Efficiency Division Updates

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

Central Coast ICC Chapter Monthly Meeting September 2026

Energy Code Related Updates

- **Business meeting agendas and recordings**
  - **August 17** – Approval of:
    - KUBO Group's 2025 Energy Code Exceptional Method for Analyzing the Design of a Heated Greenhouse in Santa Maria. The design accurately meets or exceeds § 120.6(h) of the 2025 Energy Code, which establishes mandatory requirements for nonopaque envelopes in conditioned greenhouses.
    - 2025 Local Energy Ordinances
      - City of Ojai (Ventura Co.) – new requirements for certain single-family additions and alterations to choose from a menu of energy efficiency and electrification options
      - City of Moreno Valley – (Riverside Co.) new mechanical cooling system requirement for single-family space conditioning alterations. Encourages installing air source heat pumps, while still allowing air conditioners with additional efficiency measures.
  - **September 9** – potential approval of:
    - 2025 Energy Code Residential State Certification
      - Proposed resolution confirming that the CEC has reviewed the provisions of the 2025 Energy Code residential buildings and determined that 2025 Energy Code meets or exceeds the latest model national energy code for residential buildings
    - Update to the 2025 Alternative Calculation Method Reference Manual
    - 2025 California Building Energy Code Compliance Software Update
  - Next: **October 19**
- **2025 Energy Code**
  - All approved software is available at the **2025 Energy Code Compliance Software webpage**
- Visit the **CEC 2028 Energy Code webpage**
  - CBECC 2028.0.1 RV is available from the **2028 Energy Code CBECC Research Software webpage**
- New resources now available on the Energy Code Support Center:
  - **Summer Blueprint Newsletter (coming soon)**
  - **2025 Economizer FAQs**
  - **2025 Residential Dwelling Units Lighting FAQs**
  - **2025 Water Heater Efficiency Guide**
  - **2025 Single-family Residential Water Heater Alterations**

Energy Code Training and Events

- **Energy Commission training and events**
  - Sept 8 – Town of Mammoth Lakes – Online Presentation: 2025 Multifamily Significant Changes
  - Sep 15-16 – Green Technology's Green California Summit – Exhibition Booth & 2025 Energy Code: Nonresidential Significant Changes – Pasadena
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  - Sept 15-17 – CABEC Conference – Exhibition Booth – Petaluma
  - Sept 28-Oct 1 – CALBO Education Week – Exhibition Booth & 2025 Energy Code: Significant Changes – Burlingame
- **Energy Code Ace training**
  - Sep 1 – Single-Family Envelope
  - Sep 2-3 – Single-Family for Architects & Designers
  - Sep 8 – EnergyPro Intro, Single-Family
  - Sep 9 – EnergyPro Advanced, Single-Family
  - Sep 8-9 – Multifamily for Energy Consultants
  - Sep 15 – Intro to Performance Approach, Nonresidential
  - Sep 15-16 – Single-Family for Plans Examiners
  - Sep 17 – What is Acceptance Testing?
  - Sep 18 – Intro to Performance Approach, Single-Family
  - Sep 22-24 – Nonresidential Modeling
  - Sep 29-30 – Single-Family for Building Inspectors
- **BayREN training**
  - Sep 2 – QII
  - Sep 30 – 2025 Energy Code Changes, Single-Family
- **3C-REN training**
  - Sep 1 – 2025 Energy Code: Multifamily Ventilation
  - Sep 9 – ECC Verification Overview & Envelope
  - Sep 24 – Ask the Experts: HPWH & Solar Permitting
- **I-REN training**
  - Sep 10: Navigating Energy Code Resources
- **Central California Rural (CCR) REN training**
  - Sep 8 – Regional Forum: Easing Energy Code Compliance
- **San Diego REN resources**
- **SoCal REN resources**
- **Northern Rural Energy Network - NREN** - coming soon
- **California Regional Energy Networks - CalREN** (home page for all RENs)
- **PG&E training**
- **Southern California Edison training**
- **SoCal Gas education**

Energy Code Resources

- **Energy Code Support Center**
- Energy Code Hotline: call 800-772-3300 or use **hotline submission form**
- **2025 Energy Code Compliance Software**

- **Local Energy Code resources**
- **CalGreen resources**
- **Building and Home Energy Resource Hub**
- **2028 Energy Code - Codes and Standards Enhancement (CASE)**
- Energy Code Compliance Study – Email **SCO@energy.ca.gov**

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- **Blueprint Newsletter email list**
- **Building Standards email list**
- **Appliance Standards email list**