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July 25, 2024

Mr. Drew Bohan, Executive Director
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California Energy Commission Approval Requested: Local Amendment to the California Building Standards Code – Town of Corte Madera Ordinance No. 1040

Dear Mr. Bohan,

Please be advised that the Corte Madera Town Council has adopted amendments to the 2022 Edition of the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards Code via Ordinance No. 1040, 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 Town of Corte Madera's 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 at a public meeting of the Corte Madera Town Council on July 16, 2024, where it was found to be cost effective based on a cost effectiveness study prepared by the California Energy Codes and Standards team. The ordinance 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 Corte Madera Town Council outlining the goals of the updated building standards.
- Att. 3: Signed Ordinance No. 1040, which adopts updates to the Town's building standards, including requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for certain residential additions and alterations. The amended reach standards use a flexible compliance pathway as developed by the California Energy Codes & Standards Team. The ordinance also outlines the ordinance's CEQA exemption under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §1506(b)(3) and provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.

- Att. 4a,b: Cost effectiveness studies for Existing Single-Family upgrades that demonstrate the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the single-family flexible compliance pathway ordinance in the Town of Corte Madera (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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at pgoulden@cortemadera.gov or (628) 258-0327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phoebe Goulden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Phoebe Goulden
Climate Action and Adaptation Coordinator
Town of Corte Madera