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California Energy Commission
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Re: CA Energy Commissions approval of the City of Petaluma's adoption of 2010 CalGreen with mandatory Tier One requirements

On November 15, 2010 the City of Petaluma City Counsel introduced and approved a resolution adopting all of the 2010 Title 24 (Building) codes. As part of this resolution the Counsel made mandatory the Tier One requirements of the 2010 CalGreen Code. The Council adopted the ordinance at second reading at the City Counsel meeting held on Dec 6, 2010

The benefit of increases in energy efficiency and lower energy usage was reviewed and discussed by the Counsel during both of these meetings. After this discussion the Counsel adopted the 2010 CalGreen Code and made the Tier One requirements mandatory rather than voluntary.

A cost analysis, developed by Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), was submitted with the ordinance and reviewed by the Counsel as part of the approval process. A copy of this study is submitted with this letter to the Energy Commission.

We would like to express to you our firm commitment to have the City of Petaluma enforce the 2010 Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards as part of the implementation of 2010 CalGreen Code at the Tier One level. CalGreen Tier One will require all new buildings to be designed to consume 15% less energy than permitted by 2010 California Title 24 part 6 (Energy Code).

As the Building Official, I will continue to work with my staff involved with energy plan review and field inspection to improve their working knowledge of the energy standards. This includes special training as needed which focuses on enforcement of the energy standards and the special requirements of CalGreen Tier One.

No Tier One requirement will alleviate any requirement to meet the State of California's Title 24 Energy Code requirements. Specifically, no building permit shall be issued to any project subject to 2010 CalGreen Code that will allow any construction that is less stringent than the California Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, Part 6) of the California Building Code.

I trust that this letter satisfies any concerns about the California Energy Commission's approval of the City of Petaluma's request to make 2010 CalGreen Tier One requirements mandatory.

If you have any questions about this request please feel free to contact me at 707-778-4306 or at EHamer@ci.petaluma.ca.us

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