

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Energy Efficiency, Fuel Type, and Electric  
Vehicle Charging Requirements for New  
Construction and Existing Building Remodels

TOWN OF TRUCKEE

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# Welcome



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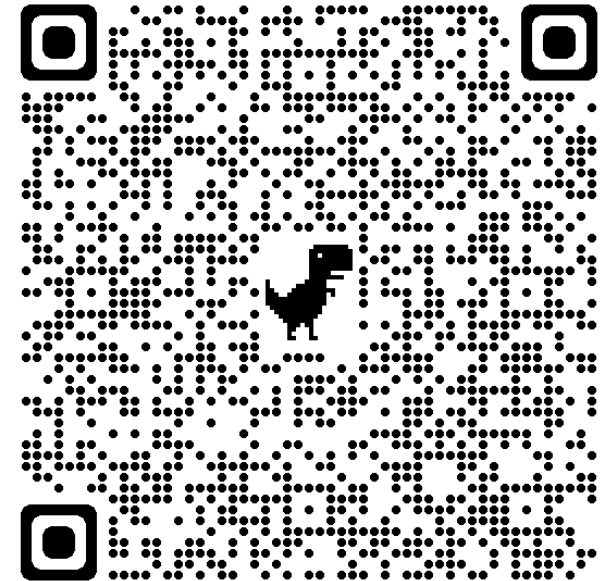
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# Housekeeping

- There will be a Q&A discussion session after the presentation, please hold questions until then.
- Scan QR Code for access to presentation materials and supplemental resources.



# AGENDA



1. Climate Ready Truckee
2. Reach Code Background
3. Introduction to Decarbonization
4. Building and EV Reach Codes
5. 2022 California Building Code Highlights
6. 2022 Statewide Reach Codes Initiative
7. Reach Code Strategy
8. Q&A Discussion

## OBJECTIVE

- Provide educational background on Energy Reach Codes and EV Reach Codes.
- Review Reach Code Adoption Process.
- Respond to your questions and comments regarding the local Reach Code pathways.
- Discuss next steps.

# CLIMATE READY TRUCKEE



# Draft Climate Action Plan (CAP)

## Committed to Sustainability



- Formalize the Town's commitment to reducing GHG emissions and mitigating the worst impacts of climate change.
- CAP Element supports goals, policies, and actions from other General Plan elements
- Rely on the innovation, compassion, diversity, and strong networks of Truckee residents.
- Build resiliency during climate change induced, extreme heat events, wildfires and other risks.
- Establish targets and goals for emissions reductions.
- Identify and implement specific measures that reduce GHG emissions to achieve the established State and Town targets.



# Truckee GHG Emissions Inventory

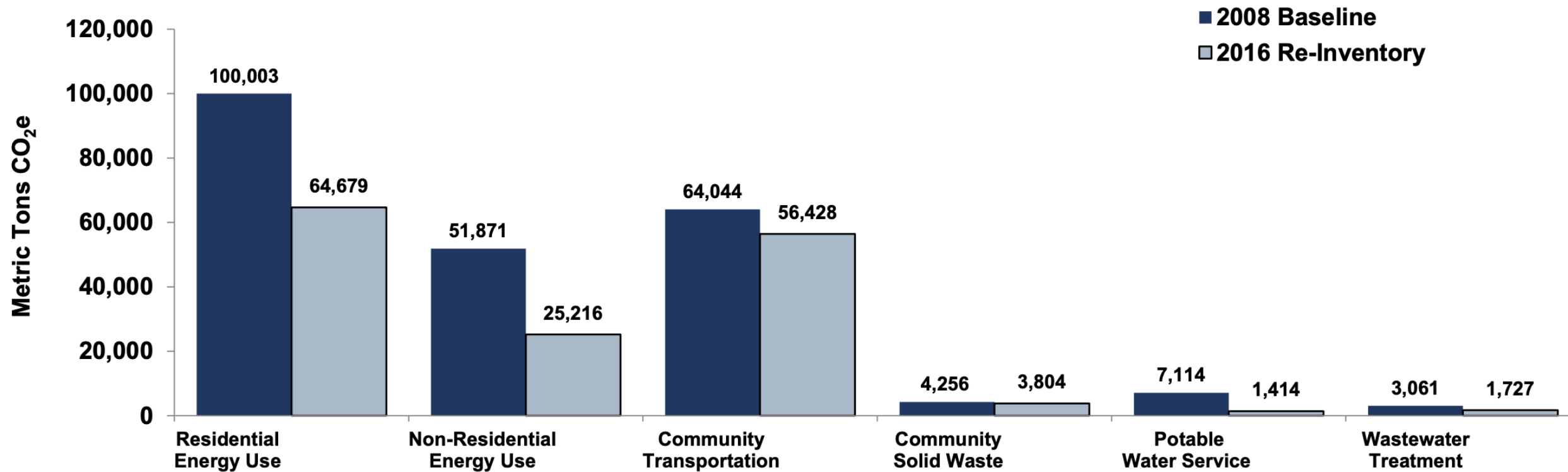


Figure 2: 2008 & 2016 Community-Wide GHG Emissions (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e)

# Climate Action Priorities Related to Reach Codes

- Promote and incentivize building decarbonization and energy efficiency in new development.
- Increase low and zero emissions vehicle options to work towards a carbon neutral transportation system.
- Increase energy efficiency in existing developments to reduce energy use in the built environment.
- Decrease Greenhouse Gas Emissions through increasing clean energy use.

# Reach Code Background



# Global & Domestic Context

- Climate Change in CA: extreme weather, wildfires, coastal erosion, and sea level rise
- Efforts related to climate action and decarbonization:
  - **Paris 2015:** 192 Parties agreed to limit the temperature increase and reduce GHG emissions
  - **President Biden signed EO 14008:** “government-wide approach to the climate change”
  - **Gov. Brown issued EO B-30-15:** reduce GHG emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030
  - **Gov. Newsom issued EO N-79-20:** 100% in-state sales of new passenger cars/trucks to be zero-emission by 2035
  - **California is committed to becoming carbon-neutral by 2045**
- CA jurisdictions are adopting local reach codes in support of climate goals

# Why Reach Codes?

- Supports local governments reach various policy goals.
- Benefits:
  - Save energy
  - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
  - Contribute to climate goals
- Furthers decarbonization efforts when clean energy is available

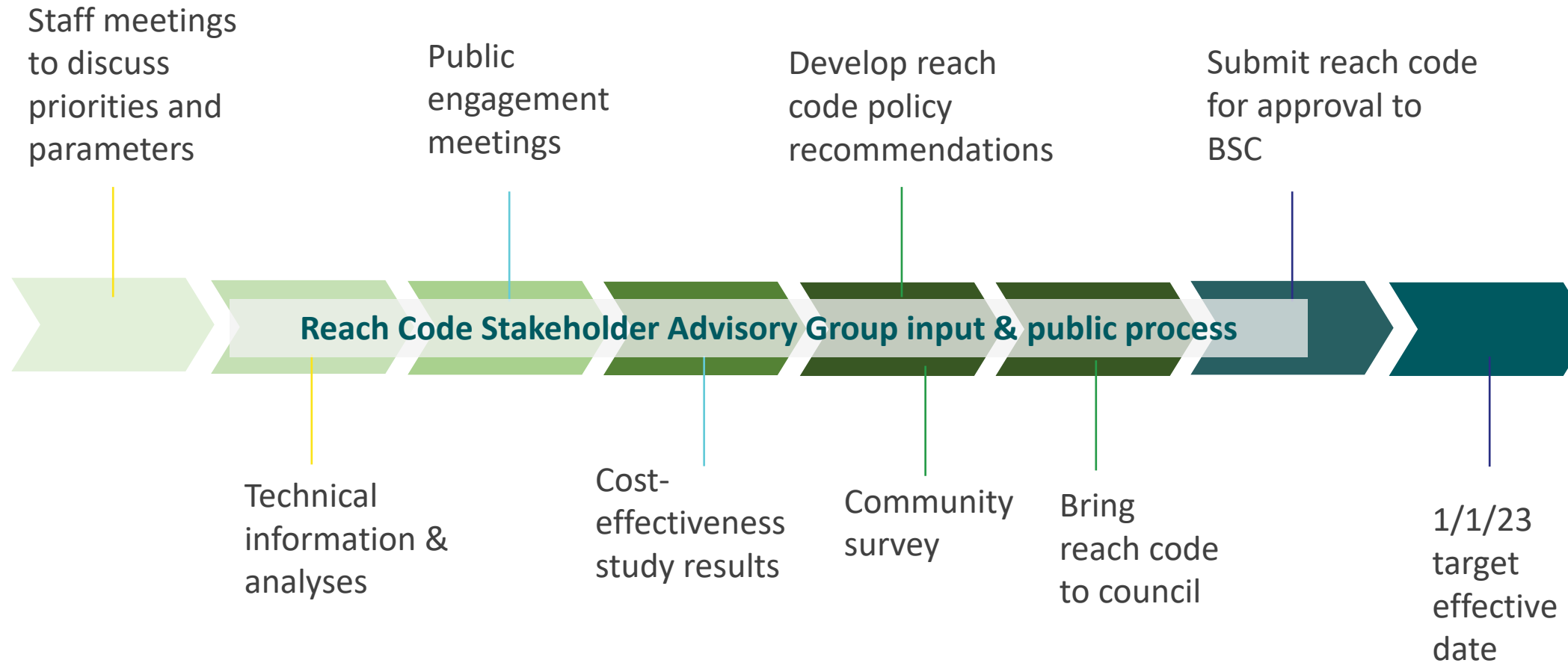


# What is a Reach Code?

- Statewide Code updated every three years. (2022 code will take effect 1/1/23)
- Reach Code is a voluntary code that “reaches” beyond baseline requirements
- Based on local prototypes built within CEC-approved energy modeling software
- Requires cost-effectiveness studies that outline modeling assumptions
- Must not preempt federal appliance efficiency standards



# Reach Code Process: Development to Implementation





# Introduction to Building Decarbonization





# What is Building Decarbonization?

- Energy efficiency measures that reduce energy usage (i.e. weatherization measures, insulation, LED lights).
- Uses efficient appliances and electric equipment in homes and businesses.
  - Induction cooktops
  - Heat pump water heaters
  - Heat pump heating and air ventilation (HVAC) systems

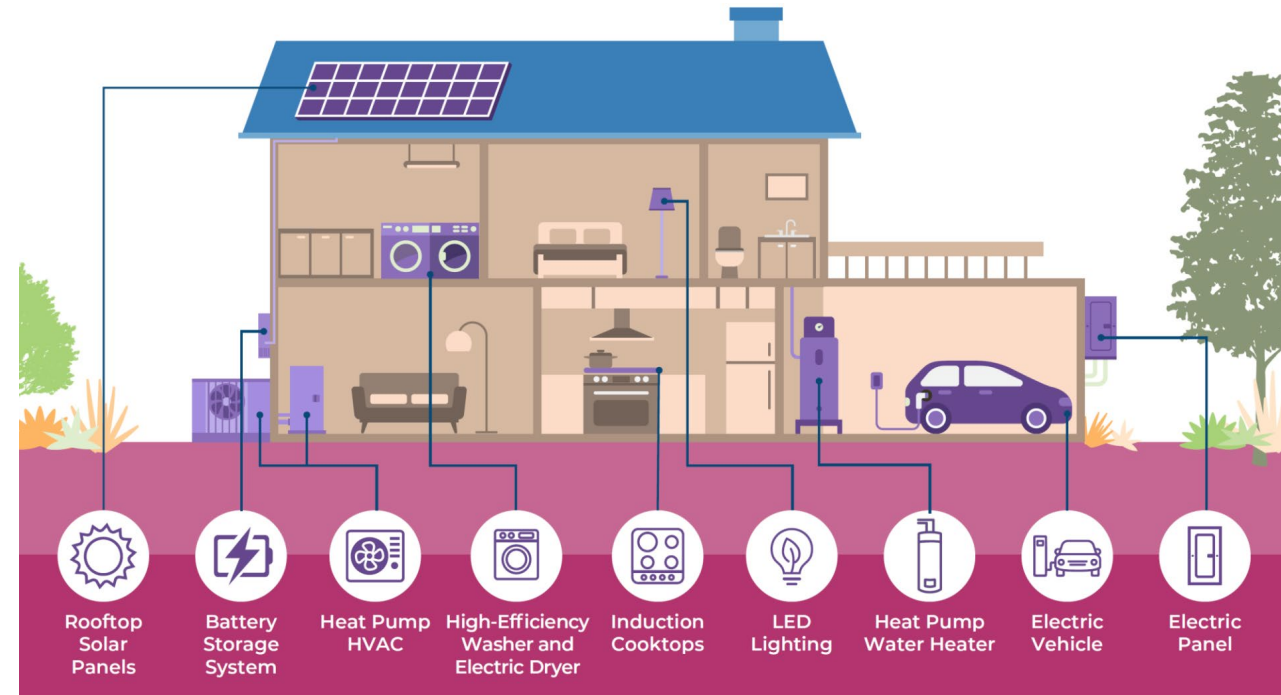
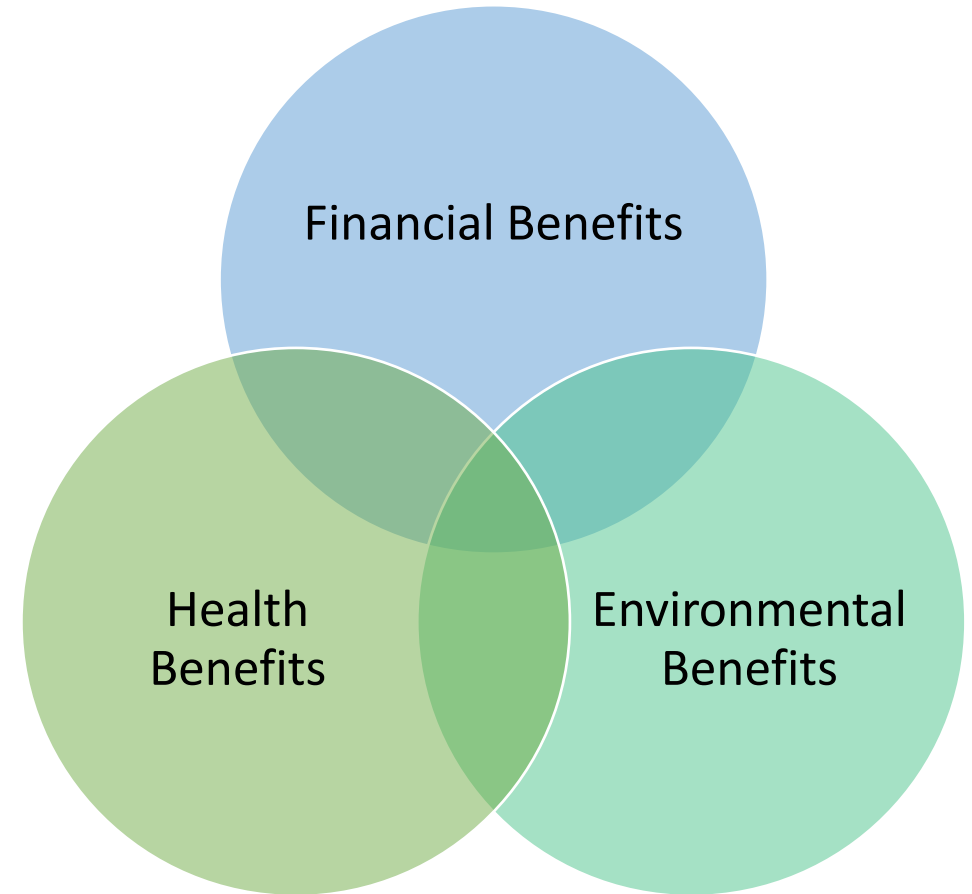


Photo Credit: City of Palo Alto Utilities

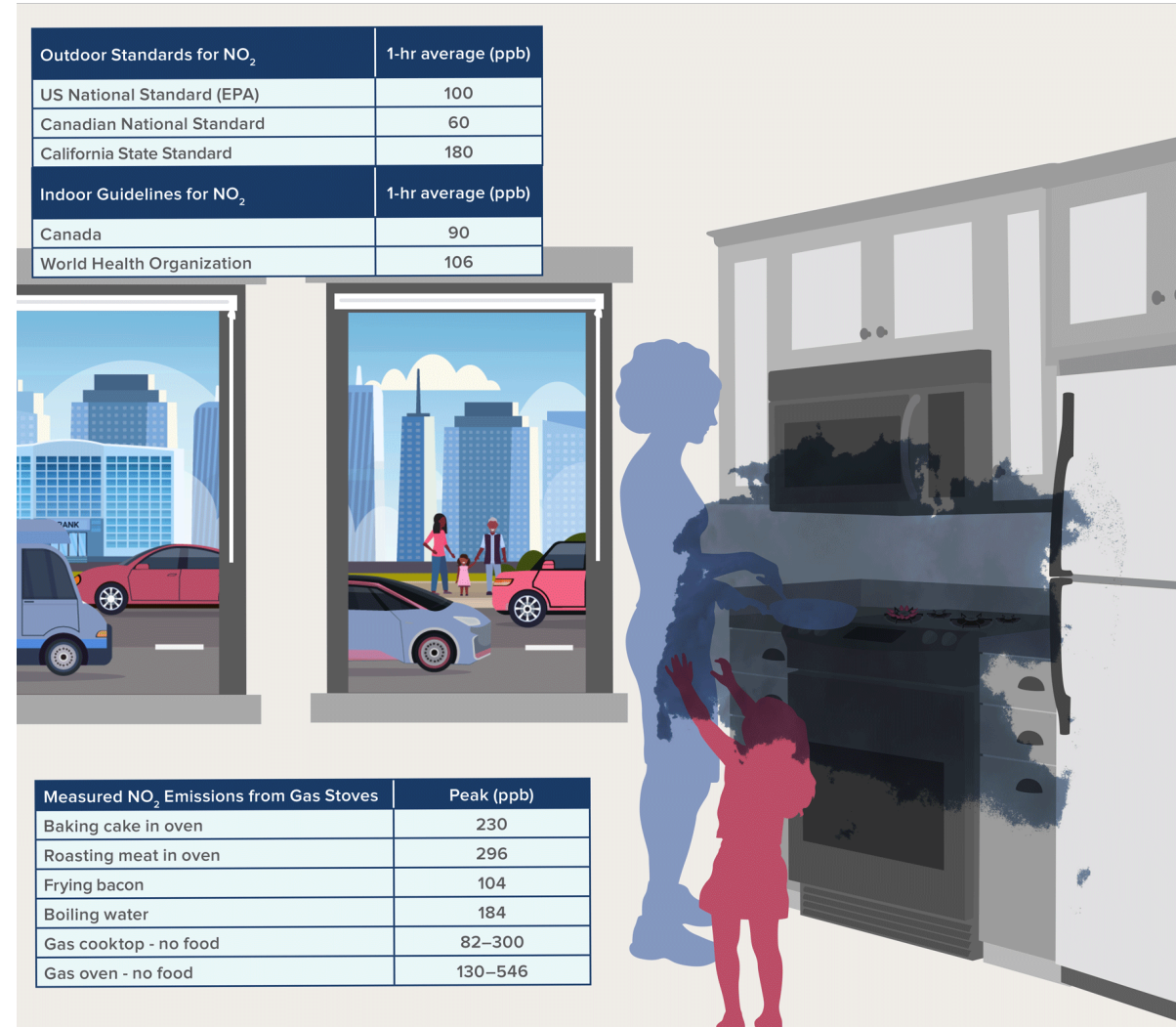
# Why Building Decarbonization?

- Offers financial, health, and environmental benefits.
  - Better for indoor air quality
  - More efficient appliances save money
  - Electric appliances can be powered by clean energy (carbon-free/renewable)



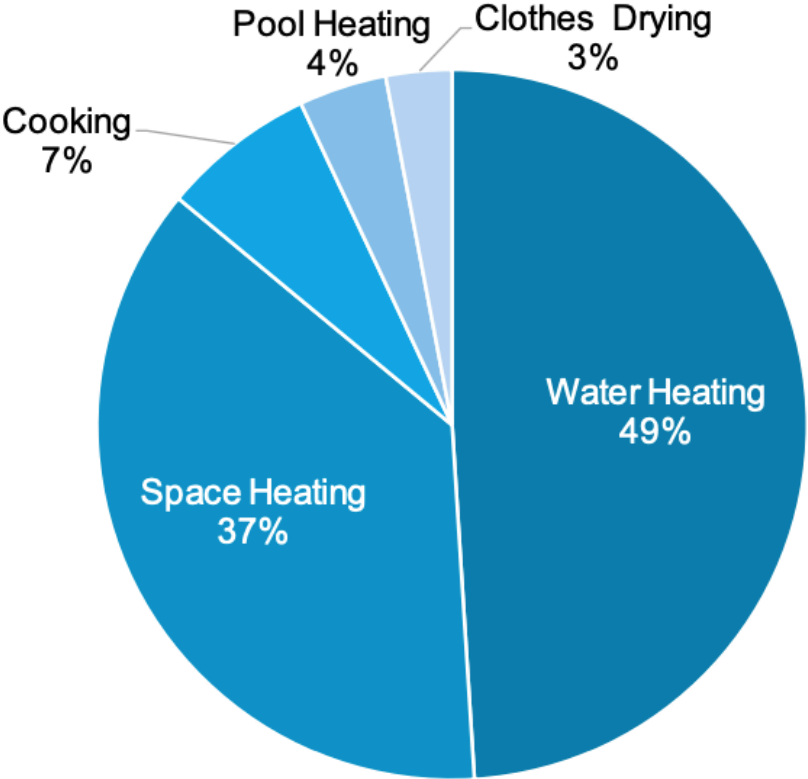
# Electrification

- Carbon-free
- Lowest-cost, lowest-risk pathway
- Healthier indoor air
- Job creation

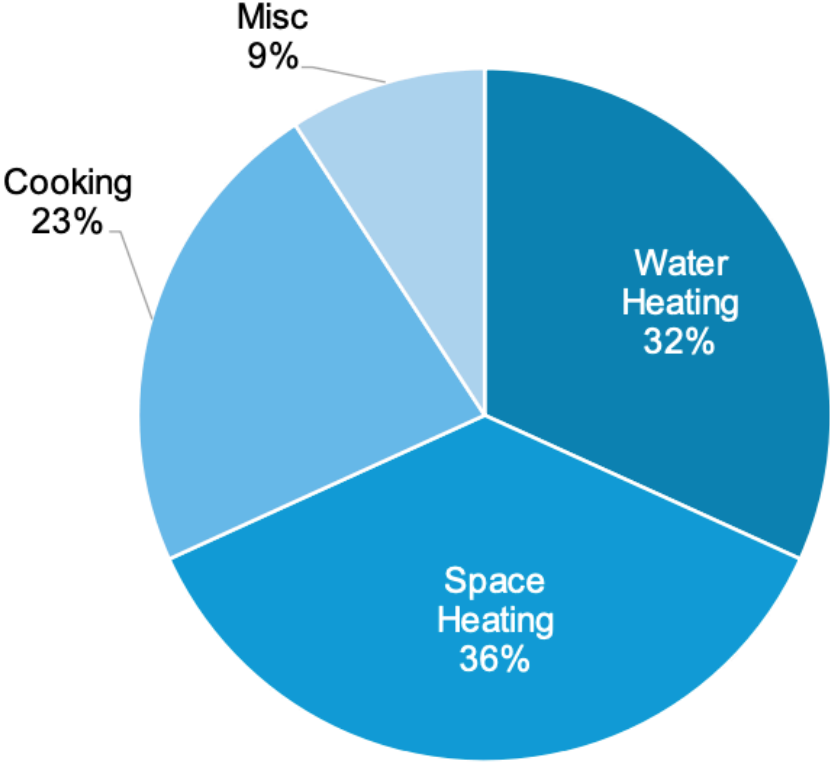


Sources: 1) <https://rmi.org/insight/gas-stoves-pollution-health>

# California Buildings Gas Usage



Residential



Non- Residential

2009 Residential Appliance Saturation Survey  
2006 California Commercial End Use Survey

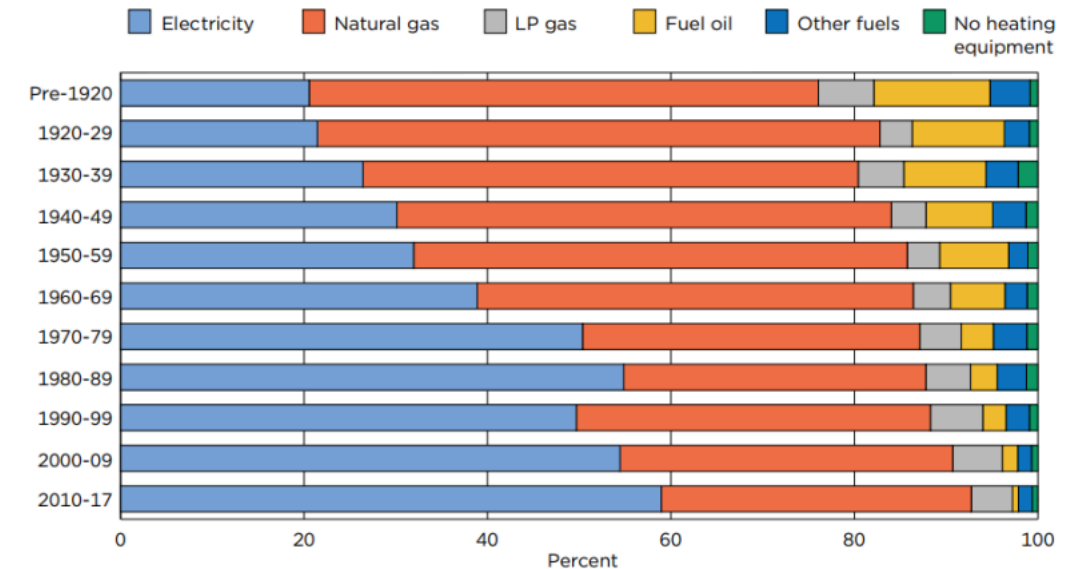
# Electric is already the majority

Of national new construction homes:

- 60% use electric space heating
  - 40% of which are heat pumps
- 55% use electric water heating
- 62% use electric cooking
- 75% use electric clothes drying

Figure 3.

## Home Heating Fuel by Decade Home Was Built



Note: Data include primary heating systems for both occupied and vacant homes, secondary systems are not included. Other fuels include fuel oil, wood, kerosene, and any other fuel.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 American Housing Survey.

Sources: 1) [2017 American Community Survey](#) 2) [2017 IEA Heat Pump Conference Proceedings](#)

# Equipment

## Space Heating

Residential



Commercial



## Water Heating



## Cooking

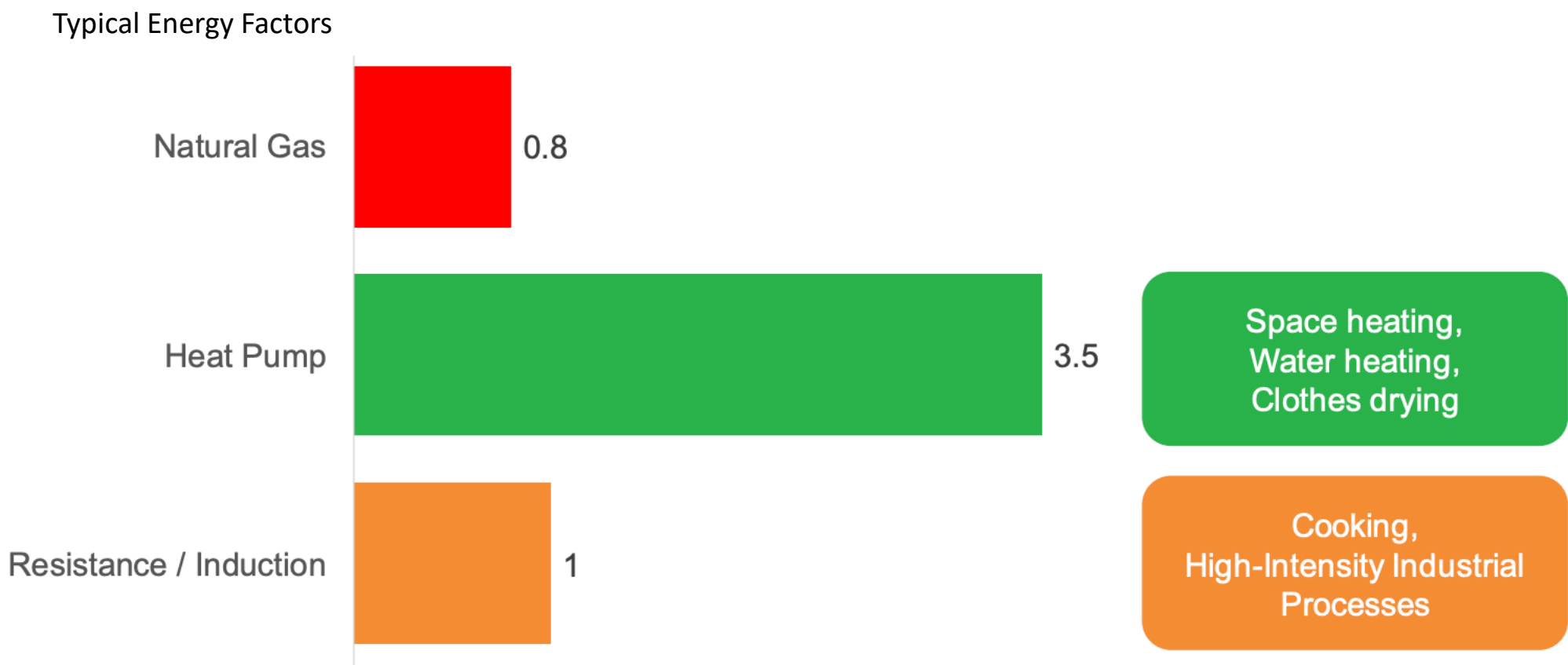


## Clothes Drying



# Equipment Efficiency

## Energy Efficiency Comparison of Technology





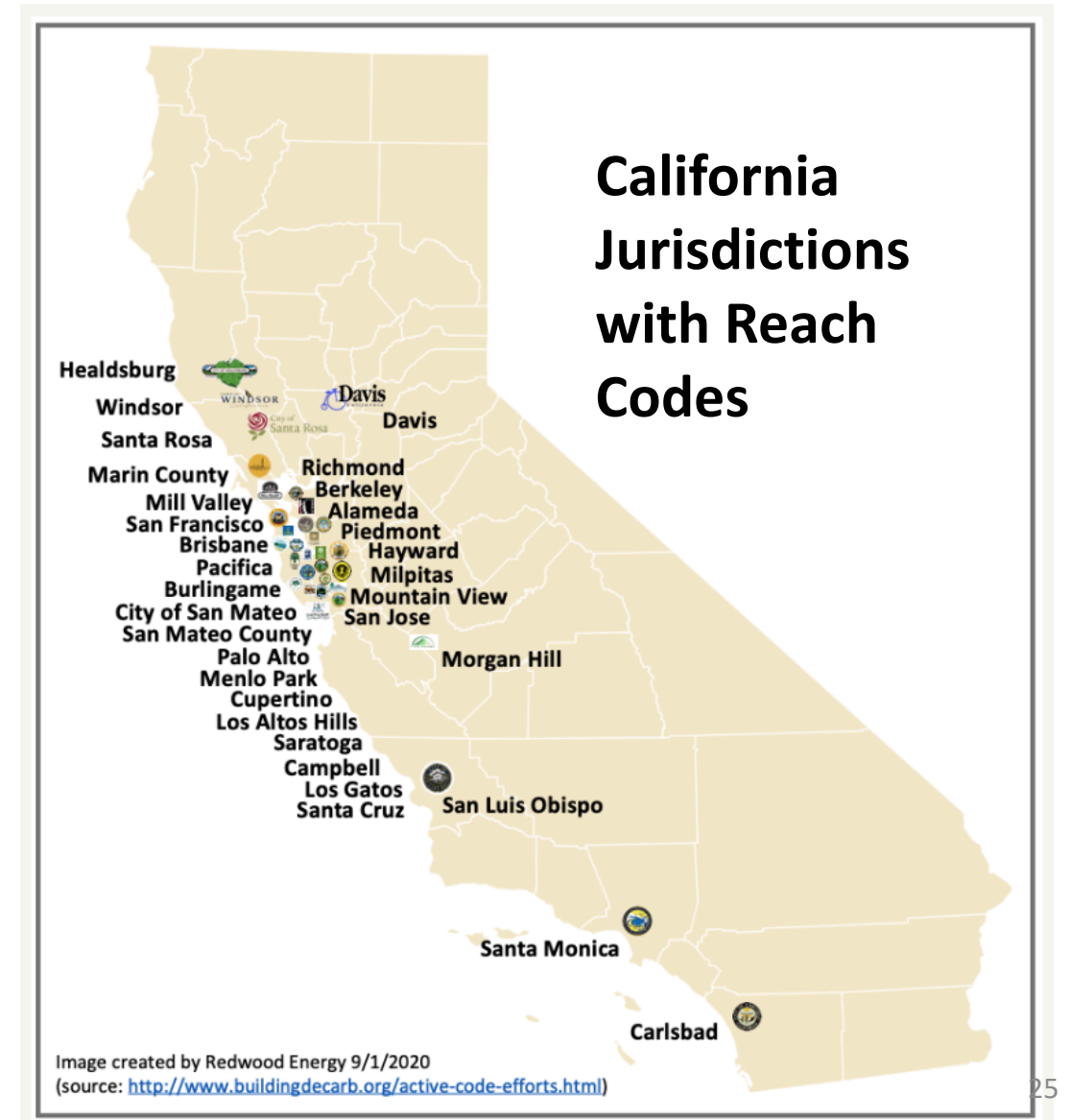
# Building and EV Reach Codes





# Adoption of Decarbonization Reach Codes

- 54 California Jurisdictions (as of 12/10/21)
- Variety of policy approaches to reach codes:
  - All-Electric Only Whole Building
  - All-Electric Only Specific Systems
  - Electric-Preferred
  - Efficiency
  - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure



# Other Jurisdictions with Reach Codes

## Crested Butte, Colorado

- All-electric requirements for new residential and commercial buildings
- EV charging requirements for new residential/commercial buildings and alteration projects
- Home Energy Assessment for existing residential buildings

## Denver, Colorado

- Building Performance Standards for commercial and multifamily buildings.
- Electric space heating and water heating required during residential retrofits
- EV charging requirements for existing multi-family and commercial buildings
- Energy benchmarking for existing commercial and industrial buildings

## Seattle, Washington

- Prohibits fossil fuel combustion or electric resistance appliances for purposes of space heating or domestic water heating for new commercial and multifamily buildings

# 2022 California Building Code Highlights



# 2022 California Energy Code: Highlights

## New Construction

- **Heat pumps = prescriptive baseline**
  - Performance credit for all-electric design
- **Residential**
  - Pre-wiring for gas appliances
  - Higher ventilation rate for gas stoves
  - Energy storage readiness
- **Nonresidential**
  - Solar PV and Battery Storage prescriptive

## Existing Buildings

- Restricts new electric resistance heating
- Simplified language for heat pump retrofits



# EV Infrastructure: Terminology

## Speed

### Level 1

3-4 miles per charging hour



### Level 2

10-20 miles per charging hour



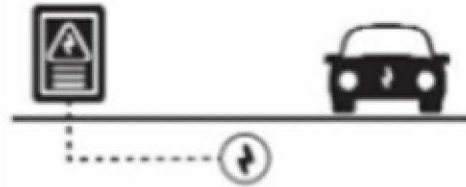
### Level 3

150+ miles per charging hour



## Readiness

### EV Capable



### EV Ready

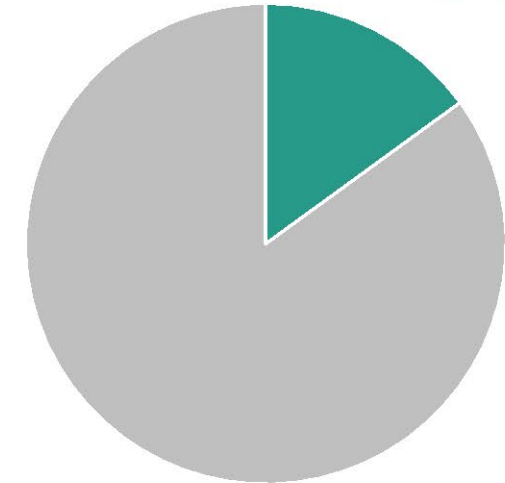


### EV Charging Station



## Number

Percent of  
Parking Spaces



# 2022 CALGreen Code: Residential EV Highlights

## New Residential Buildings

- **One-and Two-Family Homes, Town-homes with Private Garages**
  - All EV Capable, Raceway
  - Service Panel and/or Subpanel Capacity and Space(s)
- **Multi-Family, Hotels/Motels**
  - 10% EV Capable
  - 25% EV Ready
  - 5% buildings w/ 20+ units Level 2 EV Supply Equipment (EVSE)

## Existing Residential Buildings

- **Multi-Family, Hotel/Motel Buildings**
  - 10% of new parking spaces EV Capable
  - 10% of altered spaces EV Capable

# 2022 CALGreen Code: Nonresidential EV Highlights

Total # Parking Spaces	Number of Required EV Capable Spaces	Number of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (EVCS)
0–9	0	0
10–25	4	0
26–50	8	2
51–75	13	3
76–100	17	4
101–150	25	6
151–200	35	9
201 & more	20% of total	25% of EV Capable Spaces

# 2022 Statewide Reach Codes Initiative



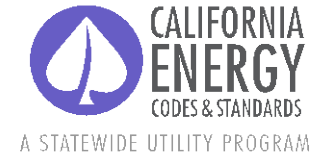


# 2022 Statewide Reach Codes Initiative

- Provides cost-effectiveness studies to support efficiency/electrification reach codes for new and existing buildings.
- Provides model codes to support jurisdictions in development of reach codes.
- CALGreen provides reach code language for green building provisions in voluntary appendices (Tier 1 and Tier 2).

# Cost-Effectiveness Study Overview

- C/E Study required for local amendments to California Energy Code
- Two methodologies
  - “On-bill” (individual consumer, utility rates)
  - “Time Dependent Valuation” (code, societal)
- Jurisdiction determines if reach code is C/E
- May not preempt Federal appliance standards



Title 24, Parts 6 and 11  
Local Energy Efficiency Ordinances

**2019 Cost-effectiveness Study:  
Low-Rise Residential New Construction**

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Last Modified: August 01, 2019

# Triggers & Buildings Impacted by Reach Codes

## Triggers

- New Construction
- Existing Buildings
  - Upon appliance replacement
  - During retrofits
  - At Time of Sale
  - Date Certain

## Building Types Impacted

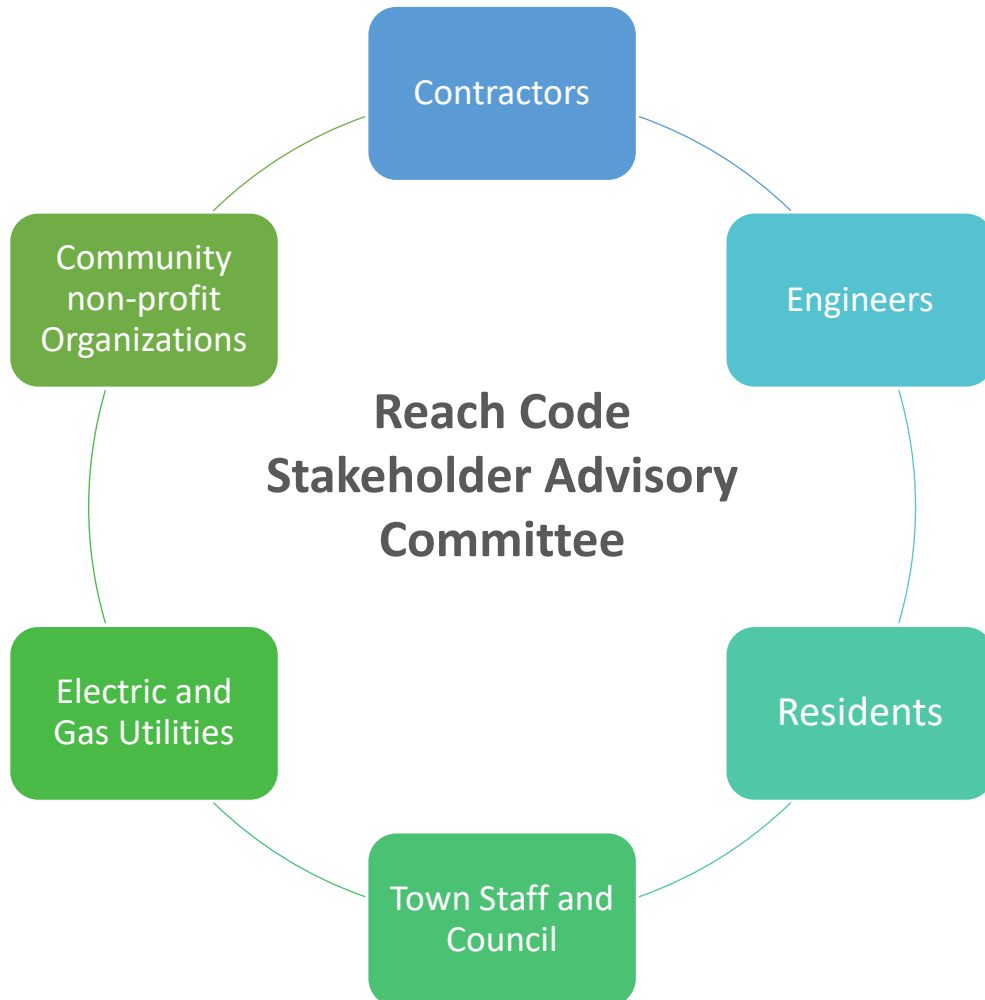
- Residential Single-family and ADUs
- Multi-family
- Non-residential
  - Hotel
  - Office
  - Retail
  - Restaurant

## Exemptions Allowed

# Reach Code Strategy



# Stakeholder Engagement



- Regular meetings to identify direction of ordinance criteria.
- Reviewed potential model codes for building and EV reach codes.
- Discussed potential exemptions.
- Provided feedback on approaches.

# Reach Code Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Committee Member	Affiliation
Jan Zabriskie	TOT Councilmember
Anna Klovstad	TOT Councilmember
Steven Keates	Truckee Donner Public Utility District
Breanna Kelley	Liberty Utilities
Matt Helmers	Southwest Gas
Patrick Flora	Contractors Association of Truckee Tahoe
Kristi Thompson	MWA Inc, Architecture-Engineering
Mark Schlosser	Sugarpine Engineering
Ken Bousquet	Sugarpine Engineering
Alondra Delgadillo	Sierra Community House
Blake Herrschaft	Peninsula Clean Energy
Mark Zimring	Community at Large
Jen Carlile	Community at Large
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# Climate Zone 16 Characteristics

- Covers large area of California
- Climate mostly cold, summer temperatures can be mild
- Temp varies tremendously with slope orientation/elevation
- Cool temps/snow cover predominate over half of the year
- Most extreme range of temperatures



# Truckee Climate Characteristics

- Average annual snowfall around 201”
- Average January low of 14 degrees
- Steady warming trend for the region
- Solar PV High Snow Load and Shading Exceptions





# Truckee Building Permit Data



## Building Permit Applications Last Two Years (2020-2021)

- New Residential Construction Permits = 116
- Existing Residential Permits = 251
- New Commercial Construction Permits = 7
- Existing Commercial Permits = 38
- Photovoltaic (PV) Permits = 43



## Total Projects in Planning Entitlement

- 70 projects in entitlement.



# Reach Code Policy Considerations

The Town is considering the following energy efficiency or fuel requirement reach codes:

- Energy efficiency upgrades for existing residential and commercial buildings
- Whole-building energy reach code for new residential and commercial buildings
- EV charging requirements for existing residential and commercial buildings
- EV charging requirements for new residential and commercial buildings
- Energy benchmarking requirements for existing commercial buildings

# Reach Code Policy Considerations

- **Reach Code Approach for New Buildings**

- All-Electric
- Electric Preferred
- Electric Only Plus Efficiency
- Efficiency
- EV Charging

- **Reach Code Approach for Existing Buildings**

- Efficiency
- EV Charging

- **Applicable Systems and Appliances**

- Whole Building
- Specific Appliances
  - Heat Pump Water Heater
  - Cooking Appliance
  - Electric Dryer
  - Heat Pump Space Heating and Cooling

# Reach Code Policy Considerations

- **Building Types Impacted**

- Residential
  - Single-family, ADUs
  - Multi-family
- Non-residential
  - Hotel
  - Office
  - Retail
  - Restaurant

- **Potential Exemptions**

- By building occupancy
- By appliance type
- By % of remodel
- For backup power and backup heat sources

# Potential New Building Reach Code Exceptions

- Emergency backup power and backup heat sources
- New swimming pools and spas
- Water heating or space heating in ADUs
- Outdoor BBQs
- Commercial kitchens
- Hotels/motels w/ 80+ guestrooms may use gas for commercial clothes drying
- Multi-family projects w/ entitlement may use gas water heating



When combustion equipment is allowed, require electric ready.

# Potential Existing Building Reach Code Exceptions

- Backup power/backup heat sources
- Subsidized Housing
- In-lieu fees
- HOA conflicts
- Mobile homes, Manufactured Housing or Factory-built Housing
- When scope consists of specific scenarios

# Potential Electric Vehicle Reach Code Exceptions

- Areas served by parking lifts
- Local utility power supply infeasibility
- Increases to construction cost
- Affordable housing
- One Direct Current Fast Charging Station (DCFC) may be substituted for up to five (5) EVCS
- ADU or JADU without additional parking facilities
- Multifamily w/ approved entitlements

# Q&A Discussion



# Next Steps

- Town to host community meeting #2 virtually. (September 28, 2022)
- Develop code recommendation based on statewide model code language and community and industry feedback. (ongoing)
- State finalizes the cost-effectiveness studies. (September 2022)
- Town Council to provide direction on policy recommendations. (October 2022)
- Consider draft reach code ordinance (November 2022)
- Undergo state approvals and begin local enforcement.

# THANK YOU.

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