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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
STATE ENERGY RESOURCES
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

***California State Pipe Trades Council
(CSPTC) Proposed Acceptance Test
Technician Certification Provider
2025 Update Report for the 2025
Building Energy Efficiency Standards***

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**ORDER TO APPROVE THE
AMENDED CONDITIONS OF
APPROVAL FOR THE CALIFORNIA
STATE PIPE TRADES COUNCIL
ACCEPTANCE TEST TECHNICIAN
CERTIFICATION PROVIDER 2025
UPDATE REPORT FOR THE 2025
BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY
STANDARDS**

I. BACKGROUND

The California Energy Commission (CEC) approves Acceptance Test Technician Certification Providers (ATTCPs) that train, certify, and oversee installation technicians performing acceptance tests for nonresidential and multifamily buildings. Acceptance testing ensures that installed equipment, controls, and systems operate as required by the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code).

Section 10-103.2(d)2 of the Energy Code (codified in Title 24, Part 1, of the California Code of Regulations), requires ATTCPs to submit an update report to address changes to the Energy Code; and update reports are subject to the application review and determination process specified in section 10-103.2(e) of the 2025 Energy Code.

The CEC approved the California State Pipe Trades Council's (CSPTC) 2025 Update Report (CSPTC 2025 Update Report) on November 12, 2025, contingent on meeting the requirements of their Condition of Approval (COA) COA-2025-2 (Order No: 25-1112-03e). The COA required CSPTC to complete their database system for tracking completed acceptance tests and compliance forms by specified dates.

However, following the application's conditional approval, CEC staff has determined that CSPTC could not fully meet the conditions in COA-2025-2. CSPTC has also informed CEC staff that they could not meet the deadlines as expected when the original order was issued. Resultingly, the Executive Director is recommending that the conditions of the application's approval (COA-2025-2) be amended to allow additional time for CSPTC, to complete the application.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION

CSPTC submitted an update report to amend its approved application on July 1, 2025, which proposed to modify its application in compliance with the 2025 Energy Code (CSPTC 2025 Update Report). CSPTC submitted subsequent application materials, with the final filing, including revisions, received on July 1, 2025, August 29, 2025, October 17, 2025, October 23, 2025, and October 24, 2025.

As specified in section 10-103.2(e) of the 2025 Energy Code, staff reviewed and validated all information received in the update report and determined that CSPTC met the criteria and procedures in section 10-103.2(c) for providing acceptance testing certification services, with the exception of sections 10-103.2(c)3H and 10-103.2(c)3I. The Executive Director concurred with these conclusions and signed a recommendation to approve the CSPTC 2025 Update Report. The CEC subsequently approved the CSPTC 2025 Update Report, with conditions, on November 12, 2025.

CSPTC has informed CEC staff that they would not be able to meet the previously approved timeline. Therefore, CSPTC has requested additional time to meet their conditions of approval. CEC staff has assessed and made a recommendation to the Executive Director. Therefore, the Executive Director recommends providing CSPTC additional time to comply with an amended COA (COA-2026-1).

Failure to comply with any requirement of COA-2026-1 may result in the Executive Director suspending the approval of the application, supported by the CSPTC 2025 Update Report.

Finally, the Executive Director recommends the CEC find the action is not subject to CEQA. Approval of the updated COA-2026-1 is not a project pursuant to CEQA because the action has no potential to result in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. However, if approval of COA-2026-1 was to be considered a project, it can be seen with certainty that the updates made to the application would not have a significant effect on the environment.

II. ENERGY COMMISSION FINDINGS

1. Section 10-103.2(d)2 of the 2025 Energy Code, requires acceptance test technician certification providers to submit an update report to address changes to the Energy Code.
2. Update reports are subject to the Application Review and Determination process specified in section 10-103.2(e) of the 2025 Energy Code.
3. The California State Pipe Trades Council (CSPTC) submitted an update report to amend its approved application on July 1, 2025, which proposed to modify its application in compliance with the 2025 Energy Code.

4. On November 12, 2025, the CEC approved CSPTC's update report and included the condition of approval (COA-2025-2) in the final order.
5. Due to market conditions that have changed since the approval of the prior order, the Executive Director submitted an amended recommendation describing the prior conditional approval and including amendments to the conditions of approval to provide CSPTC additional time to demonstrate compliance with the conditions included in amended conditions of approval COA-2026-1.
6. The Executive Director's amended written recommendation was made available to the public on January 9, 2026.
7. The CEC has considered the Executive Director's amended recommendation, all written comments submitted, and oral comments made at today's business meeting on this matter.
8. The CEC has considered and agrees with staff's CEQA recommendation. The proposed action is either not a project subject to CEQA, or it is exempt from CEQA under the common-sense exemption.
9. Therefore the CEC finds that the changed market conditions justify withdrawing COA-2025-2 and approves the Executive Director amended recommendation amending the conditions of approval for CSPTC's update report (COA 2026-1) where CSPTC must demonstrate to the Executive Director a complete database system for tracking completed acceptance tests, as required by sections 10-103.2(c)3H and 10-103.2(c)3I. Once the Executive Director is satisfied, CEC staff will provide CSPTC with written acknowledgement of compliance. Should CSPTC fail to comply with any requirement of COA-2026-1, its 2025 Update Report may be suspended by the Executive Director.

III. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

The CEC hereby approves the Executive Director's amended recommendation, including COA-2026-1, regarding the previously approved CSPTC 2025 Update Report for the 2025 Energy Code and adopts staff's recommendation that this action is either not a project under CEQA or is exempt from CEQA. Final approval of the CSPTC 2025 Update Report is subject to COA-2026-1 as set forth in the Executive Director's amended recommendation.

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 January 21, 2026.

AYE: Hochschild, McAllister, Skinner

NAY: NONE

ABSENT: Gunda, Gallardo

ABSTAIN: NONE

Dated: January 22, 2026

SIGNED BY:

Kim Todd
Secretariat

