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Ban Gas in New Buildings

The CEC's current proposal only requires electrification of a single electric appliance "either an electric heat pump water heater or an electric heat pump space heater . . . but, and even more disheartening, which of these appliances will be electric will be . . . the appliance that would use the least energy in a given climate zone.

To put into context, for new construction based in San Diego, the code would use a heat pump space heater for the new code standard instead of a heat pump water heater. A typical home in San Diego burns between 4 to 5 times more gas for water heating than space heating. Hence, the San Diego home could still be built with polluting gas dominating the fueling for appliances