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<b>Document Title:</b>	Notice of Pre-Rulemaking Staff Workshops on the 2028 Energy Code
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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*2028 California Energy Code Pre-Rulemaking*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS  
WORKSHOP

RE:

2028 California Energy Code Pre-Rulemaking

**Notice of Pre-Rulemaking Staff Workshops  
for the 2028 Energy Code  
June 23 to 25, 2026**

Start Time 9:00 a.m. – End Time 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host three days of staff workshops to engage the public regarding development of the 2028 Energy Code. This workshop will focus on the measures under consideration for the 2028 Energy Code, and is part of the CEC's pre-rulemaking activities, which include research and gathering of information necessary to conduct a future formal rulemaking proceeding. This workshop is not part of a formal rulemaking proceeding.

The public can participate in the workshops consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshops may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

**Agenda**

The workshop may include CEC Commissioner opening remarks and presentations by CEC staff and CEC contractors on the following topics:

- 2028 Energy Code scope and timeline
- Nonresidential construction forecast for the 2028 Energy Code
- Measures proposed by the CEC:
  - Expansion of standards for replacing nonresidential furnace and air-conditioning equipment with heat pumps in alterations to existing buildings, applying to equipment sized between 5 and 20 tons.
  - Requirements for upgrades to space-conditioning system controls, as well as conducting building commissioning, when space-conditioning system equipment is being replaced in nonresidential buildings.

- Updates to the solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage system requirements in newly constructed nonresidential buildings.
- Updates and clarifications to the administration requirements and verification protocols of the Energy Code Compliance (ECC) and Acceptance Test Technician Certification Provider (ATTCP) programs.
- Measures submitted to the CEC by interested parties
- Measures submitted to the CEC by the Codes and Standards Enhancement (CASE) team

## **Background**

The Warren-Alquist Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 25001 et seq.) establishes the CEC as California's primary energy policy and planning agency. The CEC is directed to adopt rules and regulations, as necessary, to reduce the wasteful, uneconomic, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy and water in newly constructed buildings and additions and alterations to existing buildings. One of the ways the CEC satisfies this requirement is through the California Energy Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 6).

The CEC adopts revisions to the Energy Code every three years to incorporate new technologies and best practices that reduce energy consumption in buildings. Staff is evaluating proposed amendments for possible inclusion in the 2028 Energy Code update. The 2028 Energy Code update will improve upon the 2025 Energy Code by revising and updating energy efficiency standards for newly constructed buildings, as well as additions and alterations to existing buildings.

All amendments under consideration must comply with Assembly Bill 130, signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on June 30, 2025, which pauses new updates to the California Building Standards Code, including the Energy Code, that affect residential units until January 1, 2032.

In this workshop, CEC staff and CEC contractors will discuss the amendments under consideration for the 2028 Energy Code, as part of the CEC's pre-rulemaking data gathering activities. The next steps following these pre-rulemaking workshops include drafting of Express Terms for the 2028 Energy Code update, followed by a formal rulemaking proceeding that includes a public comment period beginning in early 2027. After concluding the public process during the first half of 2027, staff anticipates presenting the 2028 Energy Code update to the CEC and the California Building Standards Commission for adoption and approval, respectively. The 2028 Energy Code is planned to go into effect on January 1, 2029.

The [CEC's 2028 Building Energy Efficiency Standards](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2028-building-energy-efficiency) page at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2028-building-energy-efficiency> will be updated with additional pre-rulemaking events, presentations, and other supporting materials.

## Attendance Instructions

**Remote** participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

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### Public Comment.

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the e-commenting page for this docket number [25-BSTD-03](#) at

<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-03>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

**Oral comments** will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press \*9 to "raise your hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute.

**Written comments** may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on July 10, 2026. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number **25-BSTD-03** and 2028 Energy Code Pre-Rulemaking in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov). A paper copy may be mailed to:

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**Availability of Documents:** Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the [2028 Energy Code Pre-Rulemaking Docket](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-03) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=25-BSTD-03>. When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the [Building Energy Efficiency Standards subscription list](#). To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

**Dated:** May 12, 2026 at Sacramento, California.

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