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California Climate Zones

All energy calculations used for compliance with the Energy Code must use the climate zone applicable to a building project. The climate zone is determined based on its physical location as it relates to the determinations of climate regions found in the California Energy Commission's publication, *California Climate Zone Descriptions*, which contains detailed survey definitions of the 16 climate zones.

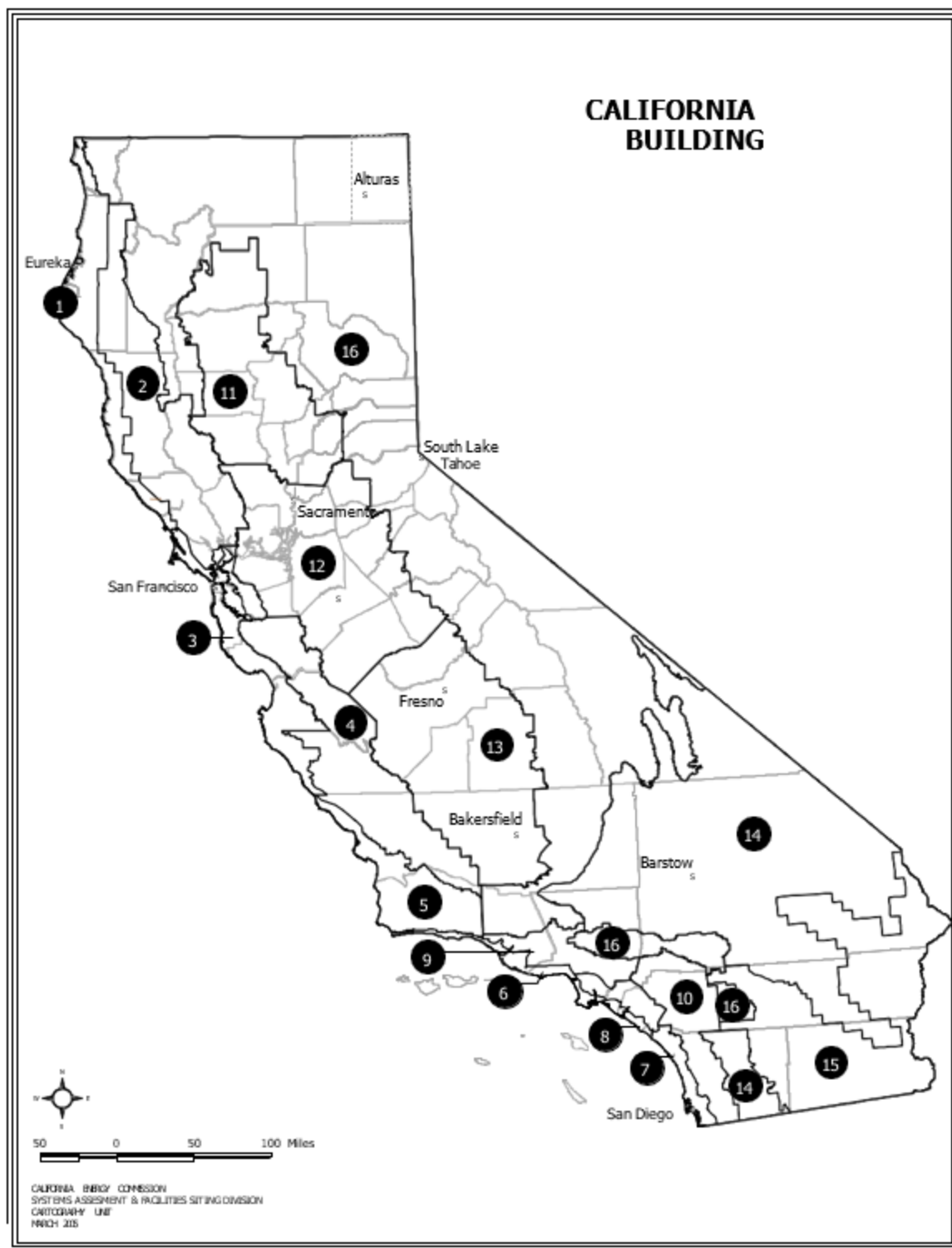
The [list of climate zones by ZIP code](#) is located on the CEC website here,

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/climate-zone-tool-maps-and>.

The CEC has also developed an interactive climate zone lookup tool that allows users to locate climate zone by address or ZIP code. The lookup tool is located here,

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/climate-zone-tool-maps-and>.

Figure C-1: California Climate Zones



Source: California Energy Commission