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P R O C E E D I N G S

2 AUGUST 30, 2017

9:03 A.M.

3 MR. MEYER: Okay, welcome everyone. My
4 name's Christopher Meyer. I'm the Manager of the
5 Building Standards Office at the California
6 Energy Commission.

7 This is our prerulemaking workshop for
8 the California Building Energy Efficiency
9 Standards. And this one, we're basically going
10 to focus on a few different things. You know,
11 both, we'll have Mazi and Ingrid up here giving
12 some presentations.

13 So, I'm going to just, you know, keep
14 this very quick because I'm looking out and I
15 think most of you have heard this spiel before so
16 we'll just keep it fairly short.

17 Restroom locations, just right outside
18 the door to your right. The snack bar is on the
19 second floor so just feel to, you know, go up
20 there. If you start going beyond that, you know,
21 people will sort of usher you back.

22 If we have an emergency, just look to one
23 of the Energy Commission staff, follow us, and
24 we'll just go to the Roosevelt Park which is
25 kiddie-corner across from the Energy Commission.

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1 But the Energy Commission staff will make sure
2 everyone knows where to go. My staff are not
3 allowed to run first out of the building so --

4 So, basically, today I'm not going to go
5 through a lot of the background stuff because
6 that will be covered in both Mazi and Ingrid's.
7 And I think most of you are familiar with how we
8 develop it. But, very simply, it's like this
9 prerulemaking process is really essential to the
10 Energy Commission's process because we're very
11 concerned about having an open, transparent
12 process.

13 And what we never want to have happen is
14 a bunch of different stakeholders give us things
15 on sort of the side and then we go back into a
16 dark room and make decisions on the standards.
17 We want to make sure that all of those
18 discussions happen in a public forum so that not
19 only stakeholders can see what our concerns are,
20 what our questions or what our proposals are, but
21 we want you to hear each other's.

22 So, we definitely encourage everyone,
23 who's joined us in the room or on the phone, to
24 express your questions/concerns at this time so
25 that your fellow stakeholders can be cognizant of

1 what your concerns are. And, hopefully, you
2 know, there might be people outside of the
3 Commission staff that have some good ideas, some
4 ideas that might address your concerns.

5 So, anyway, today Mazi is going to talk
6 about some of the EDR scores for the California
7 Green Building Standards Part 11.

8 For those of you who are not familiar,
9 their energy design rating is similar to the
10 RESNET scores of 2006. A standard house rates at
11 about 100. And the ZNE house that people are
12 talking about would be a zero on the EDR score.

13 And then, Ingrid Neumann -- Neumann,
14 sorry. She'll be talking about the California
15 Green Building Standard measures that we're
16 proposing for this one.

17 And what we're going to do, just so we
18 keep things going smoothly, is we'll wait for the
19 end of each of the presentations before we take
20 questions, just so the presenters can just sort
21 of get through things smoothly.

22 So, we'll stop after Mazi's presentation
23 for any questions/comments, and then we'll go in
24 with Ingrid's. And we should be able to get
25 through this, this morning, without any problem.

1 I don't see this as being a very long
2 presentation.

3 This is the schedule. So, for those not
4 familiar, we're in the process here of going
5 through the prerulemaking workshops. And the
6 next thing is we're going to try to get our
7 express terms out so staff is working to sort of
8 finish that up, you know, actually this week so
9 that we can start reviewing those internally, and
10 get those out in September.

11 And then, we'll start the 45-day language
12 hearings in December.

13 And, you know, it's not too far away, but
14 on March 1st, 2018 will be the adoption of the
15 standards.

16 As always, we try to get those things out
17 as early as possible to give everyone in the
18 building industry, and then the inspectors, time
19 to get used to this thing. And then we start
20 rallying the troops in trying to get all of the
21 software, manuals, tools, all of that updated to
22 reflect any of the changes.

23 And so, that will take us down ultimately
24 to the effective date of 2020.

25 So, the schedule here, it's like you can

1 sort of see these are all things we've done
2 already for the different prerulemaking. And
3 we're actually down here at the very bottom of
4 the last cell at August 30th, the CalGREEN Part
5 11 proposal.

6 So, sort of as you can imagine, you know,
7 we leave this to the last because anything else
8 that may have problems, drop off, other topics
9 this is a good place to, instead of abandoning
10 things just to put them here, if they weren't
11 feasible, cost effective for the Part 6.

12 So, at that point, for those who aren't
13 familiar, we have several web pages here that --
14 actually, there's several links that will take
15 you to additional information and where to make
16 comments. All of this stuff will be up on the
17 web tomorrow.

18 But, actually, this information here is
19 already on the web from previous introductions.
20 But the presentations you'll hear today from Mazi
21 and Ingrid will be up in the next couple of days.

22 And this just gives you an idea of some
23 of the key contacts. Mazi, who's our technical
24 lead for ZNE. Payam, the project manager of the
25 2019 update. Larry is our software lead. Peter

1 Strait, supervisor for the Standards Development
2 Unit. Myself, Christopher Meyer and this is my
3 contact. And Todd Farris, the supervisor of the
4 Tools Development Unit.

5 So, please, don't hesitate to contact any
6 of us with questions/comments. And if you have
7 anything, just to make sure you get your comments
8 in.

9 And we also do encourage, if you have
10 more complex technical comments, questions or
11 concerns putting those in writing helps ensure
12 that staff get your comments down correctly and
13 can address them fully.

14 Just a final note, before I turn this
15 over to Mazi, is if you want to come up and make
16 a comment just make sure that you get a card, or
17 your information to the recorder so that he can
18 accurately put your information down on the
19 record.

20 Thank you very much. I'll turn this over
21 to Mazi.

22 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you. Good morning.
23 I'm Mazi Shirakh. I'm going to talk about the
24 role of EDR in the upcoming CalGREEN. But I'm
25 also going to go a little bit beyond that and

1 talk about kind of a different approach for 2019
2 CalGREEN, which is somewhat different than the
3 existing 2016.

4 Those of you who were here last week,
5 some of these slides may be familiar to you
6 because, you know, we did talk about CalGREEN as
7 part of the presentation. But there's definitely
8 new material here that's specific to today's
9 conversation.

10 So, there's two parts to this. I'm going
11 to be talking about a proposed ZNE strategy for
12 both Parts 6 and 11, and also show you some of
13 the capabilities of the CBECC software that we've
14 developed for both Part 6 and 11. And I think
15 Bruce Wilcox is also on the phone and if there
16 are any questions, you know, we can answer your
17 questions.

18 First off, you know, we've set ourselves
19 seven goals as part of the 2019 Standards. The
20 first one is to increase building energy
21 efficiency cost effectively.

22 The second part is to make progress
23 towards ZNE, as possible within the confines of
24 the NEM and lifecycle costing. You know, ZNE is
25 the goal, NEM is the law. So, basically, that's

1 a defining factor for us.

2 That's also recognizing that the Part 6,
3 the basic standard is an important tool towards
4 the ZNE goal, but it's not the only tool. So, we
5 need to rely on other tools to get to EDR score
6 of zero.

7 We'll be contributing to the State's GHG
8 reduction goals. We're going to be promoting
9 self-technologies and practices that encourages
10 self-utilization of the PV generation and
11 minimizing exports to the grid. And these would
12 be called grid harmonization strategies.

13 We're going to be providing independent
14 compliance path for both in all-electric homes
15 and mixed-fuel homes. And we'd like to do all of
16 these making sure that it's cost effective from
17 the homeowner's perspective.

18 And the seventh point, which is probably
19 very related to today's topic is provide tools
20 for local governments to adopt the ordinances to
21 achieve ZNE through Part 11. So, you know, we
22 think we're on our way to accomplish all these
23 goals.

24 So, we'll be talking probably quite a bit
25 about grid harmonization strategies as part of

1 the 2019 Standards, both Part 6 and Part 11. And
2 we think these are necessary because that's what
3 brings the maximum benefit to the grid, to the
4 environment and the homeowner.

5 And the way we define grid harmonization
6 strategies are those measures that maximize the
7 self-utilization of the solar output and minimize
8 exports back to the grid.

9 Examples may be battery storage, thermal
10 storage, demand response, and EV integration,
11 especially for nonresidential buildings.

12 The strategy for the 2019 Standards, the
13 priority is first envelope efficiency. Second
14 would be an appropriately sized PV system, and
15 I'll describe what that is in a minute. And
16 then, third is to encourage grid harmonization
17 strategies.

18 So, the standards and the PV sizing, for
19 Part 6 we're proposing a PV size that is just
20 large enough to net out the annual kilowatt hour
21 usage of the house. And this is based on a
22 mixed-fuel home.

23 So, the PV will be sized in each climate
24 zone to basically net out the annual kilowatt
25 hours and not the natural gas. And we also are

1 going to be recommending the same PV size for
2 both mixed-fuel and all-electric homes.

3 For Part 11, the CBECC will allow a PV
4 array to exceed that size if the PV array is
5 coupled with battery storage of at least 6
6 kilowatt hours. And this over-sizing is allowed
7 up to a factor of 1.6.

8 Why 1.6? First, it provides -- because
9 the PV system is coupled with the battery storage
10 it provides additional flexibility to the grid.
11 It can basically help the grid meet its critical
12 peak demand needs.

13 Again, the battery will also help promote
14 self-utilization of the output and basically
15 minimize exports back to the grid.

16 And also, the 1.6 factor, the cap ensures
17 a PV size that will still be cost effective from
18 the homeowner's perspective. That it will have a
19 benefit-to-cost ratio that's greater than 1.0.

20 I went through this extensively last
21 week. I went through a whole series of slides
22 that was prepared by E3. I'm not going to go
23 through that again, unless somebody wants me to.
24 I have the slides in the back.

25 So, we're switching to an EDR metric for

1 2019 Standards, for both Part 6 and 11. So, what
2 is EDR? Energy Design Rating uses a reference
3 building. And in this case it's a 2006 IECC
4 compliant building. And if we build a building
5 that is just as good or as bad as that building,
6 we'll get an EDR score of 100.

7 So, ZNE by definition, then, is EDR score
8 of zero. And for 2016 Standards, our EDR score
9 is in mid-50s. With 2019 Standards, you know,
10 with enhancement to the efficiency measures, our
11 efficiency EDR is going to be in the mid-40s.
12 Adding the credit for the PV system, it will
13 bring the EDR score to about mid-20s for most
14 climate zones.

15 And again, the CBECC-Res has the
16 capability to calculate these EDRs for both
17 energy efficiency and PV system. And you can
18 download this software for free, from this
19 website.

20 So, Energy Design Rating will have three
21 components. There's an EDR level for energy
22 efficiency, which is based on the 2019
23 prescriptive measures. And this EDR target can
24 only be made using energy efficiency measures.

25 And then there's the second component is

1 an EDR contribution from the PV system that is
2 sized to displace the home's annual kilowatt
3 hours.

4 And then, when we combine the two
5 together, you know, we end up with a final EDR
6 score. And the building will have to basically
7 pass the efficiency EDR and the final EDR in
8 order to comply.

9 For the efficiency EDR we're proposing to
10 enhance the high-performance attics from the
11 current R-13 up to R-19.

12 The high-performance walls we're
13 proposing to increase the efficiency from the
14 current U-factor of .051 to this range of .043
15 and .046, and then we'll see where we land there.

16 A slight improvement in the windows'
17 efficiency and also making QII a prescriptive
18 requirement, and that's a big change.

19 And then, we'll establish an EDR based on
20 these measures.

21 And then, we'll calculate the EDR of the
22 PV system, again based on a size that displaces
23 the annual kilowatt hours and then we'll combine
24 these two together in one final EDR.

25 The advantages of EDR is that, you know,

1 we use certain prescriptive measures to calculate
2 that EDR, but that's just a performance target.
3 And it allows the builders to get to those
4 targets using other measures and technologies.

5 For instance, they can use more energy
6 efficiency and less PV to get to the same target,
7 or they can use things like high-performance
8 glazing, Energy Star appliances, and higher than
9 minimal HVAC systems. They can also use demand
10 response and demand flexibility measures such as
11 storage, and demand response measures, and other
12 grid harmonization strategies that will help get
13 to the same EDR targets.

14 And EDR target is fully compatible with
15 the Reach Codes, which is the topic of the day.
16 You know, the local governments can set various
17 EDR targets and then the software will allow the
18 builders and the architects to reach those
19 targets.

20 This is a screen shot of the output
21 screen from CBECC-Res. What you can see here is
22 the EDR of energy efficiency. This is the EDR
23 for energy efficiency that's proposed, that's the
24 standard design. So, the proposed EDR of
25 efficiency must be equal or less than this

1 number. In this case, this building is slightly
2 better than the standard design so this one
3 passes.

4 The second box, we have the EDR of
5 minimum required PV, which is indicated in this
6 box as 18 and a half. So, your proposed EDR of
7 PV plus demand flexibility measures must be equal
8 or greater than this. And in this case it is
9 slightly better, so that's good.

10 And then, we'll combine the two together
11 here in one final EDR and then the final EDR of
12 the proposed design must also be equal or less
13 than the proposed design.

14 So, for a building to pass we look at two
15 numbers. This number, which is the proposed EDR,
16 and this number that's the energy efficiency EDR,
17 and in both cases the proposed design must be
18 equal or less.

19 This is a departure from 2016 because we
20 didn't have renewables. We're basically looking
21 at energy efficiency, now, and it's a bit more
22 involved.

23 And as I did last week, I'd like to kind
24 of bring your attention to these numbers here.
25 And this is important because what you see here

1 is that in our buildings, and this is a building
2 in Climate Zone 12, Sacramento. And what you see
3 here is that our loads are now pretty much
4 dominated by plug loads and not by space heating,
5 cooling or water heating systems.

6 The reason for this is that, you know,
7 over the past 30 years I think we've done a great
8 job of regulating or bringing down our regulated
9 loads. So, it's all the plug loads that's
10 basically dominating most of our buildings.

11 Parallel prescriptive paths for both
12 mixed-fuel homes and all-electric homes. This
13 allows, you know, all-electric and mixed-fuel
14 homes to basically have their own path for
15 compliance.

16 And there's a desire to have all-electric
17 homes because all-electric homes are taking
18 advantage of the greener resources such as, you
19 know, the grid, and also the PV and grid
20 harmonization can result in a much lower carbon
21 footprint.

22 And for the all-electric homes, the NEIA
23 Tier 3 heat pump water heaters is basically what
24 needs to be used to establish equivalency between
25 the two paths. And CBECC-Res is recognizing this

1 and will allow both paths.

2 So, again, this is recognition that
3 electrification, when it's combined with PVs and
4 demand flexibility, it can actually result in
5 very small carbon footprint or GHG emissions from
6 that house.

7 So, most of you have seen this slide
8 before. Can extreme energy efficiency,
9 regardless of cost, achieve full ZNE or EDR score
10 of zero?

11 And again, as I mentioned, because our
12 homes are pretty much dominated with electric
13 homes, even if you eliminated all heating, and
14 cooling, and hot water usage we still end up with
15 an EDR score of about 25 to 30. And this is
16 because, again, you know, our homes are dominated
17 by plug loads.

18 The 2019 Standards, the efficiency EDRs
19 are in the range of 43 to 48 depending on the
20 climate zone. With practical energy efficiency
21 measures this actually includes measures that
22 are, you know, requires appliances higher than
23 federal minimum. But if the builder chooses to
24 use them, you can reduce these EDRs by about 7 to
25 9 EDR points, with the possible range of about 34

1 to 45 EDR range.

2 So, the conclusions are limited
3 opportunities for regulators to lower EDRs in the
4 future. And for any Reach Code that wants to
5 substantially lower the EDR score, we must rely
6 on PVs and demand flexibility to reach those
7 targets.

8 So, the 2016 Standards have efficiency
9 EDRs in the mid-50s in most climate zones. So,
10 2016 CalGREEN has three tiers. A Tier 1 that's
11 15 percent better than Part 6. And then we have
12 a Tier 2 that's 30 percent better than Part 6.
13 And then we have a ZNE tier which basically
14 results in an EDR score of zero.

15 For the 2019 Standards the final EDR
16 score, including PV systems, is in the mid-20s as
17 opposed to mid-50s.

18 So, there's probably no need or room to
19 have three tiers anymore. Two tiers may be
20 sufficient.

21 Again, this is our proposal and then we'd
22 like to hear, you know, your feedback on it.

23 So, we think two tiers is all we need. A
24 Tier 1 that will roughly get us halfway to the
25 EDR score of zero. And this is established based

1 on a default battery control system and a PV
2 sizing factor of 1.3 or less.

3 And then, a second tier would be EDR
4 score of zero. And this is established based on
5 advanced battery controls and a PV sizing factor
6 of 1.4 or less.

7 So, these are again performance targets.
8 Now, the builder may use a combination of PVs,
9 efficiency measures including higher appliance
10 efficiencies and demand flexibility to meet these
11 target EDRs the most cost effective way that they
12 can find.

13 And this is a note for the slides that's
14 going to come up is that one EDR point is roughly
15 equal to about 170-watt PV panel, about half a
16 panel, basically. So, when we're talking about
17 EDR of 11 versus 12, or 13, you know, that
18 basically kind of gives you a perspective of what
19 it is.

20 So, what this is here is an example of
21 how target EDRs might look for different climate
22 scenarios. In this column it has the climate
23 zones, all 16 of them. This is the 2019 energy
24 efficiency EDR. Again, as we talked about this,
25 it's in a range of about 43 to 48.

1 This column is the Part 6 PV size in
2 kilowatt for different climate zones. And again,
3 if we use Climate Zone 12 as an example, we're
4 talking about a 3.2 kilowatt system on a 2,700
5 square foot home. And I should say this is the
6 2,700 square foot prototype and this is a mixed-
7 fuel home.

8 And once you add the contribution of this
9 PV system, its EDR contribution, and subtract if
10 from the efficiency, these are the target EDRs
11 that will end up, which is mostly in kind of mid-
12 20s. You know, sometimes higher, sometimes
13 lower.

14 So, this is the Part 6 requirement. So,
15 what I just described was for Tier 1. We
16 basically get halfway to the EDR of zero. If you
17 look at the EDR scores here, again most of them
18 are kind of in mid-20s, about 23, 24, you know
19 22. A rough average is about an EDR score of 12.

20 So, we have a choice here, actually.
21 This is one of my questions. We can look at
22 these EDR scores and make it half exactly for
23 each climate zone. Or, basically, since most of
24 these are right around 22, 23, 21, 24, and just
25 call it an EDR 12 just for simplicity sake.

1 Again, you know, one choice is to make this 11,
2 this one 12, this one 13 and just go through that
3 and come up with specific EDR targets for each
4 climate zone or simplify it and call it all EDR
5 score of 12.

6 And my recommendation is basically call
7 it an EDR score of 12.

8 The outliers here are Climate Zone 1 and
9 16. And again, this is because these are much
10 colder climate zones. This is a mixed-fuel home.
11 A lot more natural gas in those climate zones, so
12 those would be the outliers.

13 The 12 target for Tier 1 can be met
14 rather easily with very small over-sizing
15 factors. Most of the oversizing factors are
16 going to be in this range between 1.0 and 1.2.
17 So, a very modest oversizing factor is needed.
18 And this is, again, based on basic battery
19 controls.

20 So, the differences are the oversizing.
21 This is 1.3, that's 1.2, 1.1, 1.0. So, what I
22 did was this is the target EDR and I ran these
23 numbers until basically I had 12 and then I
24 stopped. It's a very time consuming effort, you
25 know, trying to do as I just -- you know, for

1 time's sake when I hit my target I stopped, I
2 didn't run all the scenarios.

3 But most of this 12 target can be reached
4 around 1.1, 1.2. Some of them even with 1.0,
5 which means no oversizing. Basically, you have
6 to install a battery with default controls.

7 Again, this is the target. And if the
8 builder wants to get to that 12 using other
9 measures, they can.

10 Climate Zones 1 and 16 are the outliers,
11 so it's going to have a higher target. The
12 problem is actually going to be Climate Zone 16
13 because look at this oversizing factor here, it's
14 a 1.8. It actually exceeds our 1.6. And this is
15 going to get worse when we get to all-electric
16 and I'll talk about that in a minute.

17 And then the Tier 2, obviously the target
18 is going to be zero and that can be reached with
19 advanced batteries and, again, an oversizing of
20 about 1.4 or less.

21 And you look at the oversizing factors
22 here for Tier 2, still pretty reasonable. I
23 mean, you've got 1.4 in these climate zones.
24 Most of them are around 1, 1.1. In this Climate
25 Zone 7 I think it's actually a little bit less

1 than 1.

2 The problem is going to be Climate Zone
3 16. Climate Zone 3 is okay -- I mean, 1, at 1.3.

4 So, I mean this is 1.8 is with advanced
5 batteries, still at 1.8. Again, it's a cold
6 climate zone and lots of natural gas. And, you
7 know, to try to net that out with PVs, even
8 including advanced batteries it takes an effort.

9 So, the previous example was for the
10 2,700 mixed-fuel home. Here, I did the 2,100. I
11 didn't do all 16 climate zones. Climate zones
12 tend to basically have groups and, you know,
13 they're similar. So, I picked a representative
14 sample so I could get some sleep last night and I
15 just ran those.

16 But the story is actually the same. If
17 you look at it, the 12 target pretty much works.
18 You need a very slight oversizing for the 12
19 target. Again, for Tier 2, we're talking about
20 the same modest oversizing factors. It's
21 actually a little bit easier for 2,100 square
22 foot. Again, the outlier is going to be Climate
23 Zone 16.

24 What about all-electric homes? Well,
25 all-electric homes tend to use more electricity

1 so we tend to have, you know, bigger PV systems
2 and because the electrical load is greater.

3 So, when we look at these target EDRs
4 here instead of 12 for all-electric homes we need
5 to have an EDR target of about 14, in recognizing
6 of larger PV systems that are required.

7 But the oversizing factors are still
8 pretty reasonable. I'll do this a little bit
9 more aggressive than before.

10 And for Tier 1 the same, you know, it's
11 no problem, but look at what happens to Climate
12 Zone 16. Now, we need an oversizing factor of
13 2.5 instead of 1.8 before.

14 What's going on here? In this note, it
15 may not actually be cost effective or practical
16 to require EDR zero in Climate Zone 16,
17 especially for all-electric homes because of the
18 very cold climate there. When you put a heat
19 pump, it's going to be running on electric
20 resistance a lot, for both water heating and
21 space heating.

22 So, it is what it is. This is also an
23 indication of what might happen in, like if you
24 have a national perspective, the colder states,
25 north, will have probably the same issue.

1 So, half of 44 is about 22 and that would
2 be the EDR target. To get to that 22 target we
3 need an oversizing factor of 1.9.

4 And for Tier 2 compliance we need a PV
5 size of about 8, which is an oversizing factor of
6 2.5.

7 So, other than Climate Zone 16, I think
8 the rest of the climate zones are actually going
9 to be fine for both all-electric and mixed-fuel
10 homes.

11 This is a slide from last week and the
12 reason I'm presenting it is to show that there's
13 many different ways to get to an EDR target of
14 zero. And what this is showing is that, again,
15 looking at Climate Zone 12, you know, our base
16 requirement is 3.1. You can actually get to an
17 EDR target of zero employing more energy
18 efficiency, advanced batteries without
19 substantially oversizing your PV system, and
20 still get to an EDR score of zero.

21 So, what this suggests is, you know, if
22 you look at this carefully and strategically, you
23 can get to your target EDRs with a system that
24 actually costs less and it is fully grid
25 harmonized.

1 You know, the difference between 3.5 and
2 7, it's about 3 and a half kilowatts. That's
3 another \$12,000. And even if you install a
4 battery storage system you're still going to come
5 out ahead, and you'll have a fully integrated or
6 harmonized PV system that brings flexibility to
7 the grid and all that. And you'll have the
8 environmental benefits. And the homeowner can
9 take advantage of time-of-use rates. So, I mean,
10 that's the message for this.

11 So, I just have a few more slides. The
12 software tools, as I mentioned CBECC-Res can be
13 used for compliance for both Part 6 and 11. The
14 software can be used to size the PV system for
15 Part 6 and Part 11 to get to lower EDR scores.

16 It can evaluate the impact of battery
17 storage on lowering EDR. It can assess the
18 impacts of precooling and other DR strategies in
19 lowering EDR. And it can also assess the impact
20 of thermal storage, including heat pump water
21 heater and demand response by making hot water in
22 the middle of the day, and other options.

23 This is an input screen from CBECC-Res.
24 This is the EDR PV tab. What you have down here
25 is the proposed PV system that you're going to be

1 putting on the house. There's two choices here,
2 there's a simplified and a detailed. If you have
3 a complex PV system that faces multiple
4 orientations, you'll want to use the detailed
5 tab. Then, that allows you to basically specify
6 the size and/or orientation of each array,
7 individually.

8 If you have a very simple, single
9 orientation PV system, then you'll specify the
10 simplified approach.

11 What this tab also does, this is a really
12 handy tool; it allows you to specify an EDR
13 target. I mean all those tables that you saw
14 that I developed with different EDR targets, this
15 is what I used. Without this, I'd be here until
16 the end of the month, probably, doing this.

17 So, you can specify your EDR target and
18 the software will calculate what size PV system
19 you need based on this EDR target and all the
20 energy efficiency features, the type of
21 batteries, the type of battery controls and all
22 the other demand response projects that you have.

23 You'll specify all of those and then you
24 put your EDR target, and it will calculate and it
25 will tell you that you need this size PV system

1 to reach that target EDR. It's a very handy
2 tool.

3 The only thing is when you check that box
4 it really slows down the program because it has
5 to run through the simulation two or three times.
6 So, you only use it when you have to and then you
7 want to uncheck it.

8 And what the software team has done is
9 when you check that software, every time you want
10 to run it, it gives you a warning to remind you
11 that that box is checked. That way you don't sit
12 there for three minutes, instead of your usual 45
13 seconds. So, use it when you have to, uncheck it
14 when you don't need it.

15 This is the battery tab. You specify the
16 battery capacity in kilowatt hours. You can
17 specify what type of control system you have,
18 whether it's a default battery or the best case.
19 We're actually going to be adding more scenarios
20 to these controls.

21 Wilcox is working on this. We just
22 didn't have time to finish it in time. But it
23 should be there, available, fairly quickly. So,
24 we'll have more choices for this battery control,
25 which is going to be based on a predictive

1 algorithm that will try to predict when the
2 highest TDV hours are going to take place and the
3 battery will only discharge during those hours
4 which may not require an interaction with the
5 utility. So, we'll add those to this.

6 And then you have to -- there's the round
7 trip efficiency of the batteries and the
8 charge/discharge rate in kilowatts.

9 And again, when you specify a battery
10 storage system that's bigger than 6 kilowatt
11 hours, then the software will allow you to
12 oversize the PV system by a factor of 1.6 to meet
13 those EDR targets.

14 This is under the building tab. There is
15 a checkbox for precooling. That's another demand
16 response measure that comes in handy. And this
17 is a strategy that if you think about the 2019
18 Standards envelope, you know, we're going to be
19 buildings with high-performance attics, high-
20 performing walls, really nice windows, tight, you
21 know, continuous insulation. So, we're building
22 a thermos.

23 And you could precool the house right
24 before the critical peak by several degrees and
25 chances are even during hot days, like this, your

1 house can basically coast right through those
2 hours without having to turn on the air
3 conditioning system. So, there's a TDV advantage
4 to that strategy, which this captures.

5 This is the output screen. And again, we
6 talked about this. This is the standard design,
7 that's the proposed design, and you're supposed
8 to meet or beat the efficiency and the final EDR
9 target in both cases.

10 This is the pass/fail sheet or screen.
11 And this is the standard design for energy
12 efficiency and this is for the final EDR. And
13 your proposed design must be smaller than both
14 those numbers in order to comply.

15 So, that is it. I'll be happy to answer
16 any questions. Bob?

17 MR. RAYMER: Thank you, Mazi. Bob
18 Raymer, with California Building Industry
19 Association.

20 And a great presentation. When the
21 locals go about moving to adopt a Reach Code, or
22 whatever, there's always the interaction with the
23 local BI and the other stakeholders. And I'm
24 sure just, you know, since the beginning of time
25 with Reach Codes cost will be an issue.

1 But having, for the first time, looked at
2 this, the format that you're proposing we really
3 like. We like the idea of perhaps moving to two,
4 as opposed to the three sort of tiers that are
5 out there. That provides a good level of
6 simplicity.

7 We also like the other point that you're
8 looking at adding some additional alternatives in
9 CBECC for battery storage. That is definitely in
10 our future. And for grid harmonization I suspect
11 a lot of our higher end builders that are out
12 there, not the entry level housing, but the
13 higher end are definitely going to be from the
14 onset looking at putting battery as a component
15 of the house. I think probably in the third and
16 fourth quarter of 2020 when massive compliance
17 with the new regs starts kicking in.

18 So, all of this sort of works part and
19 parcel together. And with the Reach Codes the
20 way that you're proposing that's going to provide
21 us with a lot of very good data as you go about
22 adopting the 2023 regs, or the 2022 regs that
23 take effect in 2023.

24 Clearly, you know, storage is going to be
25 a more probably permanent factor in those regs,

1 than right now.

2 Having said all of that, I'd like to make
3 three suggestions, rather minor requests here.
4 Looking at the current format of your Part 11
5 regs, in the appendix, under Section A4201,
6 that's the general section, we would request that
7 at the bottom of this that you add a note to the
8 language. A note, of course, very common usage
9 by all the agencies. It doesn't contain building
10 standards, per se, it contains helpful
11 information.

12 And under your general and scope
13 paragraph that you have here, it takes up about a
14 third of the page, a third of a column, put in a
15 note saying it's advisable for local
16 jurisdictions considering adoption to bring the
17 local utility, the regional reps from the utility
18 into these discussions from the onset. So, from
19 both the utility line extension provision and
20 for, ultimately, the energizing of the system
21 that's out there, now, that's going to contain
22 renewables that they're part and parcel to this.

23 Now, with or without the note ultimately
24 this will get implemented. The point here is it
25 can sometimes take two or three months to get the

1 local regional utilities to contact the higher
2 ups, you know, in the main office and that makes
3 an original rollout of a new Reach Code, or
4 whatever, a little bit bumpy.

5 And if they're simply involved from the
6 onset, you know, some jurisdictions may not think
7 -- they'll bring in the building department, of
8 course, but they may not be bringing in the local
9 utility because normally they haven't been all
10 that involved with the local building code. So,
11 that would be good.

12 In addition, just simply making a
13 reference to the exclusions that you're going to
14 be having in the Part 6 regulations can make sure
15 that they understand that there's going to be
16 certain circumstances that don't work out.

17 And lastly, I don't know what to do with
18 Climate Zone 16. You know, whether or not you
19 want to go with the numbers I've got to tell you
20 over the last 20 years I don't know of a lot of
21 Reach Codes that have been adopted for Climate
22 Zone 16. There's not a lot of production
23 housing. And I don't know if you just simply
24 want to put an asterisk there saying, wow, these
25 numbers really go out. We'll be open to

1 suggestions that you may have.

2 But those are the three suggestions we
3 would suggest right now. We like the format that
4 you're heading towards. So with that, thanks.

5 MR. SHIRAKH: So, one question about --
6 thank you for those comments. You may want to
7 answer this now or later, what do you think about
8 having a unified EDR target? Even though, you
9 know, there may be deviations, slightly.

10 MR. RAYMER: We would prefer that. We
11 would prefer a simplistic similar number. And
12 the reason why I say that is once again, as the
13 locals get in and they do the negotiations for
14 this you'll find that a lot of local Reach Codes,
15 they may pick and choose a couple of efficiency
16 items that they specifically want to see for that
17 particular jurisdiction.

18 You know, like some already put in QII,
19 and some other HVAC stuff, or whatever. And with
20 the renewable component here there may be some
21 horse trading, or whatever, that goes on at the
22 local level. But this would make it easier to
23 understand. Instead of having 12.1 versus 11.9.
24 And it makes it simpler to view. So, yeah, we
25 would support the way you're headed.

1 MR. SHIRAKH: Okay, thank you, Bob.

2 Any other questions in the room? Greg,
3 thank you.

4 MR. MAHONEY: Greg Mahoney, City of
5 Davis, representing CALBO. And I also like the
6 idea of having just the two tiers, rather than
7 the three.

8 And in regards to the EDR rating, the
9 Tier 1, I would say whenever you have an option
10 between a detailed approach and a simplified
11 approach you should choose the simplified
12 approach just for easier compliance, better
13 understanding.

14 MR. SHIRAKH: Are you also okay with
15 having a unified EDR target?

16 MR. MAHONEY: Yes, absolutely. Yes, I
17 am.

18 MR. SHIRAKH: And I guess it's going to
19 be two-tier. Probably one for 16 and the rest of
20 them, and one, the rest of them are going to be.

21 MR. MAHONEY: Yeah, I think the
22 simplified approach is the better way to go.

23 MR. SHIRAKH: Okay. Thank you, Greg,
24 appreciate it.

25 Any other comments in the room? Joe?

1 MR. CAIN: Joe Cain with the Solar Energy
2 Industries Association. To answer the question
3 that I know you're going to ask, I concur that
4 the unified target is probably the best approach
5 for simplicity.

6 The other thing that I just wanted to
7 mention is that we're still not sold on the
8 advanced controls of the batteries. So, you can
9 expect that to again be in our public comment.

10 And that is if you make the Tier 2, or
11 the full ZNE target of zero and --

12 MR. SHIRAKH: That would be Tier 2, yeah.

13 MR. CAIN: And with that require the
14 advanced controls that's kind of a whole bundle
15 of things that have some uncertainty around them.

16 And one of those is you mentioned that
17 the discharge would only happen at optimized TDV.
18 So, we still have the concern of a consumer
19 purchases or owns a battery and does not have
20 control over when it discharges. The utility may
21 have control over when it discharges.

22 And so the question is, you know,
23 optimized for whom? And so, a consumer might not
24 want -- you know, might want more control over
25 their own products that they own rather than, you

1 know, relinquishing control to the utility.

2 And we've heard some cases where some of
3 these things can be voluntary, but I would be
4 concerned about it being compulsory and part of a
5 Green Code. So, that would be that thing that we
6 would be concerned about.

7 MR. SHIRAKH: I think the homeowner would
8 actually have a choice here. They can either opt
9 for advanced controls and get to the EDR target
10 with a smaller PV system, or they may choose to
11 have a basic control where they can use it for
12 backup power and so forth. But then they have to
13 make up the difference with more efficiency or PV
14 system. So, you know, we're not mandating this.
15 It's basically a choice that the homeowners or
16 the builders might have.

17 MR. CAIN: Didn't you say in the second
18 tier it would require they have control?

19 MR. SHIRAKH: The second tier -- well, to
20 get to, again to get to this target we have
21 assumed advanced control.

22 MR. CAIN: Okay.

23 MR. SHIRAKH: But you can get to this
24 target using other measures, too. You can go to
25 basic control but you have to put in better air

1 conditioning systems. You have to employ
2 precooling. You know, you can have better
3 window. And, you know, you can make up that
4 difference. So, it's the builder's choice, the
5 homeowner's choice.

6 But what we established as benchmark
7 assuming batteries with advanced controls.

8 Bill, did you want to add something to
9 that?

10 MR. PENNINGTON: Yeah, I just wanted to
11 understand Joe's comment. So, are you concerned
12 about having advanced control battery control
13 credit that would require utility control? Is
14 that your concern?

15 MR. CAIN: Yes.

16 MR. PENNINGTON: So, you would rather not
17 have that?

18 MR. CAIN: Well, I should also premise
19 that there are others who are more technically up
20 to speed on the full batteries and the power
21 electronics. And I'm not a power electronics
22 guy.

23 But in terms of the -- you know, the same
24 issues that have come along with demand response,
25 that have come along with smart inverters that

1 have come along. You know, we're seeing trending
2 in that direction, but I don't know that we are
3 there, yet, for batteries and how that power
4 electronics would be developed, and how the
5 signaling would be standardized. And so, there's
6 a series of issues that come along with that.

7 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay. So, I'm hearing
8 you having concern with utility control of the
9 batteries. That is sort of the general idea.

10 MR. CAIN: Yes.

11 MR. PENNINGTON: And maybe you'll clarify
12 that some more in your comments or something.

13 You also mentioned a concern, I was
14 hearing, about assuming that the battery is
15 accomplishing load shifting to avoid high TDV
16 hours. And your argument was that you thought
17 that consumers might want to do something
18 different from that, I guess is what I heard.

19 I think in general the optimum situation,
20 economically for the consumer would be avoiding
21 the high TDV hours. And they're not going to
22 match exactly a TOU rate, necessarily, but
23 they're going to be pretty much coincident. So,
24 they're actually pretty well lined up avoidance
25 to maximizing the economic benefit of customers

1 that are on TOU. So, it doesn't seem like the
2 economic concern would be there.

3 So, if there's some other concern, it
4 would be good for us to understand what your
5 concern is?

6 MR. CAIN: Well, that's where my question
7 is going is the difference between TDV and the
8 rate structures. And rate structures can be
9 variable. TDV can -- well, that's where my
10 question is going. And I could probably lean on
11 some others who are experts in the power
12 electronics to articulate a little further.

13 MR. MEYER: Yeah. No, this is
14 Christopher Meyer with the Building Standards
15 Office. I think that would be helpful in your
16 written comments and then we'll sit down.

17 But initially, we're all sort of looking
18 at sort of your basic battery controls and then
19 we're thinking of a utility-controlled. And then
20 we sort of looked and realized that there are
21 advanced controls that don't require utility
22 involvement.

23 But ultimately our thinking is in the
24 future there may be utility control, but that
25 would not be through the advanced controls of the

1 batteries. That would be through a separate
2 tariff sort of similar to net energy metering.
3 The thought in our minds would be that if
4 utilities wanted to gain a benefit from the
5 behind-the-meter storage that's owned by
6 individual homeowners that would be through a
7 tariff program, similar to net energy metering
8 where, yes, the consumer -- the customer would
9 lose some control of their battery, but it would
10 be through a program that they would sign up for
11 and they would get some sort of a compensation
12 from that, from the utilities.

13 That's how we were thinking about that.
14 Not having advanced controls, setting up a
15 situation where in the future the utility could
16 just, you know, actually influence those
17 batteries without the customer's involvement,
18 consent, you know, without some sort of
19 remuneration to the owner of that system.

20 So, that's sort of what the basis of our
21 thinking is because we don't want to set up a
22 situation where someone invests in a battery
23 system and then somewhere down the line, without
24 their control, the utilities start messing with
25 it.

1 And from talking to utilities, they have
2 no intention of -- they don't want that. You
3 know, if they enter into something where they
4 need to use those behind-the-meter they want it
5 in a tariff situation so everyone understands
6 what the expectations are. And then, the utility
7 can count on that behind-the-meter storage
8 because it will be within a sort of -- similar to
9 net energy metering. I mean, does that make
10 sense?

11 MR. CAIN: Yeah, it does. But I think
12 that the end result I would desire is for us to
13 do a better job of articulating the question and
14 just make sure there's clarity about what does
15 advanced controls mean and what are these
16 strategies that may be involved?

17 And, you know, are we going to need
18 another standard for uniform signaling or, I mean
19 like we did with Rule 21? I mean, there's a
20 bundle of issues that land with the power
21 electronics guys, so I'll drag in at least one of
22 them.

23 MR. MEYER: Yeah, that would be helpful
24 because it's understanding what your questions
25 are on some of these terms. And this goes not

1 only for advanced batteries, but any of the sort
2 of new terms that we're talking about for 2019,
3 that we're sort of introducing. If we understand
4 the questions that we're getting from all the
5 stakeholders, it will help us when we're actually
6 writing the definitions of those terms in the
7 manuals, and other places. So that if we
8 understand what the questions are, we can make
9 sure that we're clear in those definitions so
10 that we're all operating from sort of the same
11 playbook. But, no, thank you very much that
12 would be great.

13 MR. CAIN: Yeah, great.

14 MR. SHIRAKH: And just one note.

15 MR. CAIN: Yes.

16 MR. SHIRAKH: Is again, you know, I show
17 here that we have two choices and it's called
18 default and best case. We're going to be adding
19 more choices. One of them, we may actually call
20 it time-of-use control.

21 And this is going to be, basically, we're
22 going to be looking at the TOU rates of IOUs and
23 they generally happen between like 3:00 and 7:00.
24 So, the battery will only discharge, starts
25 discharging during those hours. And that does

1 not require any utility action or control.

2 MR. CAIN: That makes a lot of sense,
3 yes.

4 MR. SHIRAKH: So, you know, give us your
5 comments in detail and we'll look at it. You
6 know, we're still developing this so it will be
7 very helpful to understand exactly what your
8 concerns are.

9 MR. CAIN: Okay, great.

10 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you.

11 MR. CAIN: And we are, the CEIA is very
12 supportive of the bundling of PV and storage, so
13 we're glad to see the Commission going in those
14 directions. Thank you.

15 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you, Joe.

16 Bob?

17 MR. RAYMER: Yeah, Bob Raymer, CBIA
18 again. Going right onto the point that you just
19 made, sort of that -- I don't want to call it the
20 midrange, but where the homeowner would have
21 access to the tool that would help offset the
22 time-of-use rate from 3:00 to 7:00.

23 In a comment that Brian Zimmerly from
24 Tesla had given, the concern of a couple weeks
25 back was whether or not when you say

1 optimization, because they don't see all this
2 stuff written out, yet, so they're just guessing.
3 And, of course, as we guess, you know, as
4 stakeholders, we tend to assume the worst.

5 And the concern was when you say storage
6 optimization and usage are you talking about
7 optimizing it for the utility purposes or
8 optimizing it for the homeowner. And, obviously,
9 the homeowner would love to have the ability to
10 have that battery discharge within the house
11 during 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. so that they offset
12 those time-of-use, you know, those two to two and
13 a half time rates normally.

14 And so what you just described, that new
15 thing that you're adding to CBECC or whatever,
16 seems to directly deal with that issue and that's
17 going to be great.

18 MR. SHIRAKH: And I actually have two
19 here. One is called TOU-controlled strategies
20 and the other one is called TDV. So, TDV would
21 be from a utility's perspective and TOU would be
22 from the homeowner's perspective.

23 MR. RAYMER: The homeowner, which is
24 perfect.

25 MR. SHIRAKH: And the chances are the two

1 may actually end up having the same result
2 because --

3 MR. RAYMER: Yeah, as Bill said, it's
4 you're going to have a coincident, you know --

5 MR. SHIRAKH: Cast a net that's wide
6 enough and then you're going to cast all the big
7 fish. And with 14 kilowatt hours, if you start
8 discharging at 4:00 chances are you are actually
9 going to go through the whole four hours, you
10 know, using the battery.

11 MR. RAYMER: Wow, yeah.

12 MR. SHIRAKH: Which will basically
13 satisfy both the homeowners and the grid, we'll
14 see. I mean, Bruce Wilcox, we need those. So,
15 and he's working on it.

16 MR. RAYMER: Tell Bruce to get on it now
17 and get done. So, anyway, thank you.

18 MR. SHIRAKH: Sure.

19 Kelly?

20 MS. CUNNINGHAM: Kelly Cunningham, PG&E.
21 Just making a few comments to follow up on your
22 discussion. The utilities are encouraging the
23 exploration of what advanced controls is and also
24 hopes that the Energy Commission will put out
25 supporting documentation that will show what the

1 thinking is behind this, what these features
2 might entail. This will help defeat some of the
3 myths that are already starting to bubble up or
4 misunderstandings around what advanced control
5 will entail.

6 And something that was said about we
7 don't know, yet, about what will be used, how it
8 will be used, but we do believe that this
9 direction will benefit the homeowner and that's
10 important to note.

11 And the utilities will be making comments
12 on this topic, as a follow up to last week's
13 meeting, on August 22nd. But in general,
14 advanced control does mean, we think, the
15 greatest potential for options for the homeowner
16 and for the best use of these technologies. So,
17 just a reinforcing note for that, thanks.

18 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you, Kelly.

19 Any other comments inside the room? Any
20 comments online?

21 MR. SHEWMAKER: We've got a few questions
22 online. The first is a question from Amy Dryden,
23 asking if you could define basic battery controls
24 versus advanced batteries. I think this is
25 related to slide 18.

1 MR. SHIRAKH: So, what was the question?

2 MR. SHEWMAKER: If you could define basic
3 battery controls versus advanced battery
4 controls?

5 MR. SHIRAKH: That's what we were just
6 talking about the last ten minutes. It's
7 basically when you specify a battery currently
8 you have two choices. One is called default or
9 basic control. And what this is, is a very basic
10 algorithm where the battery will get charged from
11 the PV system any time the generation is greater
12 than load.

13 And then, as the sun starts going down
14 and gets warmer as soon as it flips and the load
15 becomes greater than generation, the battery will
16 start discharging regardless of what time it is.

17 So, this could happen at 2:00 in the
18 afternoon, or 3:00, or 4:00. It really depends
19 on when that transition takes place.

20 There are several advanced control
21 strategies and all of them are variation of the
22 same concept. That you don't necessarily start
23 discharging the batteries when the load becomes
24 greater than generation, rather you hold it back
25 until some hours later when you have either the

1 highest TOU rates or TDV rates. And so, that
2 would be the definition of advanced controls.

3 MR. SHEWMAKER: Then next we've got a
4 comment from Pierre Delforge. Pierre, I'm going
5 to go ahead and unmute you, now.

6 MR. DELFORGE: Yes, good morning. Can
7 you hear me?

8 MR. SHEWMAKER: Yeah, if you could just
9 state your name and affiliation?

10 MR. DELFORGE: This is Pierre Delforge
11 from NRDC.

12 MR. SHEWMAKER: Go ahead.

13 MR. DELFORGE: I'm getting an echo. Is
14 it okay on your side?

15 MR. SHIRAKH: There's a little bit of an
16 echo, yeah.

17 MR. DELFORGE: Okay, let me see if I can
18 tweak with my mic.

19 MR. SHIRAKH: We can hear you, though.

20 MR. DELFORGE: Okay, let me go ahead.
21 So, first, I'd like to thank the Commission for
22 hosting this workshop and for Part 11. It's
23 important for local leadership and for setting
24 the stage for potential prescriptive measure in
25 the code cycle.

1 I've got an echo and it's still hard to
2 speak. I think I'm just going to send in written
3 comments. I don't think I can carry on like
4 this. My apologies.

5 MR. SHIRAKH: Yeah, that would be good.
6 We're having a little bit of a hard time
7 understanding you. You sound like you're talking
8 from a basement.

9 So, would appreciate it if you send your
10 comments in writing.

11 MR. DELFORGE: I will do that, thank you.

12 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you, Pierre.

13 MR. SHEWMAKER: All right, next is George
14 Nesbitt. George, I'm going to unmute. If you
15 could state your name and affiliation?

16 MR. NESBITT: Yes, George Nesbitt, HERS
17 Rater. Can you hear me?

18 MR. SHIRAKH: Yes, we can. Thank you.

19 MR. NESBITT: The first thing,
20 unfortunately the Energy Commission scheduled
21 both the CalGREEN and an NSHP Guidebook meeting
22 at the same time today. Which, you know, there's
23 actually a high degree of overlap and interest.
24 So, unfortunately, I can't be in two places at
25 once.

1 But my first concern about the CalGREEN
2 would be the situation of whether complying with
3 Part 6 let's say you have to have a PV system of
4 size X, or whether for Part 11 let's just say
5 there's two tiers, so X plus one and X plus two.

6 What happens when the builder or the
7 homeowner buys the system, installs the system,
8 and goes to interconnect and the utility says,
9 I'm sorry but your system is too big we will not
10 connect it.

11 What's going to happen? They're going to
12 have to modify their system to be smaller or
13 they're going to have to lie to justify the size
14 of the system.

15 The PG&E Net Metering applications limit
16 you to 1.1 times your recent use. Now, on a new
17 home I suppose you can justify what your
18 estimated use is.

19 I'm also concerned that our software
20 potentially grossly overestimates use. I have a
21 number of projects, quality-built projects. One,
22 the first net zero energy new single-family home
23 that I certified in the State of California. It
24 used less electricity than predicted.

25 Another Passive House project, all

1 electric, used something like half the predicted
2 electric use. So, we're basing system sizing off
3 of potentially an estimate that it too large.
4 And by sizing to 100 percent of the electrical
5 use we are going to require a system that is not
6 legally allowed to be installed.

7 Traditionally, solar companies have sized
8 systems at approximately, I think, 80 percent of
9 electrical consumption. And that's because
10 that's roughly where you've maxed out the
11 economic benefit. And Net Metering 2.0 changed
12 that equation a little bit, but not a lot.

13 So then the other thing is the battery
14 storage. Well, currently I think NSave, their
15 storage system I think only allows two different
16 types of control. And it's probably no net
17 export.

18 Also, then, the other option I think is
19 to maximize self-consumption. And I'm not sure
20 to what extent the net metering rules dictate
21 those types of things.

22 So, I'd be concerned about allowing
23 options that A, don't exist in the physical
24 equipment or that are not allowed under the
25 rules, which sort of all of this in -- you know,

1 a consistent problem we have is the difference
2 between what people say they're going to do to
3 meet the standards and what people actually do.

4 And so, we should not be building things
5 into the standards that say you're going to do
6 something that you can't do. It's just not
7 acceptable.

8 And that's the end of my comments for
9 now.

10 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you, George.

11 Any other comments online?

12 MR. SHEWMAKER: Yeah, we've got another
13 comment online. This one is from Jon McHugh.

14 MR. SHIRAKH: Good morning, Jon. Hi.

15 MR. SHEWMAKER: You're unmuted now, if
16 you could state your name and affiliation?

17 MR. MCHUGH: Good morning. This is Jon
18 McHugh with McHugh Energy. And this comment's in
19 response to I think comments that I've heard from
20 Bob Raymer in the past, which have to do with
21 liability associated with calling something ZNE.

22 And I think it's highly desirable that
23 Tier 2, that we may want to call it Tier 2, but I
24 think in addition we want to say that this is the
25 CalGREEN-defined ZNE tier, so that we actually

1 assist builders who want to market their product
2 as being defined by the State as ZNE. And so, if
3 someone goes to court and says, you know, as
4 George brought up people's consumption varies by
5 individual people.

6 But for marketing someone can say, hey,
7 this building is designed and built according to
8 the requirements of the ZNE tier in CalGREEN. I
9 think that's helpful for the market, but it would
10 be good to also hear Bob's comments on this.
11 Thank you.

12 MR. SHIRAKH: Bob says he agrees. And
13 also, if you notice in my presentation, I didn't
14 use the word "ZNE" a lot. I used the word EDR
15 Zero in recognition of that problem.

16 I mean, in none of these tables you see
17 ZNE tier. It just basically says Tier 2 is EDR
18 score of zero.

19 MR. MCHUGH: Yeah. And Mazi, I'm
20 thinking that desirable -- I mean, ideally why we
21 have this EDR Zero tier is to better define. You
22 know, to some extent the value of ZNE is diluted
23 or weakened if there's multiple definitions.

24 And for the State to say, well, this is
25 what we're calling ZNE. Other people can call it

1 other things. Department of Energy can call it
2 something.

3 But in terms of I've got a builder in
4 Sacramento, another builder across town or
5 whatever, and they're both calling their thing
6 ZNE, I think that there's some cachet to I'm
7 building a ZNE building in accordance with the
8 CalGREEN definition.

9 And so, it would just be good to kind of
10 get some feedback about whether we try to, you
11 know, pull away from using the term ZNE. There's
12 so much -- you know, there's conferences left and
13 right. There's various organizations. There's a
14 reason why there's all this effort. I think it,
15 you know, has spurred people's imagination around
16 low-energy housing and building. And so, I'd
17 just be interested to hear if it's actually
18 desirable to no longer use the term ZNE at all in
19 this advanced standard? Thanks.

20 MR. SHIRAKH: I think we agree. And you
21 actually convinced Bob to come to the podium.

22 MR. RAYMER: Yeah, this is Bob Raymer
23 with CBIA. I agree with both Jon and Mazi. We
24 like the idea in particular to specify when we
25 use the term ZNE, if we use the term ZNE, that we

1 effectively reference CalGREEN for one.

2 But more importantly, as Mazi said, we'll
3 be focusing on EDR. That's sort of the future of
4 the regs for both efficiency and
5 renewables/storage. So, I think that keeps
6 things in sort of a level of commonality here.
7 So, we agree with both of you.

8 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you, Bob.

9 Bill Pennington has a comment.

10 MR. PENNINGTON: Yeah, so the Energy
11 Commission anticipated this issue in the 2015
12 IEPR, or earlier IEPRs, and was careful to use
13 the term "ZNE code building" instead of this
14 global ZNE thing.

15 I mean, it seems like -- I like the idea
16 of maybe avoiding the use of the term. However,
17 the whole world wants to talk about the term.
18 And so, maybe we need to do a little bit of both.
19 Maybe we need to characterize it as an EDR Zero
20 building, but call it a ZNE Code building, you
21 know, to use the ZNE vernacular. And maybe that
22 could be defined in Part 11.

23 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you, Bill.

24 Any other comments online?

25 MR. SHEWMAKER: Yeah, if we could circle

1 back to Pierre, he has switched out his
2 microphone and would like to make a comment.

3 Pierre, you're now unmuted.

4 MR. SHIRAKH: Your new microphone is not
5 working, Pierre.

6 MR. SHEWMAKER: All right. Well, we've
7 got one other comment from Jim Eleelson. Jim, I'm
8 going to go ahead and unmute you, now. If you
9 could state your name and affiliation?

10 MR. ELEELSON: Yeah, hi Mazi. This is Jim
11 Eleelson from New Buildings Institute.

12 MR. SHIRAKH: Hi Jim.

13 MR. ELEELSON: And, yeah, we'd really like
14 this zero net energy reference to be consistent
15 because we're going to be working nationally
16 where ZNE for residential hopefully will be
17 recognized for -- mostly for HERS ratings equal
18 to zero.

19 So, to make that distinction in the
20 California market I think would be really
21 helpful, the difference between getting ready for
22 ZNE or ZNE Code, and then what is a ZNE building
23 that's actually designed to achieve ZNE?

24 So, that's our perspective nationally.

25 MR. SHIRAKH: So, you know, what do you

1 think about using the EDR Zero, rather than
2 reference to ZNE?

3 You know, my concern is even if you call
4 it ZNE Code, or anything else, as long as the
5 word "Z" is in there, the customers won't be able
6 to distinguish that between just regular ZNE.
7 Their expectation might be, you know, it's going
8 to be no electricity, no bills.

9 MR. ELELSON: Yeah. I mean, yeah, EDR
10 equals zero. That, essentially, would be the
11 equivalent of a ZNE. So, in some sense they
12 could be synonymous.

13 MR. MEYER: Jim, this is Christopher.
14 Are you guys, when you're looking at a national
15 standard are you working with the Department of
16 Energy on sort of the zero energy ready or, you
17 know, are you guys working with them on sort of
18 that definition?

19 Or, are you looking at a national ZNE
20 definition? Because I know the DOE had their
21 Zero Energy Ready Home Program, where they were
22 looking at a different one. Because they, I
23 think, recognized that concern of improperly
24 messaging to people that -- you know, as George
25 sort of pointed out, you can have a house that

1 models to ZNE, but you don't actually end up with
2 the same benefit because of behavior on the
3 house, and the different people living in it.

4 So, I was just wondering what your
5 thought on that was?

6 MR. ELELSON: Yeah, so those are distinct
7 for us. The Zero Energy Ready home is not what
8 we're really looking towards.

9 We are more interested in the zero energy
10 building definition that was released out of the
11 Department of Energy which is a measured zero net
12 energy level.

13 What we are talking now with -- we're
14 now, in talking with HERS about how to
15 standardize their definition of zero net energy.
16 And we think it's going to be the HERS equals
17 zero, equals a zero net energy asset type rating,
18 and then there will be some particular zero net
19 energy certification once there is, you know, 12
20 months' of building data.

21 So, you know, we are more concerned with
22 the zero energy building definition of DOE, than
23 their Zero Energy Ready Home Program.

24 MR. SHIRAKH: Bill?

25 MR. ELELSON: Does that answer your

1 question?

2 MR. MEYER: Yes, thank you.

3 MR. PENNINGTON: So, this issue of
4 comparing builds to a design expectation is
5 inevitable to be a problem or a -- I don't know
6 if I want to call it a problem. It's a reality
7 that's inevitable, that you always are going to
8 have to be explaining yourself. And it doesn't
9 even help to have the first occupants of the
10 building achieve ZNE through their behavior
11 because over the life of the home you're going to
12 have lots and lots of different families with
13 radically different behaviors. Potentially,
14 whose bill gets to zero or doesn't get to zero as
15 a result of, you know, whether the kids move back
16 in with them or, you know, they've got a bunch of
17 teenagers, or whatever is driving it.

18 So, the communication question is
19 inevitable as long as you try to describe a
20 design characteristic or an asset characteristic.

21 And so, I don't think we can avoid it. I
22 don't think we can sort of ignore it and talk our
23 way out of it. I just think we're going to have
24 to be careful about how to do the messaging.
25 Particularly with the cachet of trying to get to

1 zero net energy as being a driver, I think
2 there's real value to associating with that
3 interest. And I think that is a stronger
4 motivation than trying to avoid this
5 communication problem that I think is always
6 there.

7 So, anyway, that's my opinion.

8 MR. SHIRAKH: Thank you, Bill.

9 Any other comments online? Joe, did you
10 have a comment?

11 MR. CAIN: Joe Cain, with CEIA. Sure, on
12 this discussion right now, some of the DOE stuff
13 that I've seen is that -- and, Christopher, you
14 mentioned the Zero Energy Ready Homes Program.
15 And on a webinar that was provided on that topic,
16 by the DOE, I asked the question about why don't
17 you also have a zero net energy program or, you
18 know, it's a small, incremental step to just add
19 the PV.

20 But the response I got was people
21 understand zero, but people might not understand
22 net. So, that's kind of the opposite of what
23 we're discussing here is, you know, what is the
24 zero part of this.

25 And we have, through our stakeholder

1 meetings that we've had, we've heard the same
2 sort of thing about if it's zero TDV, is that
3 really zero net energy?

4 So, some clarity on this topic. I know
5 it's one of the toughest topics to address. But
6 I think the DOE also has zero net energy --
7 renewable energy credit as a subscript. You
8 know, so that when we get to the point of
9 community solar, we get to the point of
10 commercial buildings, or any case where the solar
11 may be offsite we may need to even further
12 explore.

13 So, I understand that's a whole bundle of
14 things that are not easy to address, but I think
15 it's important to address and nail down with some
16 definitions.

17 On the other topic that was brought up
18 about the oversizing of PV, and I think this may
19 relate, as well. I just want to make sure my
20 understanding is clear is that when these limits
21 to sizing are used in Part 6 and Part 11, they're
22 for the purposes of compliance and they're not
23 the limit on what can be installed in the field,
24 correct?

25 MR. SHIRAKH: Correct, yeah.

1 MR. CAIN: Because I mean, anecdotally, I
2 had one project long ago where the PV system on a
3 residence was hugely oversized and just my
4 curiosity, I needed to know why is this thing
5 gigantic. And the case, the answer I got was the
6 couple who lived there the husband was a
7 contractor and worked some of his stuff at home.
8 And the wife was a ceramics artist and she had
9 electric kilns in her garage.

10 So, we have no control over those sorts
11 of things and people should, of course, have the
12 freedom to appropriately size for their usage.
13 So, I just wanted to make sure, and George, you
14 know, his comment about somebody not allowing an
15 oversizing on the actual submittal and permit,
16 and installation of PV, and I just wanted to get
17 clarity on that.

18 MR. SHIRAKH: That is correct. For
19 instance, in Climate Zone 3, the requirement is
20 3.2 kilowatts. If you put in a 5 kilowatt
21 system, we'll only give you credit for that 3.2
22 portion of it. You won't get credit for the
23 additional 1.8 watts -- or kilowatts.

24 Any other comments?

25 MR. SHEWMAKER: Yeah, I believe we've got

1 one more comment from George. George, I'm going
2 to unmute you, now.

3 MR. NESBITT: Yes, this is George. So,
4 my comment about sort of predicted energy use and
5 actual energy use. Well, yes, there is the
6 behavior component. We could put the same size
7 family into the same house and get two different
8 results.

9 But there's also the fundamental question
10 of whether the computer predictions are accurate
11 enough in the first place, and at least on
12 average. I mean, we just really don't seem to
13 put a lot of effort into sort of validating our
14 predictions.

15 And in CBECC and even in the actual HERS
16 rating software, you know, you talk about plug
17 loads being the dominant force, yet there's
18 almost no ability to impact those to do better
19 than what is assumed.

20 And I suspect in a lot of my multi-family
21 projects, I suspect the systems that have been
22 installed have all been too large and have, you
23 know, zeroed out their actual use. And we've
24 gone beyond the economics and that's just part of
25 my concern.

1 But also, I think legally you're in a
2 position where you're requiring something that
3 you may not be allowed to do, and that makes the
4 code very arbitrary and capricious.

5 MR. SHIRAKH: Actually, it is not true
6 that we haven't put any effort into trying to
7 validate these numbers. Both us and the IOUs
8 have spent a great deal of resources in trying to
9 assess the amount of kilowatt hours used by plug
10 loads, appliances, and the regulated loads. But
11 in the end, these are statewide averages and
12 individual families will vary from that.

13 Any other comments online?

14 MR. SHEWMAKER: I believe that's it for
15 the online comments.

16 MR. SHIRAKH: So, if there's no other
17 comments I'm going to close this and then we'll
18 move to Ingrid's presentation. Thank you.

19 MS. NEUMANN: Oh, I need to speak to the
20 microphone, sorry. So, my name is Ingrid
21 Neumann. As indicated on the slide, I'm with the
22 Buildings Standard Office and will be talking
23 about Title 24, Part 11, which is the California
24 Green Building Standards, which we know as
25 CalGREEN.

1 So, first I wanted to go into a little
2 bit of history so we understand what the purpose
3 of these standards are. So, very generally, they
4 are designed to improve public health, safety and
5 general welfare.

6 So, we're doing that by reducing negative
7 or increasing positive environmental impacts.

8 Specifically for buildings, we're
9 encouraging sustainable construction practices.
10 And there are five points here that are looked at
11 in the entirety of CalGREEN.

12 Now, we're here at the Energy Commission
13 and what we're focusing on is energy efficiency,
14 and so we're just going to look at that section.

15 So, a little bit of history. The first
16 time something came out with Green Building
17 Standards was in 2008. These were entirely
18 composed of voluntary measures. So, voluntary
19 being something that a local jurisdiction could
20 adopt as being mandatory in their city or county.

21 This is also provides a preview of what
22 might become mandatory, measures that might
23 become mandatory in the future code cycles. So,
24 for energy efficiency that would be Part 6.

25 So then in 2010 CalGREEN got the

1 structure that we know now. It was a very large
2 team effort of the agencies above and many other
3 stakeholders. The Building Standards Commission
4 still publishes the nonresidential portion and
5 HCD takes care of the residential portion.

6 So, the structure that we're looking at
7 for the entirety of CalGREEN is having some
8 mandatory measures, in addition to voluntary
9 tiers, and usually those are two tiers, Tier 1
10 and Tier 2. So, that was carried on, on the
11 three-year cycle, right, 2013-2016, and now we're
12 looking forward to 2019. So, that's Part 11,
13 right, is adopted with all of Title 24 on that
14 three-year cycle.

15 So, if we look at the table of contents,
16 this is what it would look like, right. Chapter
17 3 gives us the scope. Chapters 4 and 5 have the
18 residential and nonresidential mandatory
19 measures, except for energy efficiency.

20 Because for energy efficiency we already
21 have those targets in a different part of Title
22 24, Part 6, as most of you know.

23 So then, the voluntary energy efficiency
24 targets are found in the appendices A4 and 5 of
25 CalGREEN. So, that's what we'll be discussing

1 today are the energy efficiency portions of A4
2 and A5 and what we're proposing for 2019 there.

3 So, as Mazi went into great detail, we
4 are basing our residential voluntary measures no
5 longer on a percent better than the mandatory
6 standards. We're not using that language
7 anymore. But we're using the Energy Design
8 Rating language. So, we have very specific
9 targets there based on climate zone, and building
10 size, and how that's modeled in CBECC. So, Mazi
11 already went over those details.

12 So that the mandatory portion is built of
13 where we're at here, in 2016. Right, we're
14 adding more efficiency measures in 2019. There's
15 the PV target that he discussed, offsetting the
16 kilowatt hours, right.

17 And then, what I'm focusing on here in
18 CalGREEN is adding the tiers, the Tier 1 and the
19 Tier 2, which are voluntary. So, we could have
20 an example of how this might break down.

21 So, if we're looking at our efficiency
22 target in Climate Zone 12, and these are
23 approximate numbers, you know, we're still
24 working on that, an EDR might look like 43 for a
25 single-family home in Climate Zone 12. And then,

1 adding the PV target, still as part of the
2 mandatory standard, that target might move down
3 to 25.

4 Now, a local jurisdiction can choose to
5 adopt the voluntary tiers, further reducing the
6 target, right, towards that ultimate goal of
7 actually reaching an EDR of zero. Right, but
8 it's voluntary. This is mandatory. This is not.
9 There's another picture.

10 All right. So, how does a local
11 jurisdiction do that? They submit an application
12 to the Energy Commission and in that application
13 they give a copy of their ordinance. They
14 describe precisely what they are adopting. And
15 in CalGREEN, we're giving suggestions what we
16 think might be good things to adopt. But, of
17 course, a local jurisdiction has the freedom to
18 make modifications and make that decision for
19 themselves.

20 So, along with the ordinance there needs
21 to be a study or analysis showing the expected
22 energy savings, as well as the cost effectiveness
23 of the ordinance.

24 And so, for Part 6, as you know, we are
25 demonstrating that those measures are cost

1 effective. For Part 11 we, at the Energy
2 Commission, are not doing that and that
3 responsibility is then passed on to the local
4 jurisdiction, who is choosing to adopt those
5 voluntary measures.

6 And then, of course, the requirement of
7 doing this in a publicly-noticed meeting and we
8 want to make sure that the standards really are
9 designed to save energy when compared to levels
10 permitted by Title 24, Part 6. Right, there's a
11 lot of talk about GHG reduction and a lot of
12 times that goes hand in hand with energy
13 reduction, but we are responsible for looking at
14 the energy there. And then, evidence of CEQA
15 compliance.

16 So, all of this is found in Section 10-
17 106, right, the administrative section as far as
18 how to adopt a local ordinance.

19 So, now going into Appendix 4, this is
20 the description of the residential voluntary
21 measures. We are proposing Tier 1 to be measured
22 in an EDR, or Energy Design Rating. So, we might
23 phrase that as an X percent below or a specific X
24 points lower than the compliance EDR. And we're
25 still working on what might be the best way of

1 describing that language.

2 So, as Mazi described, we are considering
3 additional energy efficiency measures. Right,
4 we're going to the extreme there in eking out as
5 much as we can with things, such as triple-pane
6 windows.

7 Then, of course, we are considering
8 demand management strategies, right, such as load
9 following and the onsite battery, so electric
10 storage. Or, of course, the idea of precooling,
11 you know, having some sort of thermal storage.

12 MR. SHIRAKH: Can I ask you a question,
13 Ingrid? What you're saying is you can either
14 specify a percentage below or a number of points
15 lower than compliant. What I was suggesting is
16 to actually have a specific target. Would that
17 be --

18 MS. NEUMANN: I think that's fine.

19 MR. SHIRAKH: Well, that says points
20 lower than compliance EDR there.

21 (Off-mic comment)

22 MR. SHIRAKH: Okay.

23 MS. NEUMANN: I mean, all of that will be
24 calculated by CBECC, anyhow. So, we could have
25 some example tables, right, I think that would be

1 helpful so people have some kind of guideline
2 there as we hash it out.

3 All right. So, then for Tier 2, right,
4 we are taking it all the way down to that EDR
5 rating of zero, which we like to call Zero Net
6 Energy Design, right. But it is going to be very
7 clear that we are meaning an EDR of 0422.

8 The paths that are considered are, as
9 Mazi suggested, some folks are looking at
10 electrifying space and water heating, right. You
11 could have advanced electric battery controls.
12 And we're still debating on what that could all
13 mean. Right, there are different paths of
14 reaching that goal. The ultimate thing is simply
15 reaching that goal. All right.

16 And then, of course, that would include
17 modest oversizing of the photovoltaic system
18 probably in conjunction with the battery, right.

19 So then we have prerequisites. We have
20 some items, such as the QII, which is currently a
21 prerequisite for the CalGREEN tiers. That is
22 moving into Part 6, the mandatory section, as a
23 prescriptive requirement.

24 But because we can meet Part 6
25 requirements with a performance calculation, we

1 would like to keep this in here as a prescriptive
2 portion for the tiers because we think it's a
3 good idea.

4 And similarly, the high-performance walls
5 and high-performance attics, right, we won't be
6 having a tradeoff, like a PV tradeoff there, for
7 high-performance walls and attics. And it will
8 be a prescriptive mandatory in Part 6.

9 But we would like to suggest them as
10 prerequisites for the CalGREEN tiers so that
11 those measures cannot be avoided when going to
12 lower EDRs than mandatory.

13 So, there are some new prerequisites that
14 we are suggesting. Two of them for the
15 residential. The first being the HERS-verified
16 compact hot water distribution system. Now, that
17 currently exists as a compliance option, but now
18 we're going to move it, or we're proposing to
19 move it as a prerequisite.

20 And here's a new measures with the HERS-
21 verified drain water heat recovery, right. So,
22 rather than wasting any energy with wastewater,
23 right, we can recycle that into the incoming
24 water stream and preheat the water before it goes
25 to the water heater.

1 All right. So, for additions we are
2 proposing the same type of EDR target language.
3 Right, and that target will continue to vary
4 depending on the number of mechanical systems
5 that we're adding. Okay, so it will be lower if
6 you're changing or adding more systems.

7 Now, moving on to nonresidential, right.
8 So, our focus really has been to change going
9 from the percent better to the EDR targets for
10 the residential. So, for the nonresidential we
11 are still retaining that percent better than
12 language.

13 Okay, and those target percentages will
14 continue to vary depending on whether you're
15 adding lighting or mechanical systems, so how
16 many of those systems are included, or both.

17 So, the outdoor lighting prerequisite
18 does exist already. What we're adding here is
19 that the color temperature should not be higher
20 than 3,000 Kelvin. Because by reducing that
21 allowed outdoor lighting power, right, so we'll
22 be reducing it from the 2016 to 2019, slightly,
23 and then if we're for CalGREEN saying we're going
24 to do it 90 percent less sometimes that was
25 achieved by having outdoor lighting that was a

1 little too blue. Right, so that wasn't -- it was
2 disturbing biological systems. So, we're adding
3 that to avoid an unintended consequence.

4 So, then these are new prerequisites
5 here. The warehouse dock seal doors. Right,
6 making sure that conditioned air stays inside,
7 right, so that's reducing leakage there.

8 The daylight redirecting devices for
9 indoor lighting systems. So, we're trying to
10 take the light from the natural daylight and
11 direct that as far into the building as possible,
12 therefore reducing our lighting load.

13 And then the exhaust air heat recovery,
14 that's very much like the drain water heat
15 recovery, right. That's why like lose that
16 energy, right, take it from what's going out and
17 add it to what's coming in.

18 Then, the automatic closing fume hood
19 sashes in laboratories, right, so that the
20 conditioned air is not simply being sucked out in
21 a fume hood when it's not being used. Right, so
22 it has the idea of having the fume hood sashes
23 close automatically in five minutes of
24 inactivity. And, of course, they would detect
25 for obstructions and things like that.

1 And then, lastly, combustion air
2 requirements. So that the air that's pulled in
3 for combustion, and ventilation, and dilution of
4 flue gases. Right, so that that is not coming
5 from the indoor conditioned air, but rather from
6 the outside.

7 So, here is our final slide with all the
8 resources. The General Building Energy
9 Efficiency Program webpage. Specifically, then,
10 the prerulemaking that we're in here for the 2019
11 update. The docket to which written comments
12 should be submitted. The utilities-sponsored
13 stakeholder website, which is very useful and
14 contains the CASE reports, as well. And then, my
15 contact information.

16 So, I'd like to take questions and
17 comments.

18 MR. RAYMER: Thank you. Bob Raymer with
19 CBIA and I'm glad I didn't leave for the NSHP
20 meeting.

21 With regards to -- well, first off, a
22 good presentation on the background of CalGREEN,
23 thank you.

24 With regards to the prerequisites that
25 are in there, right now in the current code

1 you've got the prerequisite for QII. And even
2 though the CEC's proposing to move that from a
3 voluntary feature or compliance option to the
4 prescriptive, we would recommend that you keep it
5 in there as a prescriptive.

6 It's a very useful tool. It helps reduce
7 construction defect potential down the road. And
8 so, we would suggest keeping that. But we can't
9 support putting the other features in there as
10 prerequisites.

11 Mazi just gave a very good presentation,
12 which we agreed with that, you know, we should be
13 focusing on an EDR score. And industry, one of
14 our big concerns as we always go through an
15 iteration of the standards is, you know, how
16 ready is industry for this? How much of a pain
17 from a design standard? Will the contractors be
18 ready for all of this?

19 And 2020 is going to be the most
20 significant lift in the history of our State
21 Building Code. And we, of course, are going to
22 have locals going for Reach Codes. But the fact
23 of the matter is, from a design flexibility stand
24 point, we would really urge the Commission not to
25 add on to the prerequisites here.

1 Case in point, we're beginning, as you've
2 noticed from our previous testimony dating back
3 to April, we've got serious concerns specifically
4 with the wall provisions that the CEC adopted in
5 the 2016 standards. You're adding on stringency
6 to that high-performance wall provision. And
7 probably by March or April of next year we may
8 have very detailed information showing that the
9 2016 regs for walls wasn't cost effective given
10 the assumptions that were used, let alone the
11 2019.

12 And so, quite frankly, industry is --
13 while we may be embracing the high-performance
14 attics down the road, we're getting some very
15 encouraging news about some new products and
16 installation techniques out there that may have
17 an enormously good impact on our energy
18 efficiency goals and designs that we're trying to
19 seek. I don't see that happening for walls at
20 all.

21 And so with that, we liked the
22 presentation that Mazi gave. We would strongly
23 urge the Commission to go in the direction of
24 encouraging here is an EDR score you need to get
25 for that Reach Code. It's either, you know, 12

1 or 0, and go off and figure out how to do it.

2 And I suspect that we're going to see a lot of
3 battery storage with PV.

4 And for one iteration of the code, wow,
5 that is going to be huge and a lot will be gained
6 from that. But, you know, further adding on with
7 these other items takes away from our ability to
8 go for that flexibility, and we'd prefer that you
9 not do it. Thank you.

10 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you.

11 Any more in the room?

12 MR. MAHONEY: Greg Mahoney with the City
13 of Davis, representing CALBO. And I was just
14 looking for a clarification.

15 So, in the proposed tiers, CalGREEN tiers
16 for 2019, we're going to be looking at an EDR,
17 specifying an EDR, rather than a compliance
18 margin?

19 MS. NEUMANN: Correct. For the
20 residential. Not for nonresidential.

21 MR. MAHONEY: Okay.

22 MS. NEUMANN: Not yet at least.

23 MR. MAHONEY: Yeah, I would support that.
24 The City of Davis Council just approved a Reach
25 Code last night and it was for new construction,

1 30 percent compliance margin. And every time I
2 mentioned 30 percent compliance margin I was
3 always asked what does that mean? What is a
4 compliance margin? And so, it would simplify it
5 if we just had a scale that we could say EDR of
6 that. So, I think that's a good change. Thank
7 you.

8 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you.

9 MS. WITHERS: Thank you, Ingrid that was
10 a nice presentation.

11 MS. NEUMANN: Hi.

12 MS. WITHERS: My name is Emily Withers.
13 I'm Codes and Standards Administrator II with
14 Department of Housing and Community Development.

15 One question I have specifically on your
16 presentation is when you talked about the
17 additions and the meeting of the EDR rating. I'm
18 not familiar with the software itself. But when
19 the rating comes up is it for the entire building
20 that has to meet the EDR or is it just the
21 addition portion?

22 MS. NEUMANN: Could somebody that works
23 more on the software help me with that?

24 MS. WITHERS: Is it just the addition
25 portion?

1 MR. SHIRAKH: No, the software has an
2 addition option that you can basically use that
3 to model the addition.

4 MS. WITHERS: So, the addition itself
5 would have to meet an EDR as a standard -- the
6 EDR as the standard addition then, not the whole
7 building, right?

8 MR. PENNINGTON: So, being consistent
9 with what the Commission has done previously with
10 additions, and the idea of moving to an EDR. If
11 you were going to apply an EDR to an addition
12 there would be clearly an option for modeling the
13 addition and showing that that addition met that
14 EDR.

15 There's also, as Bob was saying in the
16 background, an option of the addition plus the
17 existing building, plus alterations to the
18 existing building that you can take credit
19 against that for all of that.

20 That's a relatively complex approach
21 using a compliance approach for regulated loads.
22 I think to figure out how to do that for an EDR
23 would take quite a bit of thinking through to
24 figure out how to do it.

25 But that would be sort of the precedent

1 that you might look to for making this apply to
2 additions. So, I don't know if that helps you
3 very much but, anyway.

4 MS. WITHERS: Well, I just hope a
5 homeowner with an existing building that was,
6 say, built in the 1950s or the 1960s, when they
7 put on their 400-foot addition they wouldn't be
8 held to an EDR value for the entire building.

9 MR. PENNINGTON: Yeah, so the -- yes, the
10 standards have no precedent of requiring the
11 existing building to be upgraded to meet some
12 compliance requirement that would be only
13 appropriate for newly constructed buildings or
14 additions. So, we would not go where you're
15 worried that we would go.

16 MR. SHIRAKH: So, in other words, yeah,
17 there's an option. You can either comply -- the
18 addition by itself can comply with the EDR target
19 or you can do addition plus existing. It's up to
20 the building owner or the energy analyst which
21 path they want to go.

22 In most cases you want to do addition
23 alone, by itself. But if you happen to be
24 improving the systems in the existing portion, as
25 the part of the general retrofit you may be able

1 to get credit for measures that you're putting in
2 the existing portion that will help you to
3 comply.

4 So, you know, the energy analyst
5 basically looks at both options and they decide,
6 you know, which one is the best option.

7 MS. WITHERS: I also asked for the
8 CalGREEN portion if there are design terms that
9 are being put into the new standards make sure
10 that we put them in as the definitions.

11 And then, also, for the EDR portions, if
12 there are certain exclusions or exemptions that
13 are included in Part 6 that they also be included
14 as either pointers in CalGREEN, or also restated
15 in CalGREEN. So, I think that would be good.

16 MS. NEUMANN: Okay.

17 MS. WITHERS: I need to go back to my
18 program, the State Housing law, and discuss the
19 prerequisites because we may have some concerns
20 with the additional prerequisites, also. And
21 then, we'll be submitting a written comment.

22 MS. NEUMANN: Thank you.

23 MS. WITHERS: Thank you.

24 MR. RAYMER: Sorry, Bob Raymer with CBIA.

25 I forgot to ask when I was up here, regarding

1 last week's hearing and this week's, is the
2 deadline for written comments for last week, is
3 that September 8th or the 15th?

4 MR. SHIRAKH: Payam said from last week
5 it was the 6th.

6 MR. RAYMER: Okay.

7 MR. SHIRAKH: But if you go a couple days
8 later, we'll still --

9 MR. RAYMER: Gotcha. What about for this
10 one?

11 MR. MEYER: We're going to try to get
12 that one sort of the same.

13 MR. RAYMER: Actually, I'm going to turn
14 them in at the same time, so we'll just do both
15 at the same time.

16 MR. SHIRAKH: Yeah, that would be good.

17 MR. MEYER: Yeah, that would be great.
18 Yeah, the faster the comments come in, the more
19 time we have to give them good time to review
20 them.

21 MR. RAYMER: And regarding Emily's
22 comments, yeah, I agree that if you've got some
23 new terminology, or whatever, to coordinate with
24 HCD and seek consistency.

25 I'm also a little -- I'm not aware, in

1 terms of Reach Codes, the application to
2 additions, alternations and repairs. I'd follow
3 that relatively closely. And I see most Reach
4 Codes focusing specifically on new construction.

5 You are going to have a challenge in the
6 future. As you're probably aware, last year
7 there were three bills passed on secondary units.
8 In some cases the secondary unit is actually a
9 new unit within an existing dwelling unit.
10 Others are those in very close proximity, but
11 extremely small, which may have great difficulty
12 complying with the renewable EDR because they
13 have no space.

14 But once again the exceptions that Mazi's
15 working on would address that. So, thank you.

16 MR. PENNINGTON: So, Bob, was that a
17 statutory change that you were just describing?

18 MR. RAYMER: What happened here and as
19 always so much happened in the last couple of
20 weeks of the legislative session, but there was
21 in particular one bill that allows, under certain
22 circumstances, for the creation of a secondary
23 unit within the confines, within the conditioned
24 area of an existing unit.

25 Sort of like turning a single-family

1 dwelling into -- you might want to call it a
2 duplex within the same footprint. But what used
3 to be a living room and a bedroom is now going to
4 be cordoned off. Within that same unit structure
5 and the same structural integrity you'll have a
6 secondary unit that could effectively serve as
7 additional housing. And they're really going to
8 be promoting that in certain -- as opposed to in-
9 fill, building newer units next door.

10 And so, that was given the headway. And,
11 of course, they put in a codifier that
12 residential sprinklers wouldn't be required in
13 that new secondary unit, if it wasn't already in
14 the original unit.

15 And so, that was one of three bills that
16 got passed last year. And then there was a
17 secondary unit accessory unit bill. That on
18 site, under certain circumstances, local
19 jurisdictions are now prohibited from doing
20 certain restrictions.

21 A lot of local jurisdictions didn't like
22 the idea of somebody putting up the granny flat
23 and that bill sort of led it through.

24 CALBO's done a good job of providing some
25 summaries of those three bills and I think it's

1 on their website.

2 MR. PENNINGTON: Could you tell us what
3 those bill numbers are at some point?

4 MR. RAYMER: I could last year, but I'm
5 old, and stupid and --

6 MR. PENNINGTON: An e-mail.

7 MS. NEUMANN: CALBO website, right.

8 MR. RAYMER: 1069.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's AB 2299. I
10 don't know what the junior accessory dwelling
11 unit one is.

12 MR. RAYMER: And then there's one more,
13 AB, and I'll get you that later on today.

14 MR. PENNINGTON: Okay, thank you.

15 (Off-mic comments)

16 MR. SHEWMAKER: It doesn't look like
17 there's any other comment in the room. We've
18 got a few people online.

19 First off is George Nesbitt. George,
20 you're unmuted, now.

21 MR. NESBITT: Yes, George Nesbitt, HERS
22 Rater. Can you hear me?

23 MR. SHEWMAKER: Yes.

24 MS. NEUMANN: Yes, we can.

25 MR. NESBITT: Yes. So, EDR and percent

1 above the code are actually the same or
2 effectively the same. If you think of, just for
3 simplicity if you take an EDR of 100 being code
4 and zero being net zero energy, a score, a HERS
5 score of 90 would be 10 percent better than the
6 code minimum score of 100.

7 The difference between the EDR and what
8 we've traditionally used, percent above code, the
9 percent above code has just been heating, cooling
10 and water heating. So, it's only been a portion
11 of the energy use.

12 So, a 15 percent above code house doesn't
13 change your EDR score by 15 percent. It changes
14 it by much less because of all the plug loads.
15 And the CBECC EDR system does not really allow
16 you to manipulate any of the plug loads much at
17 all.

18 For target setting in EDR, I think you
19 have to think of it as a percent better than
20 whatever the code minimum is. Because our Energy
21 Code has never been about using an equal amount
22 of energy regardless of the climate. It allows
23 you to use different amounts of energy based on
24 the size of your house, the design of your house,
25 a lot of things. And, therefore, your target --

1 and in the scale we're using, since we're using
2 2006 IECC, a 2016 or 2019 code minimum house is
3 not a hundred score. It's 50, 45, whatever, and
4 it varies in every climate.

5 So, if you want to make a house better
6 than the minimum, if you use a fixed reduction in
7 the EDR or if you went to a fixed EDR score, just
8 saying every house has to be a 20, you're
9 actually going to require every house, in every
10 climate, of every size to make a different level
11 of effort versus if you set the target as a
12 percentage better than the code minimum. At
13 least everyone is having to stretch the same
14 quote/unquote percentage. Although, what they
15 have to do to get there is different.

16 The issue of additions, we have always --
17 in the HERS rating systems we have always had the
18 ability to rate an existing home, rate it with an
19 addition.

20 But here again, you're not going to set
21 an EDR target with the same number for a new
22 house, for an addition with an existing house.
23 Because the existing house is going to score,
24 let's just assume a score of 100 is code and
25 that's the code baseline. An existing home is

1 going to score more than 100. The addition, in
2 theory, has to be 100 or better.

3 So, the existing plus the addition, it
4 would be a lot harder to get to a target score
5 for just the new building.

6 And I think under the code, now,
7 complying with an addition one is extremely hard.
8 And let me make it -- and then, also talking
9 about the issue of prerequisites or mandatory
10 measures for CalGREEN.

11 From what I've seen from the 2016 Code,
12 it's very hard to tradeoff high-performance walls
13 or attics and without going to ducts and
14 conditioned space, which is equivalent or
15 actually better than high-performing attics.

16 So, I suspect for 2019 it's going to be
17 even harder to tradeoff any of those. So,
18 effectively, they're almost mandatory. So, in
19 that sense not having -- well, either listing
20 them as mandatory or even not listing them may
21 not make much difference. Although requiring QII
22 as a mandatory measure for CalGREEN I think would
23 be a -- is certainly a minimum step.

24 And honestly, the HERS verified compact
25 distribution to make that a mandatory

1 requirement. The proposal for that is such a
2 pathetic waste of water and energy. To make that
3 mandatory I think would just be disgraceful.
4 Thank you.

5 MR. SHIRAKH: So, to respond to one of
6 your questions. An EDR score is not a measure of
7 energy intensity use of a house. It's a
8 dimension less metric that's basically the ratio
9 of two EIs. The proposed house over the
10 reference house.

11 Now, for instance, when I'm looking at
12 the EDR scores, Climate Zone 6 and Climate Zone
13 11, they both have exactly the same target or
14 final EDR score for 2019, it's 22.6.

15 The difference is in Climate Zone 6 that
16 EDR score is a ratio of two small numbers. In
17 Climate Zone 11, it's a ratio of two very large
18 numbers. So, you cannot use just an EDR has a
19 prediction of how much energy that house uses.

20 And this is the reason why these two
21 climate zones, even though they have exactly the
22 same EDR scores, for you to go to an EDR score of
23 12, you need vastly different amount of PV
24 systems to get to that target EDR. Even though
25 you're moving the EDR targets by the same

1 amounts.

2 Again, EDR is not an energy intensity use
3 index. It's a ratio. And, you know, you could
4 have the same EDR target with two small numbers
5 division, or two large numbers.

6 MR. NESBITT: Well, yeah, that's correct.
7 I mean and you can have two houses with the same
8 score, one that's 1,000 square feet and one
9 that's 10,000 square feet. Their energy use is
10 going to be totally different. But that score,
11 because it's based on a -- I mean, yeah, it's a
12 ratio of allowed energy use versus predicted
13 energy use. While it directly does not mean
14 energy use, it's -- anyway. I mean, yeah, a
15 score of 50 on a scale of 150 is 50 percent
16 better than the minimum or the reference, but
17 it's 50 percent better. How much actual energy
18 that is, that's a whole other story so, yeah.

19 MR. MEYER: So, great. Thank you,
20 George.

21 Any other comments?

22 MS. NEUMANN: Yeah, I was just going to
23 say that it's nice to have an EDR score because
24 it's an absolute score. I mean, it's not a
25 percentage. I mean, and we are trying to target

1 some sort of ZNE. So, having an EDR of zero
2 there. I mean, you can't really go negative, so
3 that's nice.

4 And then he is correct that the plug
5 loads are not regulated and that's why they don't
6 show up in CBECC.

7 And I don't think we were suggesting to
8 have the same EDR targets for new buildings, as
9 well as additions and alterations. I think those
10 targets would be different for the reasons that
11 he did mention.

12 MR. SHIRAKH: Again, having the same EDR
13 score in San Diego and Palm Springs does not mean
14 that those houses are going to be exactly the
15 same. That is not true.

16 MR. MEYER: And also, just one of the
17 reasons that I think Mazi and others have thought
18 of when focusing on, you know, having similar EDR
19 scores in the different climate zones, you know,
20 taking out the extreme ones, is there are going
21 to be jurisdictions, there are going to be
22 entities who are going to be dealing with this
23 across different climate zones, and we want to
24 simplify that as much as possible.

25 Having, you know, a jurisdiction who is

1 dealing with two different climate zones and
2 having different targets or different metrics on
3 that, would be more complicated.

4 But one of our goals in 2019 is to
5 simplify this as much as possible to make it as
6 easy for people to comply, and is as easy to
7 enforce as possible.

8 So, I mean, that's just something to keep
9 in mind when you're making your comments. We do
10 understand that there's different ways we could
11 have gone here. But one of the requests we've
12 gotten over and over is to keep things simple,
13 maximize people's ability to enforce and comply
14 with the different parts of our standards.

15 So, thank you.

16 MR. SHEWMAKER: So, online we had a
17 question from Pierre Delforge. "CEC had
18 mentioned at the April 20th workshop that it was
19 considering allowing local jurisdictions to set a
20 societal cost of carbon. And to account for this
21 SCC in the performance path in the compliance
22 software. What are the CEC's plans with
23 including SCC in CalGREEN?"

24 MR. STRAIT: This is Peter Strait with
25 the California Energy Commission. CalGREEN is

1 about adopting some framework for local
2 jurisdictions to voluntarily adopt energy
3 efficiency standards that are more stringent than
4 ours.

5 So, in terms of the code language that we
6 adopt there wouldn't be those topics reflected in
7 code language given that's not what -- I mean,
8 given what we put into CalGREEN.

9 Now, if there are local jurisdictions
10 that want to adopt a local ordinance based on a
11 societal cost of carbon, there's nothing in
12 CalGREEN that says that they cannot do that. But
13 it's not what the language in CalGREEN is there
14 to do.

15 MR. PENNINGTON: So, Pierre, this is Bill
16 Pennington. So, you're correct I think the
17 statement was made on the April 20th workshop.
18 And the staff has been looking into this issue.
19 We haven't reached closure on the question, so we
20 didn't include it as a proactive recommendation
21 today. But we're not done with the question.

22 MR. SHEWMAKER: So, we've got another
23 comment online from Tanya Hernandez. Tanya, I'm
24 going to unmute you, now, if you can state your
25 name and affiliation.

1 MS. HERNANDEZ: Hi, can you hear me?

2 MS. NEUMANN: Yes, we can.

3 MS. HERNANDEZ: Okay, great. So, I'm
4 Tanya Hernandez with Acuity Brands. I had a
5 question about the slide regarding outdoor
6 lighting. I believe it has a limit of 3,000
7 Kelvin for outdoor lighting, is that correct? It
8 went by really quickly.

9 MS. NEUMANN: That's correct, yes.

10 MS. HERNANDEZ: Okay. So, most outdoor
11 lighting is 3,000, 4,000 Kelvin level, and so the
12 concern is knowing that the IES has put out a
13 position paper, basically disagreeing with the
14 AMA report. We're wondering what research was
15 used to come to the conclusion that 3,000 Kelvin
16 should be included in the standard as a limit?

17 MR. STRAIT: So, this is Peter Strait
18 with the California Energy Commission.

19 We're seeing a building consensus that --
20 I'm sorry, no pun intended, that too much blue
21 light in the outdoor environment at night is
22 harmful. That is it creates disruptive effects
23 to residents trying to sleep, to wildlife if
24 there's wild areas nearby.

25 We aren't -- we're still watching this

1 evolve. We understand that the exact number
2 might settle someplace slightly different. We
3 are, for this reason, proposing now 3,000 K which
4 seems to have been a common thing that's been
5 circulated. We've seen folks pushing for 2,700.
6 We've seen folks pushing higher.

7 I think we can agree that probably a lot
8 of 7,000 Kelvin lighting might be disruptive.
9 And, in any case, this is an advice to local
10 jurisdictions. If a local jurisdiction wants to
11 adopt a Tier 1 requirement and instead specify
12 4,000 Kelvin, based on whatever the research
13 looks like by that point in the future that would
14 be allowable under the code.

15 So, we're looking at 3,000 K as a
16 starting point based on the literature that's out
17 there at the moment. We're not conducting any
18 independent or additional research as a part of
19 what we're doing here. We're simply keeping an
20 eye on and reviewing other information as it's
21 published by different organizations.

22 MS. HERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. So,
23 we'll be sure to comment. Thank you.

24 MR. STRAIT: Thank you.

25 MR. SHEWMAKER: Then we have one last

1 comment. This may be carryover from the previous
2 presentation, but Jon McHugh, I'm going to go
3 ahead and unmute you, now, if you have a comment
4 or a question?

5 MR. MCHUGH: I think that's leftover from
6 last time, thank you.

7 MR. SHEWMAKER: All right.

8 MS. NEUMANN: So, no more questions?

9 MR. SHEWMAKER: That's it for the online
10 questions.

11 MS. NEUMANN: And no more in the room.

12 MR. MEYER: Okay, I'd just like to thank
13 everyone. Just one final thing that sort of came
14 up more as a focus this year when we're talking
15 about Reach Codes, and things of that nature that
16 we wanted just to make sort of clear from the
17 Energy Commission's standpoint. As Ingrid
18 pointed out that when a local ordinance is
19 adopted and it comes to the Energy Commission, we
20 are not technically approving the entirety of
21 that local ordinance.

22 We're acting as experts on energy
23 efficiency and we're basically -- we're making a
24 finding that that proposed ordinance is
25 diminution of energy consumption compared with

1 Title 24 Part 6.

2 You know, we do require that they go
3 through a CEQA process and they tell us that
4 they've done that. That they do a cost
5 effectiveness study as part of their application.

6 But we are not reviewing and sort of fact
7 checking the other analysis in there. We're
8 focusing on making a finding that it's a
9 reduction of energy consumption. Because by the
10 time it comes to us it's already gone through a
11 local process and been approved. They're just
12 looking at our findings so that they can actually
13 enforce that.

14 So, that's just something that, just to
15 be clear, there's still an expectation that the
16 local jurisdiction do the appropriate analysis on
17 cost effectiveness and the other aspects of what
18 they're proposing in a local ordinance.

19 But just for that, I just want to say
20 thank you to everyone for coming out and
21 participating, those here and on the phone. Your
22 participation makes these events worthwhile and
23 very productive for us.

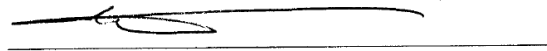
24 And also want to thank Chris and Michael
25 for helping us run this. It went smoothly. And

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