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**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 UPDATED ALTERNATIVE CALCULATION  
METHOD REFERENCE MANUALS FOR THE 2025 BUILDING ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY STANDARDS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (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 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 meeting 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 update the Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manuals, which are part of the ECM; and

**WHEREAS**, CEC staff developed updated content for the Single-family Alternative Calculation Reference Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-006-REV and the Nonresidential and Multifamily Alternative Calculation Reference Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-007-REV (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**, CEC staff has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the updates made in the ACM Reference Manuals and find that the updates do not meet the definition of a “project” under Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, section 15061(a), because the updates in the ACM Reference Manuals have 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 updated ACM Reference Manuals were 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 updated ACM Reference Manuals would have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEC has considered staff’s proposed updates to the ACM Reference Manuals 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 updates made in the ACM Reference Manuals are 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 updated Single-Family Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-006-REV, used to support compliance with the 2025 Energy Code; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED**, that the California Energy Commission hereby certifies the updated Nonresidential and Multifamily Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manual, Publication Number CEC-400-2025-007-REV, used to support 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 Commission 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 California Energy Commission held on October 8, 2025.

AYE: Gunda, McAllister, Gallardo, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAIN: Hochschild

Dated: October 9, 2025

***SIGNED BY:***

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Kim Todd  
Secretariat