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RESOLUTION NO: 25-0611-5

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