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Executive Summary

Introduction

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Code Change Description

Short summary of *Section 2. Measure Description***.**

Scope of Work

[Measure Name] will modify the following Energy Code sections, reference appendices and supporting documents listed in Table 1. List the sections that will need to be modified in order to accommodate the proposed measure in the “Energy Code Section(s)” column. In the “Regulation Type(s)” column use “M” indicating if the proposed measures are mandatory requirements, “Ps” indicating prescriptive requirements, or “Pm” indicating requirements in the performance modeling approach. List multiple if applicable. In the remaining columns, place any anticipated modifications needed to accommodate the proposed measure in the Energy Code Reference Appendices, Energy Code Modeling Tools (e.g., CBECC), Energy Code Forms by form number, or other Energy Code Supporting Documents (e.g., Compliance Manuals or Alternative Calculation Methods Reference Manal). Insert “N/A” if the proposed code change will not result in a modification. Use bullets and be as brief as possible. This is a summary of affected areas, not what those affects are.

Table 1: Code Change Scope of Work

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Energy Code Section(s) | Regulation Type(s): M, Ps, or Pm | Reference Appendices | ModelingTools | Forms | Other Supporting Documents |
| Section XXX.XX |  |  |  |  |  |

An (M) indicates mandatory requirements, (Ps) Prescriptive, (Pm) Performance.

Compliance and Enforcement

Short summary of *Section 2.4 Compliance and Enforcement*.

Market Assessment

Short summary of *Section 3. Market and* Economic Analysis*.*

Cost-effectiveness

Short summary of *Section 4. Cost-effectiveness.* Table 2 summarizes the estimated benefits, costs and resulting Benefit-Cost Ratios (BCR) by California climate zone for the proposed measures.

Table 2: Cost-effectiveness Summary

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Climate Zone | Benefit: Total Incremental LSC Savings and Other Savings(PV$) | Cost: Total Incremental First Costs and Maintenance Costs(PV$) | Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) |
| Climate Zone 1 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 2 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 3 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 4 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 5 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 6 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 7 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 8 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 9 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 10 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 11 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 12 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 13 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 14 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 15 |  |  |  |
| Climate Zone 16 |  |  |  |

Statewide Energy Impacts

Short summary of *Section 5. Statewide Energy Impacts.*Tables 3 and 4 summarize the estimated statewide energy and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions savings for the first year that the proposed measure is implemented.

Table 3: Estimated Statewide Energy Savings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | First Year Statewide Electricity Savings(GWh) | First Year Statewide Power Demand Reduction(MW) | First Year Statewide Natural Gas Savings(Million Therms) | First Year Statewide Electricity LSC Savings(PV$) | First Year Statewide Natural Gas LSC Savings(PV$) |
| Sub-measure 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sub-measure 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 4: Estimated Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emission Savings

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | First Year StatewideGHG Emission Savings(MT CO2e/year) | First Year StatewideGHG Emissions Savings(PV$) |
| Sub-measure 1 |  |  |
| Sub-measure 2  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |

Acronyms

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Acronym | Definition |
| ACM | Alternate Calculation Method |
| AP-42 | USEPA's Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors |
| BCR | Benefit-Cost Ratio |
| BCZ | Building Climate Zone |
| BEM | Building Energy Modeling |
| BTU | British Thermal Units |
| Cal/OSHA | California Department of Occupational Safety and Public Health |
| CAMX | Western Electricity Coordinating Council California & Mexico Subregion |
| CARB | California Air Resources Board |
| CBECC | California Building Energy Code Compliance software |
| CBECC-Res | California Building Energy Code Compliance software for single-family buildings |
| CEC | California Energy Commission |
| CEQA | California Environmental Quality Act |
| CPUC | California Public Utilities Commission |
| CZ | California Climate Zone |
| EIR | Environmental Impact Report |
| FCZ | Forecast Climate Zone |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gas |
| GWh | Gigawatt-Hour |
| HVAC | Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning |
| IECC | International Energy Conservation Code |
| IOU | Investor Owned Utility |
| KBTU | Thousands of British Thermal Units |
| kWh | Kilowatt-Hour |
| kWh/year | Kilowatt-Hour Per Year |
| MG | Million Gallons of Water |
| MMT CO2e | Million Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent |
| MTCO2e | Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent |
| MW | Megawatt |
| NAICS | North American Industry Classification System |
| PV$ | Present Value Dollars |
| RPS | Renewable Portfolio Standard |
| SDD | Standards Data Dictionary |
| SOC | Standard Occupational Classification |
| LSC | Long-term System Cost (30-year $) |
| WECC | Western Electricity Coordinating Council |
| Insert your acronyms | Define your acronyms |

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# Measure Description

Describe the proposed measure or change and how it applies to buildings regulated by the Energy Code. Explain if this is a modification to existing regulations or an entirely new measure. If the proposed measure is a modification to existing regulations, identify which section(s) of the Energy Code will be impacted. Explain how the measure meets the definition of energy efficiency and explain how the measure does not disallow the installation of federally covered products. Describe the building types or systems where the change/measure would most likely apply. Describe where the measure is most appropriate geographically. If the proposed measure impacts or takes content from other buildings standards (e.g., ASHRAE 90.1 or IECC), please describe how. Provide any other important details.

## Measure Modifications to Energy Code Documents

This section provides descriptions of how the proposed measure will affect each Energy Code document. See *Section 7. Proposed Code Language* of this report for detailed revisions to code language.

### Energy Code Change Summary

Identify the section(s) of the Energy Code that will be affected by the proposed measure(s). Briefly describe the change. If the proposed measure will not modify Energy Code language, please explain why.

**Examples**

**SECTION 150.0 – MANDATORY FEATURES AND DEVICES**

**Subsection 150.0(a):** The proposed regulations add insulation requirements for attic access doors to minimize the heat transfer between the unconditioned attic and the conditioned house. This reduces the energy use of residential buildings. This requirement cost-effectively increases the stringency of the Energy Code, thereby minimizing the energy use of residential buildings, which in turn improves the state’s economic and environmental health.

**Subsection 150.0(c):** The proposed regulations add an exception to the wall insulation requirements for existing walls that are already adequately insulated.

**Subsection 150.0(f):** The proposed regulations remove the language for air retarder wraps because it is duplicative with the revised subsection (150.0(g)) for vapor retarders.

**Subsection 150.1(a):** The proposed regulations change the basis of all climate zones from metes and bounds to postal zip codes. Using a zip code basis rather than the metes and bounds used in previous version of the Energy Code will make it easier for building owners and energy consultants to comply with, and for building officials to enforce, the Energy Code.

**Subsection 150.1(b):** The proposed regulations delete existing language that is extraneous and simplify the explanations of the energy budgets used in the performance approach.

### Reference Appendices Change Summary

Identify the section(s) of the Energy Code Reference Appendices that will be affected by the proposed measure(s). Briefly describe the change. If the proposed measure will not modify Energy Code Reference Appendices, please explain why.

**Examples**

**JA4 - U-factor, C-factor, and Thermal Mass Data:** The proposed regulations add, modify, and delete data to reflect the updated Energy Code language. JA4 is no longer used by either the residential or nonresidential compliance software so many of the existing entries are eliminated. Only the heat transfer data for assemblies relevant to the prescriptive compliance approach are now included in this appendix.

**JA5 – Reference Design for Upgradeable Setback Thermostats:** The proposed regulations would add this appendix to support the new mandatory requirements for thermostats.

**JA6 – HVAC Fault Detection and Diagnostic Technology:** The proposed regulations expand this appendix to include both charge indicator display and saturation pressure measurement sensor specifications. The new title of this appendix reflects this scope expansion. The specifications for the Saturation Pressure Measurement Sensors (SPMS) are provided as a substitution for the existing refrigerant pressure diagnostic technology, such that a non-intrusive procedure for a rater to access the refrigerant pressure measurements during the refrigerant charge verification procedure is available.

### Compliance Manuals Change Summary

Identify the section(s) of the Energy Code Compliance Manuals that will be affected by the proposed measure(s). Briefly describe the change. If the proposed measure will not modify Compliance Manuals, please explain why.

### ACM Reference Manuals Change Summary

Identify the section(s) of the Alternative Calculation Methods (ACM) Reference Manuals that will be affected by the proposed measure(s). Briefly describe the change. If the proposed measure will not modify ACM Reference Manuals, please explain why.

### Compliance Forms Change Summary

Identify the specific Energy Code Compliance Documents (forms) that will be affected by the proposed measure(s). Briefly describe the change. If the proposed measure will not modify compliance forms, please explain why.

## Measure Context

### Comparable Model Code or Standard

Explain if the proposed measure is already included in other similar model building codes or technical standards (e.g., ASHRAE 62.2, ASHRAE 90.1, ASHRAE 189.1, IECC).

### Conflicts with Other Regulations or Certifications

Explain if there are any known federal, state, or local regulatory requirements that address the same topic as the proposed change. Specify how the proposed measure is not duplicative of, and not in conflict with, applicable federal, state, or local regulations. Explain if there are any other known codes, standards or certification programs that are in conflict with the proposed measure.

## Compliance and Enforcement

Discuss the feasibility of compliance and enforcement for the proposed measure. Specify if field verification or diagnostic testing is required to ensure success of the proposed measure. If known, explain if the proposed measure will increase or decrease burden on those responsible for ensuring compliance with the building code. If known, explain if the proposed measure will result in increased or decreased compliance transactions costs.

# Market and Economic Analysis

For the proposed measure, this section provides the author’s assessment of product availability, incremental cost, potential market size, and potential economic and fiscal impacts to the state – including potential impacts on the creation or elimination of jobs in the state.

## Market Structure and Availability

Describe the manufacturers, suppliers and installers of the appliance or building systems used in the proposed measure. Specify if the appliance and or building systems can be manufactured, supplied, and installed by more than one party. Comment on the current ability of the market to supply the proposed measure in response to the possible Energy Code change and the potential for the market to ramp up to meet demand associated with the possible Energy Code change. If the measure needs further development and refinement in response to possible Energy Code changes, comment on if the measure will be available from several manufacturers by the effective date of the Energy Code. Identify competing products or possible patent restrictions.

## Design and Construction Practices

Describe the current best practices for designing and constructing the proposed measure. If known, explain if the proposed measure impacts current design and construction best practices, such as impacts to physical space, electrical service needs, aesthetics, and occupant comfort. If known, also explain any potential impacts to health and safety, such as impacts to structural and seismic design, indoor air quality, moisture management, fire-resistance ratings, or other.

## Impacts on Market Actors

Explain how the proposed measure will affect builders, developers, building designers, building owners and occupants. Identify if this proposed measure will have a disproportionate impact on low-income communities, disadvantaged communities, or tribal communities. If negative impacts are anticipated, explain how these impacts might be mitigated.

## Impacts on Jobs and Businesses

Discuss the effect on employment within the State of California. Include the number of short-term and long-term jobs created and eliminated. Job creation and elimination outside of California should be described but does not need to be quantified. Include regional and industry specific effects and effects on small businesses. To the extent possible, separate these estimates by job classification using the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system from the Bureau of Labor Statistic (<http://www.bls.gov/soc/#materials>). When assessing the creation or elimination of businesses in California, there are a large number of factors to consider. Consider capital costs, maintenance costs, taxes, access to capital, labor supply, and any other relevant factors. Include the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code where possible for each type or specific business(es) assessed. (<http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>). Discuss the proposed measure’s effect on businesses within California in comparison to competing businesses in other states and across the globe where this measure would not be imposed. Again, include the NAICS where possible.

## Economic and Fiscal Impacts

Discuss specific economic impacts – costs and benefits – as a direct or indirect result of implementing the proposed measure. An economic assessment should evaluate economic impacts for individual projects, and for the State of California as a whole. A quantitative evaluation is highly preferred. If no quantitative information is available, we recommend a thorough qualitative description of the mechanics of the potential impacts with a bounding estimate of the likely impacts.

For the 2022 Energy Code update, the CEC commissioned an analysis of the economic impacts of the proposed 2022 Energy Code measures. That analysis can serve as an example and provides a detailed description of parameters and methodologies important to estimating economic and fiscal impacts to the state of California. The analysis is available here: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/GetDocument.aspx?tn=237722&DocumentContentId=70943>

## Cost of Compliance and Enforcement

Assume state and local government staffing is unavailable. Discuss the likely cost to the state to ensure compliance with the measures and enforce the proposed measures in the field, including any additional person years or new programs that must be developed. Discuss the likely costs to deliver broadly available training for the proposed measure.

# Cost-effectiveness

This section provides a summary of energy savings estimates, costs, and overall cost-effectiveness analysis for the proposed measure. Energy savings, costs, and cost effectiveness of proposed measures are assessed incrementally, meaning in comparison to the latest adopted version of the Energy Code. Best available data is used and references to those data sources are provided to clearly substantiate energy savings, costs, and cost effectiveness.

## Energy Savings Methodology

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## Energy Savings Results

List and describe the BEM tools you used to quantify energy savings results for the proposed measure. Explain what hourly factors were used to convert predicted site energy to LSC. Provide any additional detail explaining how the proposed measure conformed to the CEC’s written methodology for energy cost savings.

Summarize the prototypes that were used as the basis for predicting energy savings of the proposed measure, similar to Table 5. Single-family residential energy savings are calculated using three prototypes (500 ft2, 2,100 ft² and 2,700 ft²) which are available in CBECC-Res. Single-family residential results are weighted 2% for the 500 ft2 prototype, 42% for the 2,100 ft² prototype and 56% for the 2,700 ft² prototype. Multifamily savings are calculated based on multifamily prototypes in CBECC. Multifamily results are weighted Low-Rise Garden (4%), Loaded Corridor (33%), Mid-Rise Mixed Use (58%) and High-Rise Mixed Use (5%). Those weights are based on newly constructed building activity square footage. If a per-building weighting is more appropriate based on the proposed measure, then results should be weighted Low-Rise Garden (27%), Loaded Corridor (44%), Mid-Rise Mixed Use (58%) and High-Rise Mixed Use (2%).

Table 5: Prototype(s) Used for Energy, Cost, and Environmental Analysis

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Prototype ID | Occupancy Type(Residential, Retail, Office, etc.) | Floor Area(ft²) | Number of Stories | Statewide Floor Area(Million ft²) |
| Prototype 1 |  |  |  |  |
| Prototype 2 |  |  |  |  |
| Prototype 3 |  |  |  |  |
| Prototype 4 |  |  |  |  |
| Prototype 5 |  |  |  |  |

Summarize and discuss the LSC savings attributed to the proposed measure using a table similar to Table 6. If the proposed measure impacts more than one building prototype, fill out the table below for each prototype. If prototypes established by the CEC are not adequate for assessing proposed measures, state the reasons why and describe the alternate building prototype to assess the impacts. If the measure impacts more than one occupancy such as retail and office, provide information about each prototype used in the analysis.

Table 6: LSC Savings Over 30-Year Period of Analysis

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Climate Zone | 30-Year Electricity LSC Savings(PV$) | 30-Year Natural Gas LSC Savings(PV$) | 30-Year Total Energy LSC Savings(PV$) |
| 1 |  |  |  |
| 2 |  |  |  |
| 3 |  |  |  |
| 4 |  |  |  |
| 5 |  |  |  |
| 6 |  |  |  |
| 7 |  |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |
| 9 |  |  |  |
| 10 |  |  |  |
| 11 |  |  |  |
| 12 |  |  |  |
| 13 |  |  |  |
| 14 |  |  |  |
| 15 |  |  |  |
| 16 |  |  |  |

## Incremental First Cost

Explain how you determined the incremental cost of the proposed measure. Describe the interviews, cost databases, quotes, etc. used to develop the incremental cost estimate. If interviews were used, indicate how many people were contacted. Clearly state the source(s) you used for each assumption. If an interview script was used insert this as one of the appendices to this report. You might also summarize the minimum, maximum, and average values. This information will help readers interpret your results. The incremental construction cost represents the incremental cost of the measure in comparison to the latest adopted version of the Energy Code. Design costs are not included in the incremental first cost.

## Incremental Maintenance Costs

Explain how you determined the incremental maintenance cost of the proposed measure. The incremental maintenance cost is the incremental cost of replacing the equipment or parts of the equipment, as well as periodic maintenance required to keep the equipment operating relative to current practices over the period of analysis of 30 years. The present value of equipment and maintenance costs or savings is calculated using the following equation:

$$Present Value of Maintenance Cost=Maintenance Cost ×\left⌊\frac{1}{1+d}\right⌋^{n}$$

Where:
d = the discount rate of 3%
n = the number of periods of 30 years

Describe the effective useful life, frequency of replacement, and maintenance procedures related to the measure relative to the maintenance requirements for the baseline using reference publications, interviews, or other methods of documenting these values. Specify how long energy savings from the proposed measure will persist and if persistence will be improved with verification, proper maintenance and/or commissioning.

Identify the period between maintenance activities, including equipment replacements. Please provide referenceable data sources when specifying effective useful life of equipment.

If there is a net increase in the maintenance cost relative to existing conditions, then treat the incremental 30-year maintenance costs as incremental costs. If there is a net decrease in maintenance costs, then treat the 30-year maintenance cost savings as a benefit in the Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) analysis.

## Cost Effectiveness

Cost-effectiveness analysis is required to determine the economic impact of proposed measures over a 30-year period of analysis. This analysis must consider and include incremental energy savings for all impacted energy sources (electricity and natural gas), incremental first costs, and incremental maintenance costs over a 30-year period of analysis. Design costs and incremental costs associated with code compliance are not included in this analysis.

For purposes of the California Energy Code, a measure is cost-effective if the Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) is equal to or greater than 1.0. BCR is calculated by dividing the total present value cost benefits by the total present value costs.

Summarize cost-effectiveness results per unit and by applicable prototype in tables similar to Table 7. Describe the summary results and explicitly state whether we found the measure to be cost-effective in every climate zone or only is specific climate zones or specific applications.

If the measure does not propose mandatory or prescriptive requirements replace the previous paragraphs with, “This measure does not propose mandatory or prescriptive requirements. A cost-effectiveness analysis is not necessary because the measure is not proposed to be part of the baseline level of stringency.

Table 7: Cost-effectiveness Summary

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Climate Zone | Benefit: Total Incremental LSC Savings and Other Savings(PV$) | Cost: Total Incremental First Costs and Maintenance Costs(PV$) | Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) |
| CZ 1 |  |  |  |
| CZ 2 |  |  |  |
| CZ 3 |  |  |  |
| CZ 4 |  |  |  |
| CZ 5 |  |  |  |
| CZ 6 |  |  |  |
| CZ 7 |  |  |  |
| CZ 8 |  |  |  |
| CZ 9 |  |  |  |
| CZ 10 |  |  |  |
| CZ 11 |  |  |  |
| CZ 12 |  |  |  |
| CZ 13 |  |  |  |
| CZ 14 |  |  |  |
| CZ 15 |  |  |  |
| CZ 16 |  |  |  |

# Statewide Energy Impacts

This section provides the first year statewide savings of the proposed measure. This analysis is to help determine overall value of the proposed measure to the State of California, and not used to determine cost effectiveness of the proposed measure. To assist with this analysis a statewide new construction forecast was developed by the CEC for 2026, which is presented in more detail in *Appendix A: Statewide Savings Methodology*. The first year energy impacts represent the first year annual savings from all buildings forecasted to be completed in 2026.

## Statewide Energy and Energy Cost Savings

Summarize the estimated statewide energy savings in a table similar to Table 8.

Table 8: Estimated Statewide Energy Savings

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | First Year Statewide Electricity Savings(GWh) | First Year Statewide Power Demand Reduction(MW) | First Year Statewide Natural Gas Savings(Million Therms) | First Year Statewide Electricity LSC Savings(PV$) | First Year Statewide Natural Gas LSC Savings(PV$) |
| Sub-measure 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sub-measure 2  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |  |  |

## Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Savings

Using the appropriate hourly GHG Emissions hourly factors published by the CEC, summarize the estimated statewide greenhouse gas emissions savings in a table similar to Table 9.

Table 9: Estimated Statewide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Savings

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | First Year StatewideGHG Emission Savings(MT CO2e/year) | First Year StatewideGHG Emissions Savings(PV$) |
| Sub-measure 1 |  |  |
| Sub-measure 2  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |

## Statewide Water Savings

If the proposed measure results increased or decreased water use in the state, summarize the estimated water savings in a table similar to Table 10 and include any detailed assumptions used to support the analysis. Specify if the increased or decreased water use occurs indoors or outdoors. The following conversion factors can be used to determine embedded electricity savings from reduced or increased water use: 4,848 kWh/million gallons (indoor water use, and 3,565 kWh/million gallons (outdoor water use. See *Appendix B: Embedded Electricity in Water Methodology* for additional information on the embedded electricity savings estimates.

Table 10: Estimated Statewide Water Savings

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | First Year Statewide Indoor Water Savings(gallons/year) | First Year Statewide Outdoor Water Savings (gallons/year) | First Year Statewide Embedded Electricity Savings(kWh/year) |
| Sub-measure 1 |  |  |  |
| Sub-measure 2 |  |  |  |

## Other Non-Energy Impacts

Identify any other non-energy impacts such as impacts on criteria pollutants, human productivity, increased property valuation, or any other benefits not previously described in this report.

# Proposed Code Language

If possible, provide complete language change recommendations for the Energy Code, the Reference Appendices, and any other impacted supporting document. This section should have specific recommended language and contain enough detail to develop draft documents in the next phase of work. Use the language from the latest relevant 2022 Energy Coed document(s) and use underlines (new language) and ~~strikethroughs~~ (deletions) to show edits to code language.

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# Appendices

## Appendix A: Statewide Savings Methodology

Estimated statewide energy savings for the first year that the Energy Code becomes in effect (2026) can be generated by multiplying the proposed measure’s per unit savings by the provided statewide construction forecasts in this appendix.

The CEC has provided residential and nonresidential new construction forecasts for 2026, broken out by building type and forecast climate zones (FCZ). This data can be converted from FCZ to building climate zones (BCZ) using the weighting factors presented in Table 11. The CEC provided prototypes for all forecasted building types except for Controlled Environmental Horticulture, Grocery, Refrigerated Warehouse, Vehicle Service, Manufacturing and Miscellaneous. The Enclosed Parking Garage is included in the multifamily prototypes. Additionally, Table 14 provides more complete definitions of the various space types used in the forecast.

Updates to Appendix A, including updates to building start data, will be located on the 2025 Energy Code Pre-Rulemaking Docket 22-BSTD-01, https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=22-BSTD-01

Table 11: FCZ to BCZ Conversion Factors

Forecast zones (FCZ) along X-axis, building climate zones (BCZ) along Y-axis

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Climate Zone | **0** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** |
| **1** | 17.90% | 0.00% | 13.51% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **2** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 80.20% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **3** | 0.00% | 52.43% | 6.28% | 0.00% | 3.64% | 0.00% | 52.26% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **4** | 0.00% | 30.39% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 15.39% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **5** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 32.33% | 0.00% | 0.18% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **6** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.01% | 18.89% | 61.19% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **7** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **8** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 43.99% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **9** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 32.29% | 37.22% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **10** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 71.19% |
| **11** | 0.42% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 84.77% | 22.07% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **12** | 0.00% | 17.18% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 72.61% | 4.55% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **13** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 94.81% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 78.49% | 0.00% |
| **14** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 4.51% | 0.00% | 12.10% | 24.17% |
| **15** | 3.18% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.10% |
| **16** | 78.50% | 0.00% | 0.01% | 15.23% | 1.68% | 0.64% | 0.00% | 0.33% | 1.41% | 9.41% | 4.55% |
| **Total** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** |

**Table 11 (continued)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Climate Zone | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** | **17** | **18** | **19** | **20** |
| **1** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **2** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.19% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **3** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **4** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **5** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **6** | 0.00% | 6.60% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 17.18% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **7** | 0.00% | 62.81% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **8** | 0.00% | 1.94% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 27.90% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **9** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 54.92% | 99.35% | 100.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **10** | 86.11% | 27.88% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **11** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.42% | 0.00% | 44.55% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **12** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 99.58% | 100.00% | 52.65% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **13** | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| **14** | 0.00% | 0.66% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.02% | 0.00% |
| **15** | 13.33% | 0.12% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 99.98% | 0.00% |
| **16** | 0.56% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 2.61% | 0.00% | 0.65% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 100.00% |
| **Total** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** | **100.00%** |

Table 12: Statewide Residential Units (2026)

| **Climate Zone** | **Single-Family Units** | **Multifamily Units** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | 44,875 | 17,558 |
| 2 | 265,807 | 105,894 |
| 3 | 972,513 | 553,186 |
| 4 | 497,321 | 288,786 |
| 5 | 97,271 | 45,671 |
| 6 | 594,544 | 322,513 |
| 7 | 494,355 | 307,272 |
| 8 | 926,278 | 515,137 |
| 9 | 1,250,479 | 1,117,605 |
| 10 | 1,067,399 | 329,302 |
| 11 | 335,468 | 85,339 |
| 12 | 1,318,779 | 471,876 |
| 13 | 634,709 | 157,075 |
| 14 | 247,852 | 83,480 |
| 15 | 177,670 | 41,152 |
| 16 | 97,937 | 28,066 |
| Total | 9,023,257 | 4,469,912 |

Table 13: Statewide Residential New Construction (2026)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Climate Zone** | **Single-Family Units** | **Multifamily Units** |
| 1 | 359 | 144 |
| 2 | 1,861 | 1,391 |
| 3 | 3,035 | 7,699 |
| 4 | 2,689 | 3,417 |
| 5 | 616 | 285 |
| 6 | 1,719 | 2,243 |
| 7 | 1,869 | 5,156 |
| 8 | 4,163 | 8,600 |
| 9 | 4,286 | 10,302 |
| 10 | 7,950 | 4,306 |
| 11 | 5,840 | 1,173 |
| 12 | 14,542 | 5,537 |
| 13 | 7,257 | 1,009 |
| 14 | 3,739 | 1,446 |
| 15 | 3,160 | 373 |
| 16 | 1,937 | 187 |
| Total | 65,022 | 53,268 |

Table 14: Statewide Nonresidential New Construction Building Types

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Forecast Building Types** | **Uses** | **Number of Stories** | **Floor Area (sf)** |
| Assembly | Gatherings including, but not limited to: Arenas, Coliseums, Auditoriums, Transportation Terminals, Clubs and Lodges, Exhibition Halls, Funeral or Internment Facilities, Religious Buildings, Libraries, Museums, Theaters, Recreational and Exercise Facilities. | Any | Any |
| Controlled-environment Horticulture | Buildings with indoor conditioned spaces used for agriculture. | Any | Any |
| Hospital | Hospitals, Clinics, and Nursing Convalescent Facilities | Any | Any |
| Hotel | Hotels and Motels | Any | Any |
| Laboratory | Laboratories | Any | Any |
| Large Office | Offices, Banks and Financial Institutions, Government Services Buildings, Post Offices | ≥ 5 | Any |
| Medium Office | Offices, Banks and Financial Institutions, Government Services Buildings, Post Offices | 2 - 4 | Any |
| Small Office | Offices, Banks and Financial Institutions, Government Services Buildings, Post Offices | 1 | Any |
| Restaurant | Food and/or Beverage Service | Any | Any |
| Large Retail | Stores and Other Mercantile Buildings | Any | ≥ 50k |
| Medium Retail | Stores and Other Mercantile Buildings | Any | < 50k |
| Grocery | Stores and Other Mercantile Buildings used for the sale of food items | Any | Any |
| Strip Mall Retail | Shopping Centers | Any | Any |
| Large School | Schools and Educational Facilities | Any | ≥ 50k |
| Small School | Schools and Educational Facilities | Any | < 50k |
| Warehouse | Warehouses and Freight Terminals | Any | Any |
| **Forecast Building Types** | **Uses** | **Number of Stories** | **Floor Area (sf)** |
| Refrigerated Warehouse | Refrigerated Warehouses | Any | Any |
| Vehicle Service | Auto, Aircraft, Bus, Truck, Railroad, Boat, or any other Vehicle Servicing Facility | Any | Any |
| Manufacturing | Manufacturing Facilities | Any | Any |
| Enclosed Parking Garage | Parking Garages enclosed by walls and a roof with rooftop parking. | Any | Any |
| Open Parking Garage | Parking Garages that are open to the ambient environment. Parking lots with canopies are not considered Parking Garages. | Any | Any |
| Miscellaneous | Miscellaneous Non-Residential Buildings.  | Any | Any |

Table 15: Statewide Nonresidential New Construction Distribution

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Type of Nonresidential Space | Sub-measure 1 | Sub-measure 2 | Sub-measure 3 |
| Assembly | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Controlled-environment Horticulture | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Hospital | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Hotel | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Laboratory | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Large Office | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Medium Office | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Small Office | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Restaurant | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Large Retail | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Medium Retail | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Grocery | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Strip Mall Retail | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Large School | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Small School | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Warehouse | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Refrigerated Warehouse | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Vehicle Service | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Manufacturing | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Enclosed Parking Garage | 20% | 80% | 80% |
| Open Parking Garage | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Miscellaneous | 20% | 80% | 80% |

Table 16: Statewide Nonresidential New Construction (2026 in Million ft²)

Source: CEC

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Space Type** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| Large Office | 0 | 0 | 3.234 | 1.578 | 0 | 1.422 | 0.825 | 2.288 | 4.152 | 0.3916 | 0.1088 | 0.5747 | 0 | 0.2002 | 0.01303 | 0.04995 |
| Medium Office | 0.1302 | 0.4761 | 1.372 | 0.7442 | 0.3705 | 1.201 | 0.8046 | 1.646 | 3.184 | 1.174 | 0.2685 | 2.799 | 0.5859 | 0.3482 | 0.2629 | 0.102 |
| Small Office | 0.01306 | 0.4369 | 0.1869 | 0.02019 | 0.06423 | 0.1481 | 0.2339 | 0.1594 | 0.36 | 0.4167 | 0.0933 | 0.5443 | 0.3852 | 0.04404 | 0.1051 | 0.03313 |
| Large Retail | 0 | 0 | 1.097 | 0.5497 | 0.1491 | 0.6978 | 0.3746 | 0.8316 | 1.664 | 0.6327 | 0.2997 | 1.303 | 0.3564 | 0.1442 | 0.1803 | 0.05547 |
| Medium Retail | 0.08421 | 0.348 | 0.7947 | 0.4459 | 0.08574 | 0.6027 | 0.2856 | 0.8641 | 1.424 | 0.8224 | 0.142 | 0.6274 | 0.379 | 0.18 | 0.1242 | 0.08122 |
| Strip Mall | 0.001146 | 0.1543 | 0.504 | 0.2256 | 0.007439 | 0.5629 | 0.4878 | 0.9855 | 1.065 | 1.345 | 0.07164 | 0.5928 | 0.3253 | 0.3206 | 0.1001 | 0.0602 |
| Mixed-use Retail | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Large School | 0.006476 | 0.1273 | 0.8761 | 0.4418 | 0.03636 | 0.5941 | 0.6084 | 0.9052 | 1.421 | 0.8535 | 0.3545 | 1.152 | 0.6149 | 0.1661 | 0.08573 | 0.0681 |
| Small School | 0.0665 | 0.2698 | 0.4566 | 0.2294 | 0.1395 | 0.3155 | 0.2944 | 0.3516 | 0.6581 | 0.3481 | 0.09881 | 0.7763 | 0.3025 | 0.107 | 0.03728 | 0.04489 |
| Non-refrigerated Warehouse | 0.06177 | 0.3672 | 2.16 | 1.118 | 0.1776 | 1.363 | 0.7108 | 1.948 | 3.01 | 1.36 | 0.6315 | 2.844 | 0.8203 | 0.3618 | 0.3673 | 0.1381 |
| Hotel | 0.03627 | 0.2154 | 1.033 | 0.5306 | 0.1095 | 0.5527 | 0.4822 | 0.7835 | 1.183 | 0.5716 | 0.1534 | 0.8029 | 0.2557 | 0.1375 | 0.1248 | 0.04395 |
| Assembly | 0.01028 | 0.3935 | 1.583 | 0.5574 | 0.05869 | 0.7868 | 0.7991 | 1.431 | 1.824 | 1.144 | 0.1669 | 1.414 | 0.3043 | 0.2453 | 0.118 | 0.08429 |
| Hospital | 0.02939 | 0.1746 | 0.8416 | 0.4358 | 0.07972 | 0.3285 | 0.549 | 0.4412 | 0.7894 | 0.8128 | 0.1459 | 0.8253 | 0.2729 | 0.1417 | 0.115 | 0.04813 |
| Laboratory | 0.000819 | 0.0531 | 0.6313 | 0.3632 | 0.02078 | 0.07327 | 0.05265 | 0.1017 | 0.1214 | 0.06227 | 0.008372 | 0.04996 | 0.009723 | 0.01063 | 0.006101 | 0.003518 |
| Restaurant | 0.0139 | 0.08256 | 0.3269 | 0.1667 | 0.03403 | 0.3365 | 0.2036 | 0.4933 | 0.8189 | 0.4129 | 0.07099 | 0.3135 | 0.1414 | 0.1015 | 0.04739 | 0.0296 |
| Enclosed Parking Garage | 0.000176 | 0.009137 | 1.83 | 1.245 | 0.004558 | 2.585 | 0.7059 | 2.265 | 1.527 | 0.05053 | 0.001585 | 0.04116 | 0.002972 | 0.0152 | 0.003691 | 0.007247 |
| Open Parking Garage | 0.002272 | 0.1182 | 2.474 | 1.682 | 0.05894 | 3.648 | 1.201 | 3.197 | 2.155 | 0.6535 | 0.0205 | 0.5323 | 0.03843 | 0.1965 | 0.04773 | 0.09372 |

**Table 16: (Continued, Non-Prototype Building Types)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Building Type** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| Grocery | 0.006871 | 0.04512 | 0.1048 | 0.06175 | 0.01187 | 0.04649 | 0.01716 | 0.0519 | 0.09145 | 0.0494 | 0.00891 | 0.03876 | 0.02276 | 0.01081 | 0.007629 | 0.006042 |
| Refrigerated Warehouse | 0 | 0 | 0.06098 | 0.05067 | 0.01431 | 0.02204 | 0 | 0.00683 | 0.01322 | 0.03874 | 0 | 0.06849 | 0.1181 | 0.007633 | 0.007893 | 0.00517 |
| Controlled-environment Horticulture | 0.09265 | 0.07749 | 0.3197 | 0.03986 | 0.2021 | 0.2578 | 0.001464 | 0.02342 | 0.02606 | 0.278 | 0.3027 | 0.3053 | 0.09011 | 0.01079 | 0.04796 | 0.004662 |
| Vehicle Service | 0.001921 | 0.07746 | 0.5473 | 0.3582 | 0.02914 | 0.5513 | 0.3416 | 0.7989 | 1.809 | 0.5735 | 0.02149 | 0.3892 | 0.2476 | 0.1954 | 0.05667 | 0.04908 |
| Manufacturing | 0.00564 | 0.1329 | 0.4035 | 0.1914 | 0.05985 | 0.1284 | 0.08885 | 0.1075 | 0.095 | 0.1144 | 0.06035 | 0.1555 | 0.02059 | 0.02453 | 0.01736 | 0.01262 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | 0 | 0.000253 | 0.4212 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000774 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 17: Statewide Nonresidential Construction (2026 in Million ft²)

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Space Type** | **1** | **2** | **3** |  | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| Large Office | 0.1275 | 3.102 | 139.8 | 72.35 | 1.832 | 99.54 | 72.71 | 162.6 | 303.1 | 58.48 | 2.608 | 78.61 | 9.264 | 20.27 | 4.434 | 4.663 | 3.102 |
| Medium Office | 3.379 | 30.99 | 78.79 | 42.28 | 13.32 | 47.81 | 43.87 | 59.11 | 86.34 | 66.69 | 16.94 | 101.7 | 25.18 | 13.33 | 10.25 | 4.063 | 30.99 |
| Small Office | 4.178 | 12.75 | 22.19 | 11.33 | 7.504 | 13.22 | 8.516 | 13.28 | 20.88 | 24.43 | 10.6 | 43.94 | 21.47 | 4.987 | 6.181 | 2.676 | 12.75 |
| Large Retail | 1.002 | 8.665 | 58.68 | 26.9 | 4.2 | 31.96 | 25.34 | 43.46 | 66.53 | 53.31 | 11.4 | 58.16 | 22.51 | 10.91 | 9.402 | 3.207 | 8.665 |
| Medium Retail | 1.176 | 13.11 | 44.52 | 25.74 | 5.433 | 44.27 | 34.66 | 66.72 | 108.2 | 66.89 | 10.37 | 60.5 | 24.15 | 15.53 | 8.769 | 5.17 | 13.11 |
| Strip Mall | 3.336 | 9.842 | 37.42 | 18.43 | 5.095 | 40.23 | 28.29 | 55.76 | 83.7 | 66.92 | 12.25 | 48.37 | 24.18 | 15.27 | 8.696 | 4.591 | 9.842 |
| Mixed-use Retail | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Large School | 0.7589 | 8.02 | 34.83 | 13.95 | 2.071 | 28.37 | 22.54 | 42.91 | 73.58 | 56.01 | 10.13 | 53.38 | 26.41 | 12.06 | 7.621 | 3.589 | 8.02 |
| Small School | 2.23 | 11.13 | 25.57 | 9.979 | 6.06 | 25.69 | 14.96 | 34.44 | 54.31 | 33.03 | 13.5 | 42.08 | 23.44 | 8.72 | 4.251 | 3.645 | 11.13 |
| Non-refrigerated Warehouse | 3.33 | 20.22 | 108.3 | 53.43 | 9.802 | 89.98 | 51.48 | 128.4 | 207.3 | 182.7 | 33.73 | 148.3 | 51.08 | 38.87 | 29.05 | 11.63 | 20.22 |
| Hotel | 1.771 | 10.52 | 48.1 | 24.73 | 5.011 | 30.49 | 32.66 | 41.97 | 66.01 | 37.09 | 7.218 | 40.53 | 13.08 | 8.006 | 5.876 | 2.439 | 10.52 |
| Assembly | 4.328 | 18.18 | 91.34 | 45.06 | 6.594 | 57.25 | 40.9 | 89.14 | 120.2 | 91.75 | 16.35 | 69.72 | 30.13 | 18.95 | 11.83 | 6.439 | 18.18 |
| Hospital | 1.866 | 11.09 | 48.33 | 24.67 | 5.055 | 28.25 | 27.15 | 40.77 | 69.88 | 39.6 | 11.11 | 53.18 | 22.49 | 8.802 | 5.034 | 3.234 | 11.09 |
| Laboratory | 0.1782 | 4.01 | 36.93 | 28.06 | 1.531 | 12.21 | 17.19 | 15.61 | 19.31 | 10.81 | 0.679 | 12.14 | 4.396 | 1.723 | 0.387 | 0.5716 | 4.01 |
| Restaurant | 0.6087 | 3.616 | 14.72 | 7.494 | 1.546 | 16.46 | 10.73 | 23.78 | 40 | 32.41 | 3.515 | 16.95 | 7.742 | 6.859 | 3.453 | 1.897 | 3.616 |
| Enclosed Parking Garage | 0.01696 | 0.5432 | 40.71 | 30.94 | 0.2988 | 29.15 | 20.67 | 58.41 | 72.53 | 2.673 | 0.345 | 3.09 | 0.4883 | 0.8543 | 0.1666 | 0.4343 | 0.5432 |
| Open Parking Garage | 0.2193 | 7.024 | 55.03 | 41.82 | 3.864 | 41.14 | 35.17 | 82.44 | 102.4 | 34.57 | 4.461 | 39.96 | 6.314 | 11.05 | 2.155 | 5.616 | 7.024 |

**Table 17: (Continued, Non-Prototype Building Types)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Building Type** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| Grocery | **0.09598** | **1.7** | **5.869** | **3.564** | **0.7523** | **3.415** | **2.082** | **4.008** | **6.951** | **4.018** | **0.6502** | **3.737** | **1.45** | **0.9323** | **0.5386** | **0.3846** |
| Refrigerated Warehouse | **0.004721** | **0.4556** | **0.9104** | **0.2123** | **0.3863** | **0.4566** | **0.02334** | **0.4213** | **0.7865** | **0.6521** | **0.2629** | **2.146** | **3.907** | **0.1842** | **0.1939** | **0.1444** |
| Controlled-environment Horticulture | **0.6988** | **0.4569** | **2.62** | **1.072** | **6.327** | **8.264** | **1.072** | **0.7413** | **1.599** | **3.609** | **2.513** | **4.533** | **5.36** | **0.4681** | **0.6443** | **0.2349** |
| Vehicle Service | **0.9073** | **6.184** | **33.65** | **15.98** | **2.971** | **33.73** | **23.08** | **49.52** | **81.78** | **56.54** | **6.296** | **38.32** | **18.24** | **15.09** | **6.18** | **3.543** |
| Manufacturing | **4.105** | **16.89** | **61.93** | **79.55** | **5.59** | **73.33** | **33.27** | **122.7** | **168.1** | **49.58** | **12.86** | **57.01** | **25.97** | **16.98** | **5.146** | **9.273** |
| Miscellaneous | **0.3582** | **6.575** | **9.025** | **6.318** | **0.2196** | **2.575** | **0.7716** | **3.778** | **7.868** | **2.551** | **3.367** | **14.35** | **2.935** | **0.7699** | **0.4029** | **1.026** |

## Appendix B: Embedded Electricity in Water Methodology

Delete this appendix if there are no on-site water savings associated with the proposed measure.

Embedded electricity use for indoor water use includes electricity used for water extraction, conveyance, treatment to potable quality, water distribution, wastewater collection, and wastewater treatment. Embedded electricity for outdoor water use includes all energy uses upstream of the customer; it does not include wastewater collection or wastewater treatment. The embedded electricity values do not include on-site energy uses for water, such as water heating and on-site pumping. On-site energy impacts are accounted for in the energy savings estimates presented in *Section 4 Energy Savings* of this report.

The following statewide average embedded electricity in water values are assumed: 4,848 kWh/million gallons of water (MG) for indoor water use and 3,565 kWh/MG for outdoor water use. These embedded electricity values were derived from research conducted for CPUC Rulemaking 13-12-011. The CPUC study aimed to quantify the embedded electricity savings associated with IOU incentive programs that result in water savings, and the findings represent the most up-to-date research by the CPUC on embedded energy in water throughout California (CPUC 2015a, CPUC 2015b).

The CPUC analysis was limited to evaluating the embedded electricity in water and does not include embedded natural gas in water. For this reason, this is not providing estimates of embedded natural gas savings associated with water reductions, though the embedded electricity values can be assumed to have the same associated emissions factors as grid-demanded electricity in general.

The specific CPUC embedded electricity values used in the analysis are shown in Table 18. These values represent the average energy intensity by hydrologic region, which are based on the historical supply mix for each region regardless of who supplied the electricity (IOU supplied and non-IOU supplied). The CPUC calculated the energy intensity of marginal supply but recommended using the average IOU and non-IOU energy intensity to estimate total statewide average embedded electricity of water use in California.

Statewide population-weighted embedded electricity in water can be found in Table 19 from the U.S. Census Bureau to calculate the statewide population-weighted average of indoor and outdoor embedded electricity values.

Table 18: Embedded Electricity in Water by Hydrologic Region



Source: CPUC 2015b

Table 19: Statewide Population-weighted Embedded Electricity in Water

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Hydrologic Region | Indoor Water Use1(kWh/ million gallon) | Outdoor Water Use1(kWh/ million gallon) | Percent of California Population2 |
| North Coast | 2,504 | 1,221 | 2.1% |
| San Francisco | 3,410 | 2,127 | 18.2% |
| Central Coast | 3,360 | 2,078 | 3.8% |
| South Coast | 7,227 | 5,944 | 44.8% |
| Sacramento River | 2,068 | 783 | 8.1% |
| San Joaquin River | 2,194 | 911 | 4.7% |
| Tulare Lake | 2,507 | 1,224 | 6.3% |
| North Lahontan | 2,213 | 930 | 0.1% |
| South Lahontan | 4,352 | 3,069 | 5.5% |
| Colorado River | 2,191 | 908 | 6.5% |
| **Statewide Population-weighted Average** | **4,848** | **3,565** |  |

1. Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2014 and CA DWR 2016

## Appendix C: Environmental Impacts Methodology

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impacts Methodology

GHG emissions are calculated assuming the latest applicable GHG Emissions hourly factors published by the CEC and used by the CEC’s reference code compliance software (CBECC-Res and CBECC).

Water Use and Water Quality Impacts Methodology

State any assumptions used to estimate impacts on water use and water quality, separate from using the embedded energy in water values specified in Appendix B to derive electricity costs or savings.

Potential Significant Environmental Effect of Proposal

The CEC is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the 2025 Energy Code and must evaluate any potential significant environmental effects resulting from the proposed Energy Code. A “significant effect on the environment” is “a substantial adverse change in the physical conditions which exist in the area affected by the proposed project.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15002(g).)

If a proposed project will not have significant effect on the environment, the lead agency may publish a negative declaration. If a proposed project may have significant effect on the environment, but that effect can be sufficiently mitigated, the lead agency can publish a mitigated negative declaration. However substantial evidence of a “significant effect on the environment” will result in the development of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), consistent with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 7, section 15080, et seq.

Additionally, the CEC may determine that a categorical exemption from CEQA is appropriate because the proposal has a positive impact on the environment. The CEC may make such a determination if the proposal is, among other things, taken to “assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement of a natural resource” or the environment. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15307 and 15308.)

Direct Environmental Impacts

**Direct Environmental Benefits**

Please include any studies, data, or other information that demonstrates the direct environmental benefits of the proposed measure.

**Direct Adverse Environmental Impacts**

Please include any studies, data, or other information that demonstrates the direct adverse environmental impacts of the proposed measure. Please also include potential mitigation measures below in Section 7.4.

Indirect Environmental Impacts

**Indirect Environmental Benefits**

Please include any studies, data, or other information that demonstrates the indirect environmental benefits of the proposed measure.

**Direct Adverse Environmental Impacts**

Please include any studies, data, or other information that demonstrates the indirect adverse environmental impacts of the proposed measure. Please also include potential mitigation measures.

Mitigation Measures

If a proposal will result in a significant effect on the environment, CEQA authorizes lead agencies to include mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impact of the project. (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15041.)

Consider, and if possible, provide opportunities to minimize the environmental impact of the proposed measure, including an evaluation of “specific economic, environmental, legal, social, and technological factors.” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15021.)

Reasonable Alternatives to Proposal

If an EIR is developed, CEQA requires a lead agency to evaluate reasonable alternatives to proposals that would have a significant adverse effect on the environment, including a “no project” alternative. (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, §§ 15002(h)(4) and 15126.6.)

Consider, and if possible, provide reasonable alternatives to the proposed measure that achieves the purpose of the proposal with less environmental effect. Provide any rationale as to why these reasonable alternatives should or should not be taken.

## Appendix D: CBECC Software Specification

Create a software specification for the proposed measure on how the compliance software shall be written. The specification should describe the information needed by the CBECC development team to implement changes to the compliance software. This specification should include but may not be limited to:

* Description and mockup of CBECC user inputs – including an identification of the range limits and tooltip descriptions.
* Determination of the simulation engine inputs and outputs.
* Identification of report variables (for debugging purposes).
* Provide at least two simulation engine models with the proposed measure and a comparison case that demonstrates the recommended modeling approach.
* List of compliance report variables, what HERS flags are needed, and subsequent details needed for field verification, and a mockup of the PRF-01 tables to document the modeling of the feature.
* Additional terms to be added to the Standards Data Dictionary (SDD) for all the needed variables.
* Development of the logic to be implemented in the rules to collect and check user inputs.
* Development of the logic to be implemented in the rules, any new schedules, and any additional data needed to calculate or otherwise generate values needed for simulation.
* For nonresidential measures, explanation of EnergyPlus input file changes based on user inputs or rule calculated values.
* Discussion of how the proposed measure could be affected by various building model combinations (space-type, system type, number of stories, mixed use, etc.).
* Description of what building or space types should be included or excluded.