on June 11, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: NV5, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement 700-24-005 with NV5, Inc. for a \$0 contract to assist the STEP Division with compliance oversight for construction and modification of future projects throughout the state related to the Opt-In Certification Program for a contract cycle of 5 years. NV5, Inc. will be reimbursed through a separate agreement with the identified project owner; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: TRB and Associates

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement 700-24-003 with TRB and Associates for a \$0 contract to assist the STEP Division with compliance oversight for construction and modification of future projects throughout the state related to the Opt-In Certification Program for a contract cycle of 5 years. TRB and Associates will be reimbursed through a separate agreement with the identified project owner; and

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: West Coast Code Consultants, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement 700-24-004 with West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. for a \$0 contract to assist the STEP Division with compliance oversight for construction and modification of future projects throughout the state related to the Opt-In Certification Program for a contract cycle of 5 years. West Coast Code Consultants, Inc. will be reimbursed through a separate agreement with the identified project owner; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: Aspen Environmental Group

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves amendment 3 to Contract 700-22-005 with Aspen Environmental Group to increase the agreement's budget by \$3,000,000 to support evaluation of applications under the Opt-In Certification Program; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: University Enterprises, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement 150-24-001 with University Enterprises, Inc. for a \$675,000 contract to purchase and test appliances to determine compliance with CCR title 20 energy efficiency standards. The Appliance Efficiency Regulations require the CEC to periodically test appliances sold in California to determine compliance with reported efficiency performance, marking, and design standards. Testing results will be used to support enforcement actions and general data collection purposes; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement 300-24-003 with ACEEE, for a \$25,000 co-sponsorship of the ACEEE 2025 Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Industry, taking place on July 16-18, 2025, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The event will focus on achievable action plans for decarbonization, and CEC staff will participate in discussions on federal policy developments for various stakeholders such as states and regional organizations. The proposed agreement will also allow ACEEE's use of the CEC logo in co-sponsorship advertisements; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: County of Alameda

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement ARV-24-024 with County of Alameda for a \$3,687,500 grant. This project will install at least 192 Level 2 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports and at least 12 direct current fast charging (DCFC) EV charging ports across approximately eight County-owned sites, that will power fleet vehicles for 13 county agencies, departments, and offices; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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RESOLUTION: Rhombus Energy Solutions, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement amendment 3 to agreement ARV-21-015 with Rhombus Energy Solutions, Inc. for a novation to change the grant recipient from Rhombus Energy Solutions, Inc. to Smartville, Inc., extend the agreement term by five months, add special terms and conditions for agreement term past the liquidation date, reduce match share by \$45,670, modify some technical specifications within the Scope of Work (SOW), change demonstration site to City of Oceanside; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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RESOLUTION: City of Oakland

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement ARV-24-023 with City of Oakland for a \$2,300,000 grant. This project will install at least 88 Level 2 EV charging ports and at least 12 DCFC EV charging ports across approximately five sites that will power fleet vehicles for three targeted departments and offices; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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RESOLUTION: FreeWire Technologies, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement amendment 2 for Agreement EPC-20-022 for a novation to change grant recipient from FreeWire Technologies, Inc. to OptiGrid LLC, to extend the term by three years, modify some technical specifications within the scope of work (SOW), change the location of the demonstration sites from two public light-duty EV charging sites to one site at a warehouse for a fleet of class 8 electric vehicles (heavy-duty electric trucks); and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

**RESOLUTION: The Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis
Campus**

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement 600-24-008 with the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Davis Campus for a \$10,000 sponsorship contract to support the biennial Asilomar Conference that will address the challenges of planning for and building resilient transportation systems; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on June 11, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Darden Clean Energy Project

Docket No.: 23-OPT-02

**ORDER CERTIFYING THE FINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT,
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS, AND
GRANTING THE OPT-IN
APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION**

ORDER:

I. BACKGROUND

IP Darden I, LLC and Affiliates (collectively, Darden) is seeking a certification for the Darden Clean Energy Project (23-OPT-02) under the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Opt-In Certification Program. The Darden Clean Energy Project would include a 1,150 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) facility, a 4,600 MW-hour battery energy storage system (BESS), step-up substation, generation-intertie line, and switchyard on approximately 9,500 acres of retired agricultural land in unincorporated Fresno County, California, near the community of Cantua Creek.

Under the Opt-In Certification Program, the CEC may grant a certification to an eligible facility if the commission finds that the project meets all applicable requirements under Chapter 6.2 of Division 15 of the Public Resources Code (Chapter 6.2). Moreover, Public Resources Code section 25545.7 designates the CEC as the "lead agency" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) for Opt-In applications.

II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Public Resources Code section 25545.6 requires the Executive Director to prepare a recommendation for the CEC's consideration on whether to certify an environmental impact report (EIR) and issue a certificate for the site and related facilities pursuant to Chapter 6.2. Based on the Opt-In Application, CEC staff's Updated Staff Assessment (including a Final EIR), and other information filed in the docket, the Executive Director recommends that the CEC certify the EIR and issue a certificate for the Darden Clean Energy Project.

III. ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

Based on the exercise of our independent judgment and review, and considering the record as a whole, we hereby adopt the following findings pursuant to Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq. and 25545.8, and applicable implementing regulations, in addition to the findings contained in the Updated Staff Assessment (including the Final EIR):

1. The Darden Clean Energy Project is an eligible facility under Chapter 6.2.
2. The Commission has not recommended minimum standards of efficiency for the project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402(d) because no minimum efficiency standards apply to this project. The applicant is therefore not required to demonstrate compliance with minimum standards of efficiency pursuant to Public Resources Code section 25402(d).
3. Imposition and implementation of the proposed conditions of certification contained in the Updated Staff Assessment (including a Final EIR) will ensure that the Darden Clean Energy Project will be designed, constructed, sited, operated, and decommissioned in conformity with applicable public safety standards, applicable air and water quality standards, and with other applicable local, regional, state, and federal standards, ordinances, or laws.
4. The site would be restored as necessary to protect the environment if the commission denies approval of the application.
5. The Updated Staff Assessment contains a discussion of the public benefits from the project, including but not limited to, economic benefits, environmental benefits, and electricity reliability benefits, as required by Public Resources Code section 25523(h).
6. The Updated Staff Assessment identifies the public agencies that received notice of the Opt-In Application.
7. The project site is not located in a prohibited area as identified in Public Resources Code sections 25526 and 25527.
8. The applicant has committed to implementing the labor requirements of Public Resources Code sections 25545.3.3 and 25545.3.5.
9. The Updated Staff Assessment confirms that the project will have an overall net positive economic benefit to the local government that would have had permitting authority over the site and related facility.
10. The Updated Staff Assessment confirms that the applicant has entered into a legally binding and enforceable agreement with at least one community-based organization, Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, where there is mutual benefit to the parties to the agreement, satisfying Public Resources Code section 25545.10 (see TN 259219).
11. On June 6, 2025, the applicant filed the Darden Project Local Investment Program (TN 264097), which provides that the applicant has entered into additional community benefits agreements and may enter more in the future. As

of this date, the applicant has docketed seven agreements in addition to the agreement with Centro La Familia Advocacy Services: Central California Food Bank (TN 260024), Westside Elementary School (TN 260023), Central California Asthma Collaborative (TN 260011), Fresno Housing Education Corps (TN 260008), Golden Plains Unified School District (TN 263949), Tree Fresno (TN260025), and the Fresno Rural Transit Agency (TN 260009). During the business meeting on June 11, 2025, the applicant informed the CEC that it had reached an agreement in principle with Comunidades de Westside, an unincorporated community group composed of residents from the communities of El Porvenir, Cantua Creek and Five Points, and anticipates executing the agreement in the near future.

12. The Final EIR (included within the Updated Staff Assessment), which includes responses to comments and revisions, has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The CEC reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to approving the Darden Clean Energy Project.
13. Imposition and implementation of the conditions of certification contained in the Updated Staff Assessment will ensure protection of environmental quality and assure reasonably safe and reliable operation of the Darden Clean Energy Project. The conditions of certification also assure that changes or alterations have been incorporated into the project that avoid or substantially lessen the project's significant environmental impacts such that the project will neither result in, nor contribute substantially to, any significant direct, indirect, or cumulative environmental impacts. For components of the project outside the CEC's jurisdiction, the Updated Staff Assessment recommends mitigation measures that can and should be adopted by another public agency.
14. The Updated Staff Assessment includes Condition of Certification WORKER SAFETY-12, which provides a funding mechanism to the Fresno County Fire Protection District (FCFPD) to ensure the project's impacts to fire protection services are less than significant. Since the Updated Staff Assessment was published, both the applicant and the FCFPD have raised concerns regarding this condition. Based upon the concerns raised, staff has proposed further amendments to WORKER SAFETY-12 to provide clarification for the parties and to provide direction that this condition shall not delay the project.
15. The proceedings leading to this Order have been conducted in conformity with the regulations governing the consideration of an Opt-In Application and thereby meet the requirements of Public Resources Code section 25500 et seq. This includes circulating the Draft EIR (included within the Staff Assessment) for a 60-day public review period in compliance with Public Resources Code section 25545.7.6, subdivision (b).
16. The conditions in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 21178) of Division 13, including Sections 21188 and 21183.6, have been met for the Darden Clean Energy Project, and CEC staff have prepared the record of the proceedings concurrently with its review of the Opt-In Application.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

Therefore, we order the following:

1. We hereby CERTIFY that the Final EIR (within the Updated Staff Assessment) complies with the CEQA, reflects the CEC's independent judgment and analysis, and was considered and reviewed by the CEC before a decision on the certification of the Darden Clean Energy Project.
2. We hereby CERTIFY that the CEQA record of proceedings is complete.
3. The Updated Staff Assessment (including the Final EIR) is hereby modified in accordance with Errata Sheet #1 found at Attachment A.
4. The Opt-In Application for Certification for the Darden Clean Energy Project, as described in the Updated Staff Assessment (including the Final EIR), and a certificate to construct and operate the project are hereby GRANTED.
5. The Commission hereby adopts the conditions of certification, and compliance verifications set forth in the Updated Staff Assessment as its mitigation monitoring program required by Public Resources Code section 25532 and as the mitigation monitoring or reporting program required by Public Resources Code section 21806.1.
6. Based on the findings about community benefits agreements made in section III.10 and 11 above, the Commission hereby adopts the following additional conditions of certification and compliance verifications.

CBA-1 The project owner shall, to the extent feasible, fulfill its donation obligations as set forth in the following community benefits agreements: Centro La Familia Advocacy Services (TN 259219), Central California Food Bank (TN 260024), Westside Elementary School (TN 260023), Central California Asthma Collaborative (TN 260011), Fresno Housing Education Corps (TN 260008), Golden Plains Unified School District (TN 263949), Tree Fresno (TN 260025), and the Fresno Rural Transit Agency (TN 260009).

Verification: In the Annual Compliance Report, the project owner shall provide documentation evidencing compliance with the terms of the eight community benefits agreements listed above.

CBA-2 The project owner shall provide progress reports regarding its implementation of the Darden Project Local Investment Program filed on June 6, 2025 (TN 264097), which shall include: status of its implementation of the Program, any relevant documentation regarding its implementation, any changes or further updates to the Program including any additional community benefit agreements, and the status of any other community outreach efforts.

Verification: On or before January 1 and July 1 of each of the first 3 years after certification, the project owner shall file a progress report to the docket as outlined above. After the first 3 years, the project owner shall include this progress report in the Annual Compliance Report. The progress report shall also include an update on the status of the community benefits agreement with Comunidades de Westside.

7. Based on the findings about WORKER SAFETY-12 made in section III.14 above, the Commission hereby adopts the following revisions to conditions of certification WORKER SAFETY-12 and its compliance verifications.

WORKER SAFETY-12 The project owner shall:

- a. reach an agreement **one or more agreements** with the FCFPD, either directly between the parties or using a mediator, regarding one-time initial funding and ongoing annual funding to provide mitigation for **FCFPD's emergency response services related to** direct and cumulative project-related impacts; **or**
- b. if no agreement can be reached under (a), then the project owner and FCFPD shall enter into **final and binding** arbitration. **The arbitration shall be held in accordance with California law and the terms of WORKER SAFETY-12, and any challenge related to arbitration or the enforceability of arbitration, will not suspend, delay, or excuse payment obligations by the project owner.** The project owner shall pay the cost of arbitration. The arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement of the parties and submitted to the CPM for review and approval. If the parties are unable to mutually agree to an arbitrator, the CPM shall select one. The arbitrator shall **also** consider the following in reaching a decision:
 1. Weigh the needs of FCFPD's emergency response to the project related to fire, rescue, EMS, and hazardous materials spills and the related costs on the fire department resources **caused by direct impacts of the project**;
 2. Weigh the cumulative impact of the project on the fire department resources including but not limited to the drawdown of FCFPD resources on existing communities and the impacts on those communities;
 3. Determine the amount of one-time initial funding for any capital improvements and the amount of annual funding with an increase for inflation.
- c. **develop a schedule, in coordination with the FCFPD, that provides a timeline for reaching agreement or completing arbitration prior to the anticipated date of site mobilization, subject to sub-paragraph (e)**

below. The schedule must include a timeframe for: (i) negotiating one or more agreements on funding directly between the parties or using a mediator, or (ii) commencing and finalizing arbitration. In all dealings regarding this condition, the CEC expects the project owner and the FCFPD to work in good faith and provide timely, substantive responses to all communications from the other party, mediator, or arbiter. In no event may the agreement or arbitration delay the project's site mobilization, construction, or operation.

- d. If **and when** the current property tax exclusion applicable to the project under California Revenue and Taxation code section 73 sunsets ~~on~~ January 1, 2027, and there is no solar property tax exclusion applicable to the project, then this COC will sunset. However, if a portion of the project is subject to a solar property tax exclusion, this COC will remain.
- e. **The agreement(s) or arbiter's decisions may separately address funding to FCFPD related to services for direct and cumulative impacts caused during construction and caused during operation, but any agreement or arbiter's decision regarding funding during construction shall be completed no later than 45 days prior to site mobilization, any agreement or arbiter's decision regarding funding during operation shall be completed no later than 45 days prior to operation, and there must be continual funding until the solar property tax exclusion sunsets and there is no solar property tax exclusion applicable to the project.**

Verification:

- a. **No more than 30 days after certification, the project owner shall provide to the CPM for review and approval the schedule for reaching agreement on funding prior to site mobilization.**
- b. At least 30 days prior to the start of site mobilization, **or as soon as practicable thereafter**, the project owner shall provide to the CPM for review and approval either:
 - 1. A copy of the agreement with the FCFPD or
 - 2. A copy of the arbiter's decision.
- c. **If the agreement or arbiter's decision submitted 30 days prior to site mobilization is limited to funding during construction, then, provided the property tax exclusion still applies, the project owner must provide to the CPM for review and approval an agreement or arbiter's decision to cover the remaining period of the project at least 30 days prior to the completion of construction.**

- d. Upon approval **of the agreement or arbiter's decision** by the CPM, the project owner shall commence payment of the initial funding and annual funding. **If the agreement or arbiter's decision is provided later than 30 days prior to the start of site mobilization, funding will be made retroactive to cover from the start date of site mobilization.**
8. All conditions take effect immediately upon adoption of this Order and apply to all construction and site preparation activities including, but not limited to, ground disturbance, site preparation, and permanent structure construction.
9. The approval of the Opt-In Application for Certification for the Darden Clean Energy Project is subject to the timely performance of the conditions of certification and compliance verifications. The conditions of certification and compliance verifications are integrated within this Order and are not severable therefrom. While the project owner may delegate the performance of a condition or verification, the duty to ensure adequate performance of a condition or verification may not be delegated.
10. The CEC hereby adopts staff's recommendations and proposed findings and approves conditions of certification as set forth in the Updated Staff Assessment, as modified in accordance with this Section IV and the Errata Sheet #1 in Attachment A.
11. This Order is adopted, issued, effective, and final on June 11, 2025.
12. The CEC staff shall file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse within five business days of June 11, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an order duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on June 11, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner
NAY: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

ATTACHMENT A - ERRATA SHEET #1

The changes set forth below to the Updated Staff Assessment (TN 263053) are necessary to correct typographical errors or for clarity. Deleted text is shown in ~~strike through~~ and new text is shown as **bold underline**.

Page 1-1 of the Updated Staff Assessment

Section 1.1 Introduction

This Updated Staff Assessment, which includes the Final Environmental **Impact** Report (EIR), has been prepared following the 60-day public comment period on the Staff Assessment (including Draft EIR). Consistent with California Code of Regulations, Title ~~1420~~, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15134**2**, this Updated Staff Assessment includes revisions made to the Staff Assessment in response to comments and recommendations received on the Staff Assessment raising significant environmental points. **The Staff Assessment is hereby incorporated by reference into this document.**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

**2025 Building Energy Efficiency Standards,
California Code of Regulations, Title 24,
Parts 1 and 6**

Docket No. 24-BTSD-03

**RESOLUTION CERTIFYING THE ENERGY CONSERVATION MANUAL FOR THE
2025 ENERGY CODE**

WHEREAS, the 2025 Energy Code, amending California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 1 and 6, was adopted by the California Energy Commission (CEC) on September 11, 2024, with an effective date of January 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, these standards were approved by the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) on December 17, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Warren-Alquist Act, in Public Resources Code section 25402.1(e), requires the CEC to certify “an energy conservation manual for use by designers, builders and contractors of residential and nonresidential buildings” no later than 180 days after CBSC approves the Energy Code; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the requirement of section 25402.1(e), CEC staff has developed an energy conservation manual (ECM) that is comprised of several documents, including residential and nonresidential compliance manuals, residential and nonresidential alternative compliance method reference manuals, a data registry requirements manual, and other compliance forms, all of which contain information to assist designers, builders, and contractors in demonstrating compliance with the 2025 Energy Code, including forms, charts, and other data; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Energy Code that was adopted by the CEC and approved by the CBSC, specifies, among other things, the requirement to create, maintain, and update the Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manuals, Compliance Manuals, Data Registry Requirements Manual, and Compliance Documents, which comprise the ECM; and

WHEREAS, as part of developing the ECM, CEC staff developed new content for the Single-family Alternative Calculation Reference Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-006 and the Nonresidential and Multifamily Alternative Calculation Reference

Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-007 (collectively the “ACM Reference Manuals”), which document the modeling methods used in the 2025 compliance software, which demonstrates performance compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

WHEREAS, as part of developing the ECM, CEC staff developed new content for the Single-family Compliance Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-005, the Nonresidential Compliance Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-008, and the Multifamily Compliance Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-009 (collectively the “Compliance Manuals”), which act as references and instructional guides to aid in demonstrating compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

WHEREAS, as part of developing the ECM, CEC staff developed new content for the Data Registry Requirements Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-004, which acts as a resource for data registry providers to meet requirements in the 2025 Energy Code; and

WHEREAS, as part of developing the ECM, CEC staff developed new content for Compliance Documents, which are used to demonstrate compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

WHEREAS, in order to develop the updated ECM, CEC staff invited people with knowledge of and interest in the 2025 Energy Code to review and comment on the updated ECM, and revised the ECM to respond to the comments that were received; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the ECM and finds that the ECM does not meet the definition of a “project” under Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, section 15061(a), because the ECM has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and even if the ECM was to be considered a project, then the project would fall under the “common-sense exemption” in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the ECM would have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the CEC has considered staff’s proposed updates to the ECM and finding that its adoption is exempt from CEQA; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the basis of the entire record before it, the CEC hereby adopts staff’s finding that the ECM is not subject to CEQA because it does not meet the definition of a “project” as it is not an activity that has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and even if it was a project, it is exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Common-Sense Exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, 15061(b)(3)) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Energy Commission hereby certifies the Single-Family Alternative Calculation Reference Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-006, used to support compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission hereby certifies the Nonresidential and Multifamily Alternative Calculation Reference Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-007, used to support compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission hereby certifies the Single-family Compliance Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-005, used to support compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission hereby certifies the Nonresidential Compliance Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-008 used to support compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission hereby certifies the Multifamily Alternative Compliance Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-009, used to support compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission hereby certifies the Data Registry Requirements Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-004, used to support compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Commission hereby certifies the Compliance Documents, used to demonstrate compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Energy Commission directs the Executive Director or their designee to take all actions reasonably necessary to make the above-referenced documents available and in good form, including but not limited to correcting typographical and other non-substantive errors.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the CEC does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the CEC held on June 11, 2025.

AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**Resolution Approving the 2025 California Building Energy Code Compliance
Software (CBECC 2025.1.0 and CBECC-Res 2025.1.0)**

WHEREAS, the 2025 Energy Code, amending California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 1 and 6, were adopted by the California Energy Commission (CEC) on September 11, 2024, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2026, and

WHEREAS, these standards were approved by the California Building Standards Commission on December 17, 2024, and will go into effect January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Warren-Alquist Act, in Public Resources Code section 25402.1(a), requires the CEC to develop a public domain computer program which will enable contractors, builders, architects, engineers, and government officials to estimate the energy consumed by residential and nonresidential buildings; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the requirement of section 25402.1(a), CEC staff developed a public domain computer program that is comprised of California Building Energy Code Compliance nonresidential software (CBECC 2025.1.0), which is used to estimate energy consumed by nonresidential and multifamily residential buildings and demonstrate performance compliance with the nonresidential and multifamily provisions of the 2025 Energy Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the requirement of section 25402.1(a), CEC staff developed a public domain computer program that is comprised of California Building Energy Code Compliance residential software (CBECC-Res 2025.1.0), which is used to estimate energy consumed by single-family residential buildings and demonstrate performance compliance with the single-family residential provisions of the 2025 Energy Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Chapter 10, and Part 6; and

WHEREAS, as part of developing a public domain computer program, CEC staff has reviewed and tested CBECC 2025.1.0 and CBECC-Res 2025.1.0 to ensure they reflect the requirements of the 2025 Energy Code and the building energy modeling requirements of section 10-109(c), Title 24, Part 1; and

WHEREAS, CEC staff has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the CBECC 2025.1.0 and the CBECC-Res 2025.1.0 compliance software and finds that the compliance software does not meet the definition of a “project” under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061(a), because the compliance software has no potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in

the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and even if the compliance software was considered a project, then the project would fall under the “common-sense exemption” in California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the approval may have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the CEC has considered staff’s proposed updates to the CBECC 2025.1.0 and CBECC-Res 2025.1.0 compliance software and finding that its adoption is exempt from CEQA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the basis of the entire record before it, the CEC hereby adopts staff’s finding that the CBECC 2025.1.0 and CBECC-Res 2025.1.0 compliance software are not subject to CEQA because they do not meet the definition of a “project” as they are not an activity that has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and even if they were a project, they are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Common-Sense Exemption because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility the approval may have a significant effect on the environment, including unusual circumstances; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC approves CBECC 2025.1.0 used for estimating energy consumed by nonresidential and multifamily residential buildings as specified in Public Resources Code section 25402.1, subdivision (a), and for demonstrating performance compliance with the nonresidential and multifamily residential provisions of the 2025 Energy Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 1 and 6; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC approves CBECC-Res 2025.1.0 used for estimating energy consumed by single-family residential buildings as specified in Public Resources Code section 25402.1, subdivision (a), and for demonstrating performance compliance with the single-family residential provisions of the 2025 Energy Code, California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Parts 1 and 6; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC directs the executive director or their designee to take all actions reasonably necessary to make the above-referenced software available and maintain the software in good form, including but not limited to releasing bug fixes, correcting calculation and analytical errors, necessary ongoing software updates, user interface changes, and other minor updates.

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AYE: Hochschild, Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: June 12, 2025

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION: Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement EPC-24-053 with Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation for a \$5,000,000 grant to fund the design and construction of a system of nested microgrids. This project will expand on the existing microgrid at the Blue Lake Rancheria and reduce costs, improve reliability, and demonstrate advanced protection and control strategies that can inform innovative approaches to resilient decarbonization of distribution circuits; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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Secretariat

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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RESOLUTION: Pilot Travel Centers LLC

RESOLVED, that the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (CEC) adopts the staff CEQA findings contained in the Agreement or Amendment Request Form (as applicable); and

RESOLVED, that the CEC approves agreement ZVI-24-010 with Pilot Travel Centers LLC for a \$10,000,000 grant. This project will install six 700 bar hydrogen dispensers and two 25,000-gallon liquid hydrogen storage tanks across two corridor sites in Lodi and Ripon to provide publicly available refueling for medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles along Interstate 5 and State Route 99. This project will also support workforce development in adjacent communities; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Director or their designee shall execute the same on behalf of the CEC.

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