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CEC-70 (Revised 2/2021)

IN THE MATTER OF:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED 2022 UPDATE TO THE BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS (TITLE 24, PART 6) Docket No. 21-BSTD-02

NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS MEETING

RE: Public Scoping Meeting Discuss and Receive Comments on the Scope of the Environmental Impact Report

Notice of Public Scoping Meeting April 9, 2021

(10:00 a.m.) Remote Access Only

The California Energy Commission (CEC) will host a remote-access public scoping meeting via Zoom on April 9, 2021, starting at 10:00 a.m., to discuss and receive comments on the scope of the environmental impact report (EIR) that CEC staff is preparing under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed 2022 update to the Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) (Title 24, Part 6). All interested parties, agencies, and members of the public are welcome to participate and comment.

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

The public scoping meeting will consist of a brief presentation by staff outlining the proposed changes to the 2022 Energy Code—which is the project under CEQA—and the proposed scope of the EIR. An opportunity for questions and public commentary will follow.

A detailed agenda will be posted prior to the meeting in the <u>docket for this proceeding, 21-BSTD-</u> <u>02</u> at: https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-BSTD-02.

Background



The project is the adoption of the 2022 triennial update to the Energy Code, Title 24, Part 6 of California's Building Standards Code, with supporting changes to associated administrative provisions in the Administrative Code (Title 24, Part 1). In reviewing the proposed update to the Energy Code, staff determined that an EIR is warranted under CEQA. On March 18, 2021, the CEC issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the 2022 amendments to the Energy Code (Notice of Preparation), which was filed in the docket for this proceeding. (TN 237212.)

The purpose of an EIR is "to identify the significant effects on the environment of a project, to identify alternatives to the project, and to indicate the manner in which those significant effects can be mitigated or avoided." Accordingly, staff seeks input from responsible and trustee agencies regarding the scope and content of the environmental information the EIR should contain that is germane to each agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Staff also seeks comments from other stakeholders.

The Notice of Preparation identified areas where discussion of potential impacts is warranted. Staff is preparing an EIR to analyze the potential for environmental effects associated with the proposed 2022 update to the Energy Code.

A pre-rulemaking draft of the express terms of the proposed 2022 Energy Code is available at the <u>2022 Energy Code webpage</u> at: https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2022-building-energy-efficiency.

Remote Attendance

The public scoping meeting may be accessed by clicking the Zoom link below or visiting <u>Zoom</u> at https://join.zoom.us and entering the ID and password listed below. If you experience difficulties joining, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office at <u>publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov</u> or (800) 822-6228.

Use the "raise hand feature" to indicate you want to speak and the event facilitator will indicate when your line is open and ready for you to make comment.

Please click the link to join the public scoping meeting at: https://energy.zoom.us/j/95292008819?pwd=YTdncmphYlJIQnZFN3BoaXI2anIEZz09 Meeting ID: **952 9200 8819** Meeting password: **526330**

To Participate by Telephone, dial 1-877-853-5257 or 1-888-475-4499 (toll free). When prompted, enter the ID: 952 9200 8819. To comment, dial *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

Public Comment

Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. If participating via Zoom's online

platform, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. If you are participating by telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket by 5:00 p.m. on April 19, 2021. Agencies can submit comments until 30 days after receipt of the Notice of Preparation.

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

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the <u>e-commenting page</u> at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=21-BSTD-02, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 21-BSTD-02 and 2022 Energy Code Update CEQA Documentation in the subject line and email to <u>docket@energy.ca.gov</u>.

A paper copy may be sent to:

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Direct technical subject inquiries to Peter Strait at <u>peter.strait@energy.ca.gov</u> or (916) 805-7427.

Direct general inquiries regarding the 2022 Energy Code to the Building Standards Hotline at <u>Title24@energy.ca.gov</u> or (916) 654-5106.

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the <u>2022 Energy Code webpage</u> at https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards/2022-building-energy-efficiency, or at the docket for the <u>associated CEQA proceeding</u> at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-BSTD-02.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those on the Building Standards list server. To receive these notices, subscribe at the <u>Building Standards Program page</u>, https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-energy-efficiency-standards. Manage existing list servers or sign up for others at <u>CEC List Servers</u>, https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index_cms.html.

Dated: March 30, 2021, at Sacramento, California

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