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# Transmittal Letter to the California Energy Commission

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Please accept the County of Alameda 's application for approval of a solar reach code.

The attached ordinance was adopted by the County Board of Supervisors at a regularly scheduled meeting on April 17, 2018.

The Board has adopted express findings that the ordinance is cost-effective based on a cost-effectiveness study commission by PG&E, and is necessary due to local changes in rainfall patterns expected with climate change, the County of Alameda may be subject to more severe weather events, including droughts, as well as more intense storms that increase the risks of wildfire, erosion, overland local flooding and landslides; and the proposed amendments have been determined to provide positive net benefits to new single family and low-rise multifamily residential construction within the County of Alameda based on a study of the specific requirements as they apply to the County of Alameda's particular climate zones.

As the Chief Building Official, I have determined that the Ordinance will not require buildings to consume more energy than permitted by the current California Energy Code. I will continue to enforce the California Energy Code and will work with staff involved in energy plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards, including special training as needed which focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of local energy standards.

Additionally, the Board found that, under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, there is no

possibility that the implementation of the ordinance will have a significant negative impact on the environment and is thus exempt from the requirements of CEQA.

Please approve the enclosed ordinance pursuant to Public Resources Code Subsection 25402.1(h)(2).

Sincerely,



**Alan Tam, P.E. LEED A.P.**  
**Building Official**

Attachments

1. Ordinance
2. Board Letter (if findings are not in the ordinance)
3. Cost-effectiveness Study