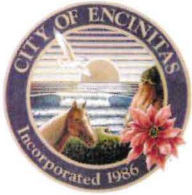


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## *City of Encinitas*

September 25, 2025

Mr. Drew Bohan, Executive Director  
California Energy Commission  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5514

Electronic Delivery to: [LocalOrdinances@energy.ca.gov](mailto:LocalOrdinances@energy.ca.gov)

**Re:** Application for Approval of Local Amendments to the California Energy Code

Dear Mr. Bohan:

This letter and enclosures are being provided to request that the California Energy Commission approve the local code amendments recently adopted by the City Council of the City of Encinitas. At its regular meeting on September 10, 2025, the City Council of the City of Encinitas approved the first reading of the enclosed Ordinance Number 2025-11 amending the 2025 California Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6. The ordinance was adopted at the second reading on September 24, 2025. The City Council made the determination at a public meeting that mandating the enclosed ordinance is cost effective based on cost effectiveness studies prepared by the California Energy Codes and Standards team.

Enclosed with this application are the following:

1. Signed Ordinance Number 2025-11 which includes the necessary findings and the proposed requirements
2. The staff report that accompanied the ordinance which contains a markup version of the ordinance showing changes to the State code (Attachments 9 and 10) and evidence of cost-effectiveness documenting that the requirements have been found to be cost-effective based on studies prepared by the California Energy Codes and Standards team (Attachments 4 and 5)
3. A copy of CEQA compliance documentation

City Council found that the minor amendments proposed will not have a significant effect on the environment because the strengthened requirements reduce hazards and accommodate features to reduce environmental effects. Adoption of the amendments is exempt from environmental review as per Section 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines, which allows a categorical exemption for "actions taken by regulatory agencies, as authorized by state or local ordinance, to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment" Furthermore, the amendments were previously evaluated in the Final Negative Declaration (ND) for the Climate Action Plan (Case No. 17-224), dated December 5, 2017, and Addendum to the ND (Case No. ENV-004106-2020), dated Oct 20, 2020. The ND and the Addendum evaluated the potential environmental effects of

the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, including the adoption and enforcement of energy efficiency and renewable energy ordinances. This project is within the scope of the Final Negative Declaration and the Addendum, and no further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance is required.

The City of Encinitas will enforce the 2025 Title 24, Part 6 Building Efficiency Standards of the California Building Code with the amended local standards adopted in the ordinance. The adopted ordinance will ensure that buildings in the City will consume no more energy than is otherwise permitted under Title 24, Part 6.

For our legal records, please provide written acceptance of this request to approve the enclosed local code amendments by mail or email.

If you have questions, please contact me at [cnajera@encinitasca.gov](mailto:cnajera@encinitasca.gov) or 760-943-2285.

Sincerely,



Crystal Najera  
Sustainability Manager

Enclosures