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January 8, 2024

Attn: Mr. Drew Bohan
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-37
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: California Energy Code Approval Requested: City of Santa Cruz Ordinance No. 2023-12

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the Santa Cruz City Council has adopted amendments to the 2022 Edition of the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards Code via Ordinance No. 2023-12, enclosed.

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 25402.1 (h)2 and Section 10-106 of the Building Energy Efficiency Standards, this package of materials includes the City of Santa Cruz' proposed local ordinance requiring more stringent energy requirements than those set by California's 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Title 24, Part 6. The ordinance was adopted by the Santa Cruz City Council on November 28, 2023 and will become effective following approval by the California Energy Commission.

Please find the following materials enclosed:

- Att. 1: This cover letter
- Att. 2: Staff report to the Santa Cruz City Council outlining the goals of the updated building standards
- Att. 3: Signed Ordinance No. 2023-12, which adopts updates to the City's Building Ordinance, including requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for residential and nonresidential new construction, additions, and alterations. This provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.
- Att. 4a-c: Cost effectiveness studies demonstrating the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in the City of Santa Cruz/ Climate Zone 3.
- Att. 5: Evidence of CEQA compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption.
- Att. 6: A letter from the Chief Building Official to the Executive Director of the CEC about the changes to building standards.

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The City will continue to enforce Title 24, Part 6, as well as the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance will require buildings to consume no more energy than is permitted by Title 24, Part 6. The proposed standards are more protective of the environment than the State standards, and there are no reasonably foreseeable adverse impacts, and so there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. As the lead agency, the City has also determined that this activity is exempt from CEQA under section 15061(b)(3).

If you have any questions, please contact me at twise-west@santacruzca.gov or (831) - 420 -5433.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany Wise-West".

Dr. Tiffany Wise-West, P.E.
Sustainability and Resiliency Officer