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Att. 1: Cover Letter



June 30th, 2025

Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-37
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Filing of Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code City of Goleta Ordinance No. 25-02

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the Goleta City Council has adopted amendments to the 2022 Edition of the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards Code via Ordinance No. 25-02, enclosed.

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 25402.1 (h)2 and Section 10-106 of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards, this package of materials includes the City of Goleta's proposed local ordinance requiring:

- a) The standards are cost effective and;
- b) The standards have more stringent energy requirements than those set by California's 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Title 24, Part 6.

The ordinance and cost-effectiveness studies were introduced and presented at first reading to the Goleta City Council on February 4, 2025. The ordinance and cost-effectiveness studies were adopted at second reading and public hearing by the Goleta City Council on February 18, 2025. Staff submitted the original ordinance to California Energy Commission (CEC) on March 10, 2025, and received feedback on an element of the ordinance that needed to be corrected and clarified, to include a table specifying the source energy compliance margins for specific non-residential building types. The amended ordinance was adopted on June 3, 2025 by the Goleta City Council. **In all cases, the City of Goleta Building Energy Efficiency Standards will ensure that buildings in Goleta will consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.**

The ordinance will become effective following approval by the CEC. **This application to the California Energy Commission is based on the collective reach code adoption preparation performed by Central Coast Community Energy.**

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Please find the following materials enclosed:

- Att. 1: This cover letter
- Att. 2: Staff report to the Goleta City Council, outlining the goals of the updated building standards
- Att. 3: Signed Ordinance No. 25-02, which adopts updates to the City of Goleta's Building Ordinance, including requirements for energy standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for residential and nonresidential new construction. This provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.
- Att. 4: Cost effectiveness Memo
- Att. 5: Cost effectiveness studies were provided to demonstrate the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in the City of Goleta (Climate Zone 6). This provides clear requirements that the standards are cost effective.
- Att. 6: Evidence of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption.
- Att. 7: A letter from the Chief Building Official to the Executive Director of the CEC about the changes to building standards.

The City of Goleta will continue to enforce Title 24, Part 6, as well as Ordinance No. 25-02, once approved by the CEC. Ordinance No. 25-02 will require buildings to consume no more energy than is permitted by Title 24, Part 6. The proposed standards are more protective of the environment than the State standards, there are no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts, and there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. As the lead agency, the City of Goleta has also determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA under section 15061(b)(3).

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Murray, Sustainability Manager, at 805-961-7547 or dmurray@cityofgoleta.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana Murray', with a stylized, flowing script.

Dana Murray
Sustainability Manager