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*IN THE MATTER OF:*

*Mechanical Acceptance Test Technician
Implementation Proceedings*

Docket No. 20-ATTCP-01

NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: Mechanical acceptance test
technician certification implementation.

Notice of Staff Workshop
January 12, 2021
10:00 a.m.
Remote Access Only

The California Energy Commission (CEC), will host a remote-access workshop to discuss the staff report which provides the necessary evidence, background, and implementation plan to allow the CEC to require any person performing a mechanical acceptance test required by the Building Energy Efficiency Standards to be certified as an acceptance test technician.

The workshop will be held remotely, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders. Instructions for remote participation via Zoom are below.

Agenda

CEC staff will provide a presentation regarding the following:

- Acceptance testing required by the Building Energy Efficiency Standards
- The acceptance test technician certification provider program
- Acceptance test technician certification
- Implementation requirements specified by the Building Energy Efficiency Standards
- Other issues or concerns raised
- Implementation plan

Background

Before an acceptance test technician certification is required to perform mechanical acceptance testing, Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-103.2(b) requires the CEC to find that the following conditions are met:

1. There is a minimum of 300 certified acceptance test technicians statewide [Section 10-103.2(b)1A].
2. Eligible professions have reasonable access to the requisite training to become a certified acceptance test technician [Section 10-103.2(b)2].

Staff requested all necessary information from the mechanical acceptance test technician certification providers to verify that the threshold requirements [Section 10-103.2(b)] have been met. There are currently 364 certified acceptance test technicians capable of performing all the required acceptance tests listed in Section 120.5 of the Energy Code and all eligible professions have reasonable access to the certification training.

The following additional concerns raised by staff and stakeholders at workshops held in February 2017 and July 2019 must also be addressed:

1. Every county in California should have access to an adequate number of acceptance test technicians to perform all the required mechanical acceptance tests.
2. Currently, there are too few technicians seeking certification because it is not yet a requirement.
3. Stakeholders are concerned that the CEC may delay the implementation of the certification requirement if small counties that don't have a significant amount of nonresidential construction are not prepared even when larger building markets in California (such as the Bay Area or Los Angeles area) may be ready to proceed.
4. Stakeholders are concerned that some local jurisdictions will not enforce the certification requirement, which would put those contractors who are certified at a disadvantage during the bidding process.

Staff proposes to address all remaining concerns through an outreach and education implementation plan phased in to communicate with all building departments, builders, engineers, and architects licensed in California. Staff will ask the CEC to approve the compliance of the threshold requirements and the staff propose implementation plan at the March 2021 Business Meeting.

The CEC must give formal approval to enforce the requirement for certified acceptance test technicians to perform the mechanical acceptance tests required by the Building Energy Efficiency Standards [Title 24, Part 1, Section 10-103.2(b)]. Given the complexity of the minimum requirements themselves and the concerns raised, staff prepared this report for the CEC to consider and approve by resolution. Staff will prepare a public workshop, revise the initial staff

report as necessary and address all comments, and produce all documents necessary for a business meeting approval (March 2021).

Public Comment

Oral and written comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including associations, address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

Oral Comments: Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. See detailed instructions below.

Written comments: Written Comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021.**

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Docket Unit, MS-4
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Remote Attendance

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<https://energy.zoom.us/j/92955854146?pwd=Q1hvSHE4MmU5YVR4dXlWeTlFS01LQT09>

Meeting ID: 929 5585 4146.

Meeting password: 306762

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at docket number [20-ATTCP-01](#) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=20-ATTCP-01>

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