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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

State Energy Resources Conservation
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Comprehensive Energy Efficiency Program)
for Existing Buildings)
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Resolution Adopting
Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan

Whereas, the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) has been directed to develop a comprehensive program to achieve greater energy savings in California’s existing residential and non-residential building stock, in Assembly Bill No. 758 (“AB 758”), Skinner, Stats. 2009, ch. 470; and

Whereas, AB 758, in Public Resources Code, section 25943, subdivision (a), directs the program developed by the Energy Commission to “comprise a complementary portfolio of techniques, applications, and practices that will achieve greater energy efficiency in existing [buildings] that fall significantly below the [Commission’s] current [building] standards,” and “may include . . . a broad range of energy assessments, building benchmarking, energy rating, cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, public and private sector energy efficiency financing options, public outreach and education efforts, and green workforce training;” and

Whereas, AB 758, in Public Resources Code, section 25943, subdivision (c), directs the Energy Commission to consider a variety of factors in developing the program; and

Whereas, Public Resources Code, section 25216.5, subdivision (d), directs the Energy Commission to serve as a central repository of data and information on all forms energy demand; and

Whereas, Public Resources Code, section 25218, subdivision (e), authorizes the Energy Commission to take any actions it deems reasonable and necessary to carry out Public Resources Code section 25943; and

Whereas, the staff of the Energy Commission has developed the Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan, dated September 2015, Document Number CEC-400-

2015-013-F, which proposes a 10-year roadmap for statewide agencies to motivate private funding and accelerate energy efficiency improvements in the state's existing buildings; and

Whereas, the Action Plan contemplates developing and employing many of the factors directed by AB 758 in Public Resources Code, section 25943, subdivision (a), such as energy assessments, building benchmarking, energy rating, cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, public and private sector energy efficiency financing options, and public outreach and education efforts; and

Whereas, the Action Plan reflects consideration of the factors directed by AB 758 in Public Resources Code, section 25943, subdivision (c); and

Whereas, the Action Plan describes a variety of strategies for significantly reducing energy use by existing buildings that are consistent with the mandates of AB 758 in Public Resources Code, section 25943, subdivision (d); and,

Whereas, the Action Plan does not itself impose any requirements, does not describe the program elements to be developed with sufficient detail to reasonably foresee potential changes to the environment, is an informational and planning document, is protective of the environment, contemplates potential future activities to develop or implement the programs it describes that will be protective of the environment and will be subject to review for potential changes to the environment; and

Whereas, the act of approving the Plan will not cause a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment,

Therefore, be it resolved, the Energy Commission hereby adopts the Existing Buildings Energy Efficiency Action Plan, dated September 2015, Document Number CEC-400-2015-013-F; and

Be it resolved, that the Energy Commission finds that adopting the Plan:

- (1) is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality in Public Resources Code section 21065 and the California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15378; and
- (2) is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act because of the “common sense” exemption set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3), as well as the categorical exemption set forth in section 15308 of title 14; and

Further be it resolved that the Energy Commission directs the Executive Director to take, on behalf of the Commission, all actions reasonably necessary for the Commission to undertake the activities described in the AB 758 Action Plan, including but not limited to developing proposed programs and actions, and presenting them to the Commission for approval when required.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Secretariat to the Energy Commission 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 California Energy Commission held on September 9, 2015.

AYE: Weisenmiller, Douglas, McAllister, Scott

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hochschild

ABSTAIN: None



Tiffani Winter,
Secretariat