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March 26, 2025

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 Nos. 2024-21 and 2025-04

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 Nos. 2024-21 and 2025-04, enclosed. The City of Santa Cruz adopted Ordinance No. 2025-04 to fix typos in Table 150.0-J of Ordinance No. 2024-21. Both ordinances together represent the current and complete amendments to the 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Code and are individually attached to this submittal as Attachments 3 and 4.

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's proposed local ordinance which will result in buildings that consume less energy than they would under California's 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards Title 24, Part 6. Ordinance 2024-21 and Ordinance 2025-04 were adopted by the Santa Cruz City Council at public meetings on December 10, 2024 and March 11, 2025, respectively, and will become effective following approval by the California Energy Commission.

Please find the following materials enclosed:

- Att. 1: This cover letter
- Att. 2: Agenda report to the Santa Cruz City Council outlining the goals of the updated building standards
- Att. 3: Ordinance No. 2024-21, which adopts updates to the City's Building Ordinance, including requirements for energy reach standards beyond Title 24, Part 6 baseline for single family residential additions, and alterations. This provides clear requirements that buildings be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Part 6.

Att. 1: Cover Letter

- Att. 4: Ordinance No.2025-04, which contains corrected typos to table 150.0-J of Ordinance No. 2024-21.
- Att. 5: Cost effectiveness results summary demonstrating the expected energy savings and the cost effectiveness of the ordinance in the City of Santa Cruz/Climate Zone 3.
- Att. 6a: Evidence of CEQA compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption (Ordinance No. 2024-21).
- Att. 6b: Evidence of CEQA compliance through the attached Notice of Exemption (Ordinance No. 2025-04).

The City will continue to enforce Title 24, Part 6, as well as the proposed local amendments in Attachments 3 and 4. The City, with the support of the California Statewide Codes and Standards Reach Code Program, has performed cost effectiveness analyses and attached in Attachment 5 as required by the California Energy Commission for the local amendments to the California Energy Code. City of Santa Cruz determined at public meetings on December 10, 2024, and March 11, 2025 that the locally adopted amendments to the energy efficiency standards contained in Ordinance Nos. 24-21 and 2025-04 are cost-effective.

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