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1 Earth HERS Raters

With respect to considerations for changing the title of “HERS Raters”, we believe that it would prove to be very helpful if the title of a Title 24 Compliance Verifier (i.e. HERS Rater) was more closely aligned with its role and function. The title of “[Energy Code Compliance Inspector](#)” increases the visibility of the energy code and, as importantly, it increases awareness to the fact that there are project specific requirements that are associated with the Energy Code. It also serves to announce to all parties (Designers, Implementers (i.e. Contractors), Home Owners, and Project Developers) that some sort of formal examination pertaining specifically to matters regulated by the California Energy Code will be required. Inclusion of the word “**Inspector**” in the title is critical to this end. Including the word “Inspector” would not infer that this specifically identified function of verifying compliance with energy code requirements would supersede the role or function of any building department official. References that include the word “Rater”, such as Energy Code Compliance “Rater”, fail to distinguish the remarkably different role that a California HERS Rater currently fulfills when compared to the nationally recognized role of a “HERS Rater” which is limited to conducting residential energy audits, limited diagnostic testing, and other things that are important, but entirely different in effect.

We respectfully request that the moniker “HERS Rater”, as it is currently referred to within the State of California, be hereafter referred to as “Energy Code Compliance Inspector”.