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California needs to require building electrification

I'm in south/central CA. Our region strongly supports building electrification. Santa Barbara County supervisors and local city councils, such as those in Goleta, have asked the CEC to including building electrification requirement in Title 24 updates for 2022. Ventura County just passed a general plan calling for a building electrification reach code. The city of Santa Barbara passed a strategic energy plan last year called for a building electrification reach code as well, though implementation has been slowed by COVID. It would be easier for these jurisdictions if California would just update state building codes.

If we are to meet California's carbon reduction goals and help stave off further global warming that is causing unprecedented wildfire destruction in our state, we have to stop building fossil-fuel infrastructure, including reliance on natural gas. 90% of SoCalGas is imported from other states, mostly fracked gas from TX and NM transported a thousand miles and with methane releases part of the problem. Getting off of gas will reduce GHG pollution, provide healthier homes by reducing indoor air pollution and lower costs. Energy-efficient electric appliances are cheaper to run and its less expensive to build without gas connections. It's a win-win to build all-electric. Let's do it 2022.