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Application for Locally Adopted Energy Standards by the City of Novato in Accordance with Section 10-106 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1

The city of Novato submitted an application for their locally adopted Energy Efficiency Standards to the California Energy Commission on February 1, 2016. Energy Commission staff will review and evaluate the proposed application as it relates to the 2016 California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-106. The review of the application will determine if the application is complete and includes all the supporting information necessary to meet the requirements of Section 10-106

Purpose

At its regular meeting on November 29, 2016, the Novato City Council conducted a public hearing and approved a local energy ordinance in accordance with Section 10-106 of the California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1. At this meeting, the City Council determined that mandating the ordinance was cost-effective.

The ordinance requires that all residential occupancies are built to be more energy efficient than required by the *2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards* (2016 Standards) by meeting the voluntary CALGreen Tier 1 requirements for new residential occupancies.

The city of Novato submitted its application with the following:

- A copy of the signed ordinance which, among its provisions, includes requirements that constitute a local energy ordinance beyond the baseline energy code.
- A staff report containing statements and analyses that conclude the proposed energy standards within the ordinance are cost-effective and will not require buildings to consume more energy than permitted by the current California Energy Code, and that includes evidence that the ordinance was approved at a noticed public meeting.
- A cost-effectiveness study with supporting analysis showing how the energy savings was determined and that the proposed standards are cost-effective.

Background

The California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-106, specifies that energy standards for newly constructed buildings, additions, alterations, and repairs to existing buildings may be adopted by local government agencies provided that the Energy Commission finds that the standards will require buildings to be designed to consume no more energy than permitted by Title 24, Part 6.

Public Comments

Written comments should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on April 10, 2017. If you wish to submit comments on the proposal, please submit them using the e-commenting feature on the Energy Commission's webpage at

https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=16-BSTD-07. A full name, email address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (.doc, .docx, or .pdf format) is mandatory. After a challenge response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer, click on the "Agree & Submit Your Comment" button to submit the comment to the Commission Dockets Unit.

You are encouraged to use the electronic filing system, described above, to submit comments. If you are unable to submit electronically, a paper copy of your comments, including the docket number 16-BSTD-07 and indicating "City of Novato, Proposed Local Ordinance" may be sent to:

Docket Unit
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The proposal and supporting materials can be downloaded at www.energy.ca.gov/title24/2016standards/ordinances/.