



Item 7: Amendments to Building Energy Use Benchmarking and Disclosure Program Regulations - 25-OIR-01

November 12, 2025 Business Meeting

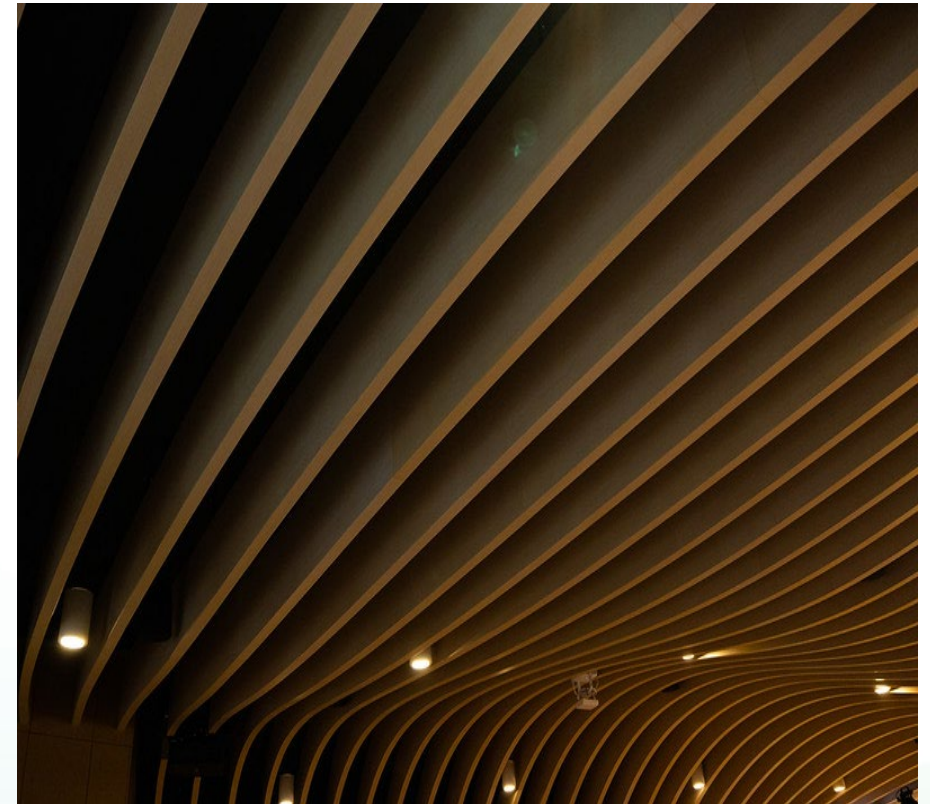
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Purpose

Benchmarking Program Regulation Amendments:

- Address unforeseen circumstances
- Extend reporting deadlines
- Request exemptions/extensions



Source: CEC



Benefit to Californians

The Benchmarking Program:

- Energy efficiency for large existing buildings
- Foundation for building energy performance monitoring

Proposed Amendments:

- Introduce flexibility to address circumstances such as the Southern California fires



Benchmarking Background

- **2015** – Assembly Bill 802
 - Utility companies must provide energy usage data to owners
 - Defined a “Covered building”
 - Mandated the Benchmarking Program regulations
- **2018** – Regulations adopted and start of commercial reporting
- **2019** – Start of multifamily reporting
- **2023** – Senate Bill 48
 - Added to definition of “Covered building”, greater than 50k square feet
- **2024** – Assembly Bill 102
 - Focus on compliance and enforcement



Proposed Amendments

- Add Definitions:
 - Substantial Destruction or Destroyed
 - Unforeseen Circumstances
- Add Exemptions and Extensions:
 - Executive Director application
 - Applicable to single property or geographic area
 - Building owners can apply
 - Define approval submission requirements





Activity Overview

Activity	Dates (2025)
Regulatory Language Development & Review	June 15 – August 19
Public Workshop	October 13
Public Comment Period (10-day)	October 14 – October 25
Business Meeting for proposed adoption	November 12



Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends adoption of the proposed resolution:

- Amendments to Building Energy Use Benchmarking and Disclosure Program.
- Staff's determination that this action is exempt from CEQA.