

Reaching for the Sun: Lessons Learned from California

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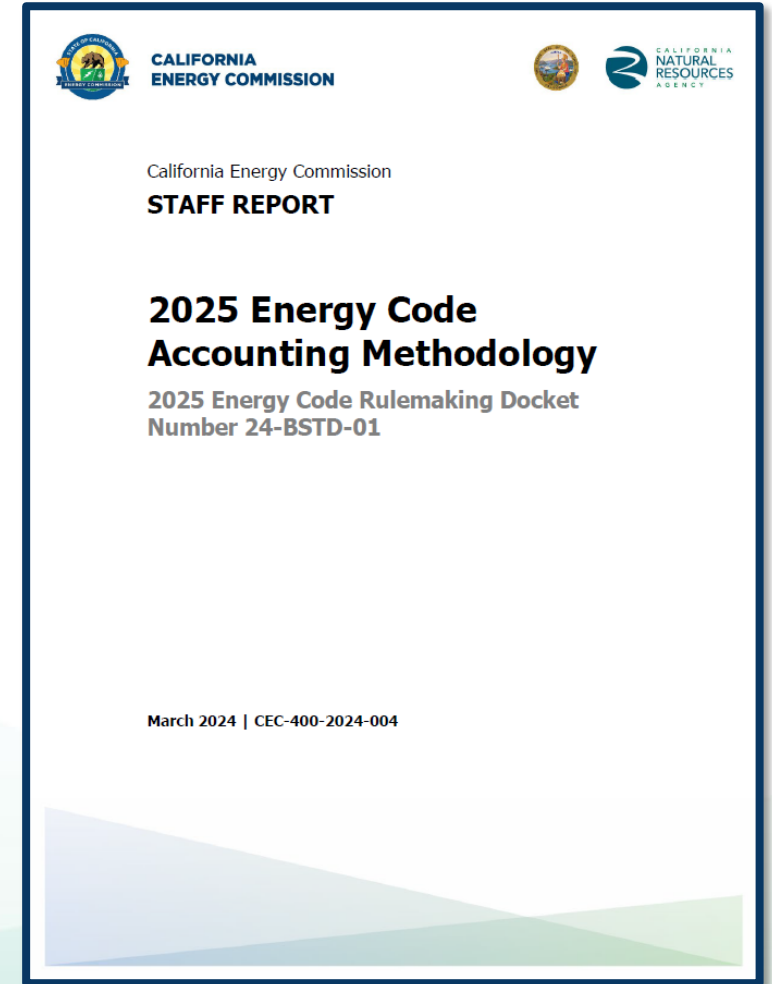
Statute & Accounting

Public Resources Code § 25402(b)(3)

The standards... shall be cost-effective when taken in their entirety and when amortized over the economic life of the structure compared with historic practice.

Energy Code Accounting Report

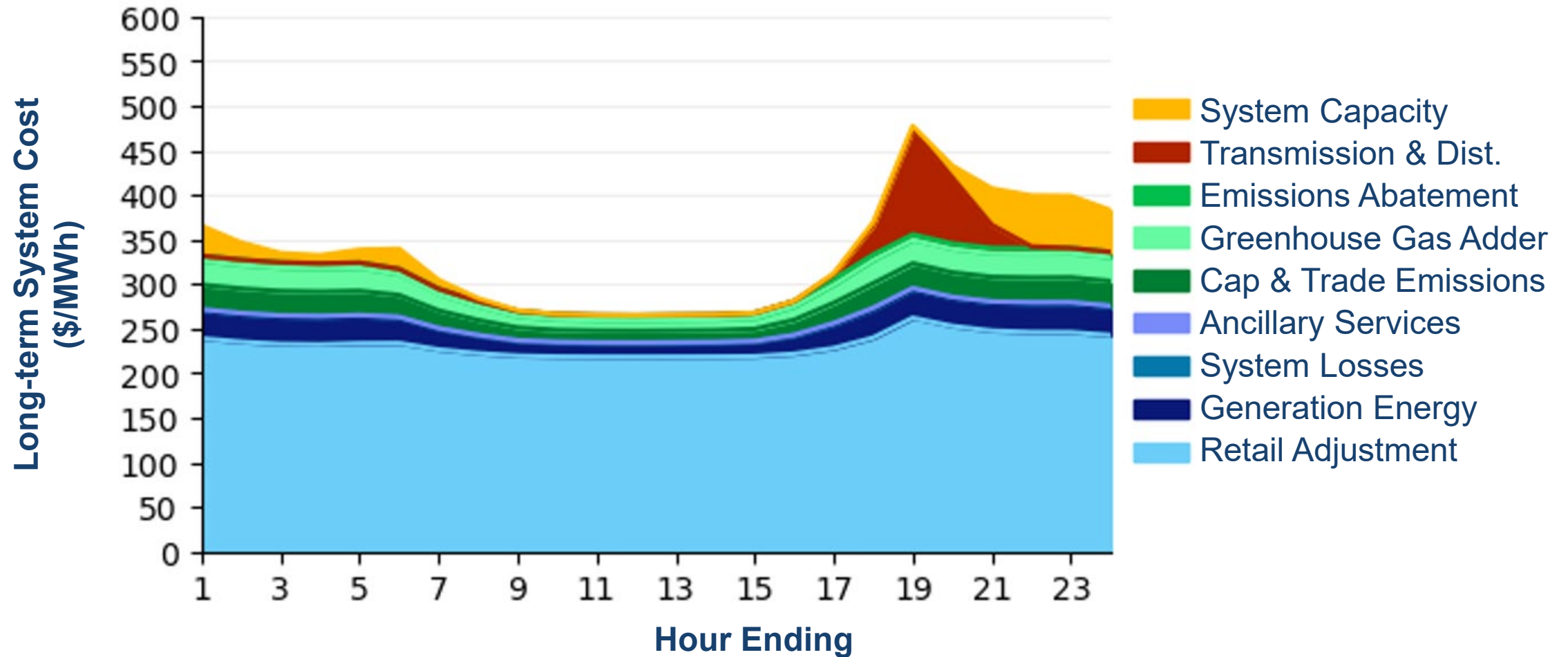
- Overall cost-effectiveness methodology
- Climate Data & CA Climate Zones
- Building Energy Model Prototypes
- Hourly Metrics: Long-term System Cost & Source Energy
- Construction Forecast Data





Benefits Components

Example: Statewide Electricity Avoided Costs, Average Day, Climate Zone 12 (Sacramento)





Benefit-Cost Ratio Example

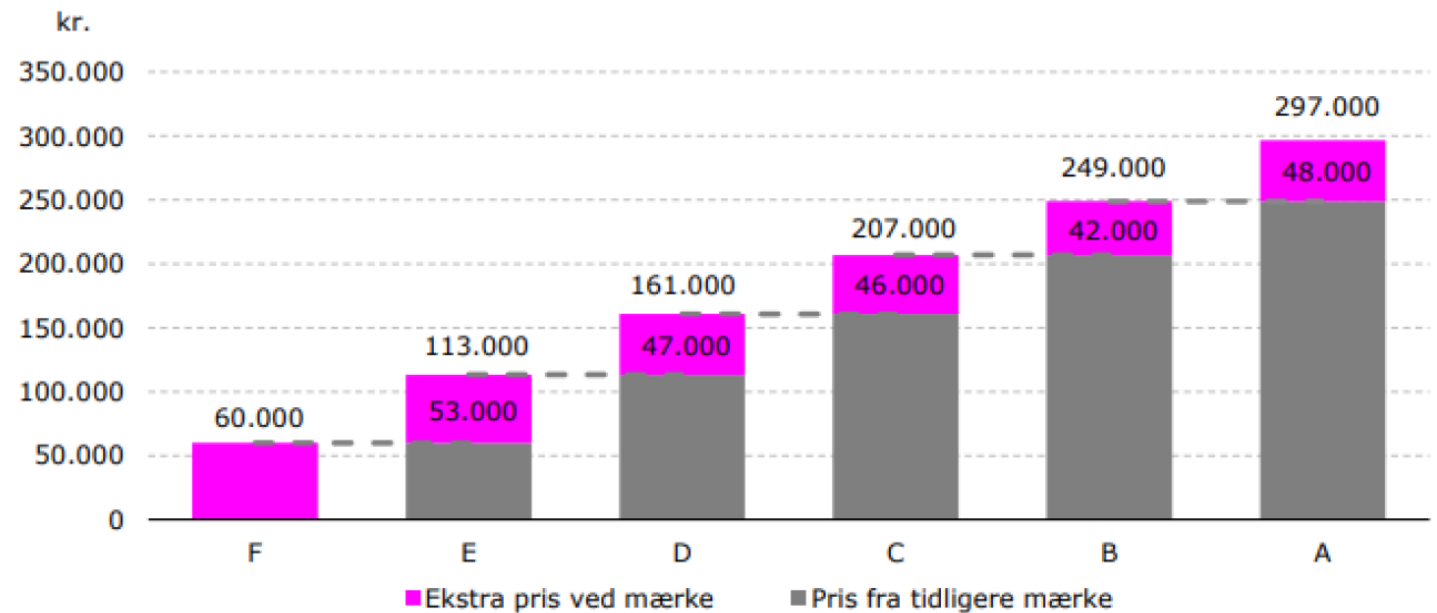
California Climate Zone (% of State)	Total Life-cycle Benefits (PV\$)	Total Life-cycle Costs (PV\$)*	Benefit-Cost Ratio
1-North Coast (0.5%)	\$18,807	\$2,423	7.8
2-North Coast Valley (3%)	\$11,307	\$84	134.9
3-San Francisco Bay (11%)	\$6,079	\$1,572	3.9
4-Central Valley Coast (6%)	\$5,954	\$1,572	3.8
5-Central Coast (1%)	\$4,844	\$84	57.8
6-Los Angeles Coast (7%)	\$2,293	\$84	27.3
7-San Diego Coast (5%)	\$2,108	\$84	25.1
8-Orange County Coast (10%)	\$1,769	-\$557	> 1
9-Los Angeles (14%)	\$2,691	-\$557	> 1
10-South Inland (12%)	\$2,555	-\$557	> 1
11-North Central Valley (4%)	\$10,054	\$84	119.9
12-Sacramento (15%)	\$10,574	-\$557	> 1
13-Central Valley (7%)	\$6,400	\$1,572	4.1
14-High Desert (3%)	\$5,601	\$1,572	3.6
15-Low Desert (2%)	\$1,232	\$495	2.5
16-Mountains (1%)	\$14,804	\$4,714	3.1

*Costs include first costs, replacement costs, and maintenance costs

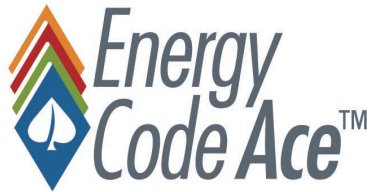
Asset Ratings



Figur 1 Sammenhæng mellem boligpris og energimærker



Lessons Learned While Improving Compliance



Energy Code Ace – Performance-based Approach



- The Codes and Standards Compliance Improvement Subprogram administered by SCE, SDG&E and PG&E

★ *We exist to...*

- **Make it faster and easier** for each market actor in the compliance chain **to comply** with Title 24, Part 6 and Title 20

★ *Our Approach...*

- Understand each actor's workflow and what's in their way
 - Lack of knowledge/skill = **Training**
 - Lack of time/resources = **Tools & Resources**
 - Lack of awareness = **Outreach**
- Develop minimal viable products and iterate with 'users'
- Vet with the CEC
- Deliver solutions statewide through Energy Code Ace using an undaunting, friendly, trustworthy approach

Create a Data Stream

- ✦ Establish electronic compliance forms
- ✦ Build in code ruleset and validate inputs
- ✦ Link permitted forms with installation forms
- ✦ Monitor trends



Create a Data Stream



Which of the following occupancy types are included in your project? (Select all that apply) ?

Choose all that apply

Which of the following describes your project's scope? ?

Select one

Is the building electric only? ?

Select one

Select which fuel is available at site: ?

Select one

What is the total conditioned floor area of the project in scope? ?

| ft²

What is the total unconditioned floor area of the project in scope? ?

| ft²

How many stories above grade are included in your projects scope? ?

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Please select all mechanical systems and equipment that are included in your scope of work. ?

§140.4 , §160.3 , §141.0(b)2 , §180.2(b)

Choose all that apply

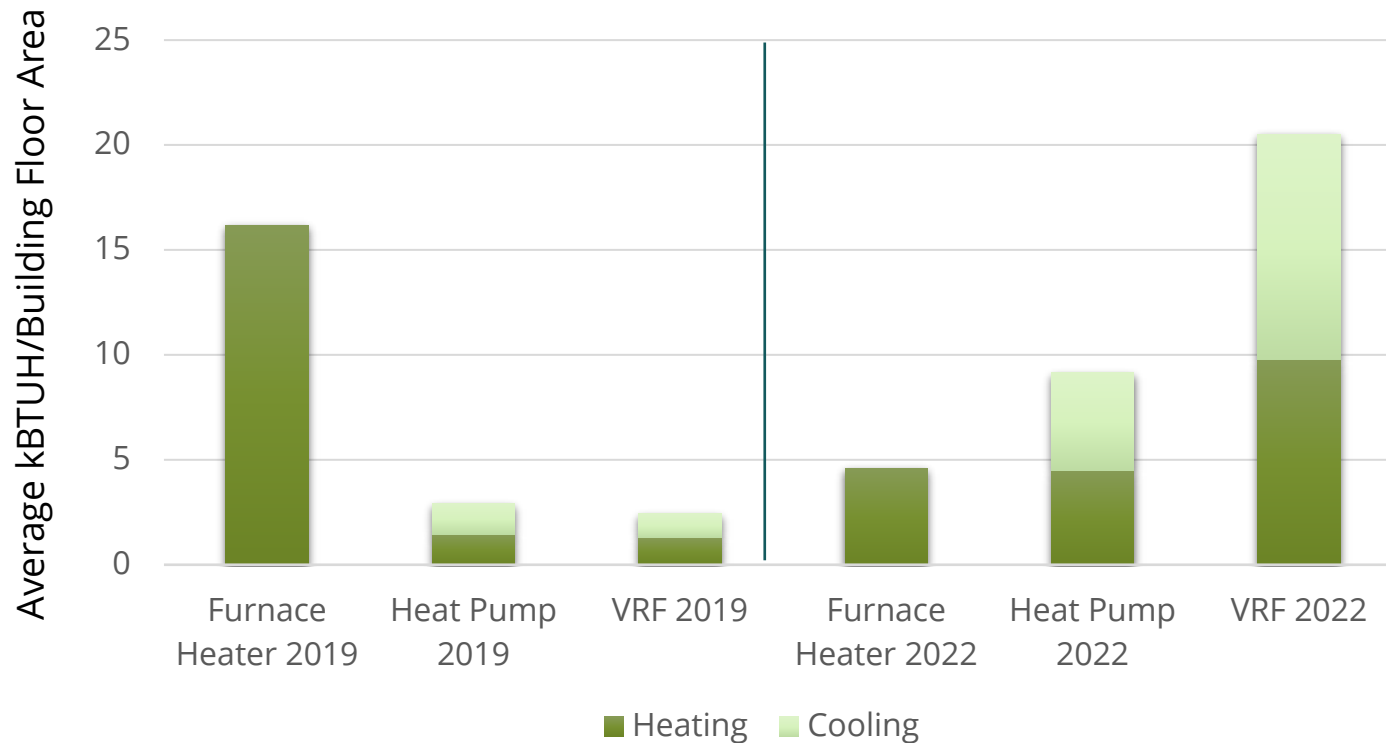
Drop-down menus and data fields use schemas to limit selections and inputs to compliant options

Questions asked are tailored to project scope

Friendly, non-technical prompts ask questions that are easily understood

Create a Data Stream

Mechanical data suggests the 2022 code cycle is shifting heating equipment type from gas to electric heating sources



Monitor User's Needs and Respond

- ✦ Establish a help desk
- ✦ Perform needs assessments regularly



The image is a screenshot of an email invitation from Ace Resources. The email has a red header with the Ace Resources logo. The main body of the email is white with a red border. It contains the following text:

Ace Resources™

Help us improve our Energy Code Resources.
Take this short survey to share your insights on our current resource offerings!

Energy Code Ace is already preparing for California's 2025 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24, Part 6 or the Energy Code). As always, we will be developing new resources to help you easily comply with the new standards, but we need your help! This 10-minute survey asks for feedback on how you currently use our resources and will help us understand how we can improve them in the future. We appreciate your response and look forward to hearing your insights!

Take the Survey

On the right side of the email, there is a graphic of a clipboard with a survey form attached to it. The survey form is titled "Energy Code Ace Survey" and contains various sections for feedback.



Training Lessons Learned

- ✦ Provide “role-based” training with practice opportunities
- ✦ Incorporate job aides
- ✦ Focus on high-impact measures

Hands-On Practice with “Case Studies”

3 Case Studies Woven Throughout This Course
These building features typically have the greatest impact on compliance

Insulation

Fenestration

Solar Ready

HVAC

DHW/STH

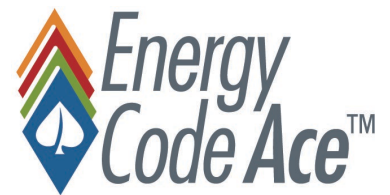
Indoor
Lighting

Outdoor
Lighting

Our Strategy: Use available review time to
target these 7 key areas



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What is a Regional Energy Network (REN) Anyway???

- **RENs are new administrators** – as opposed to Investor-Owned Utilities (IOU) – of energy efficiency programs authorized by the CPUC to draw on the capacity and innovative ideas of local governments
- RENs receive “rate payer” funding to administer programs in specified territories
- RENs are recognized by the CPUC and others for their unique ability to:
 - Understand regional needs and fill gaps
 - Serve “Hard to Reach” communities
 - Provide holistic solutions for customers

A Brief REN History?

2013

- Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)
- Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN)

2017

- Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN)

2021

- Inland Regional Energy Network (IREN)

2024

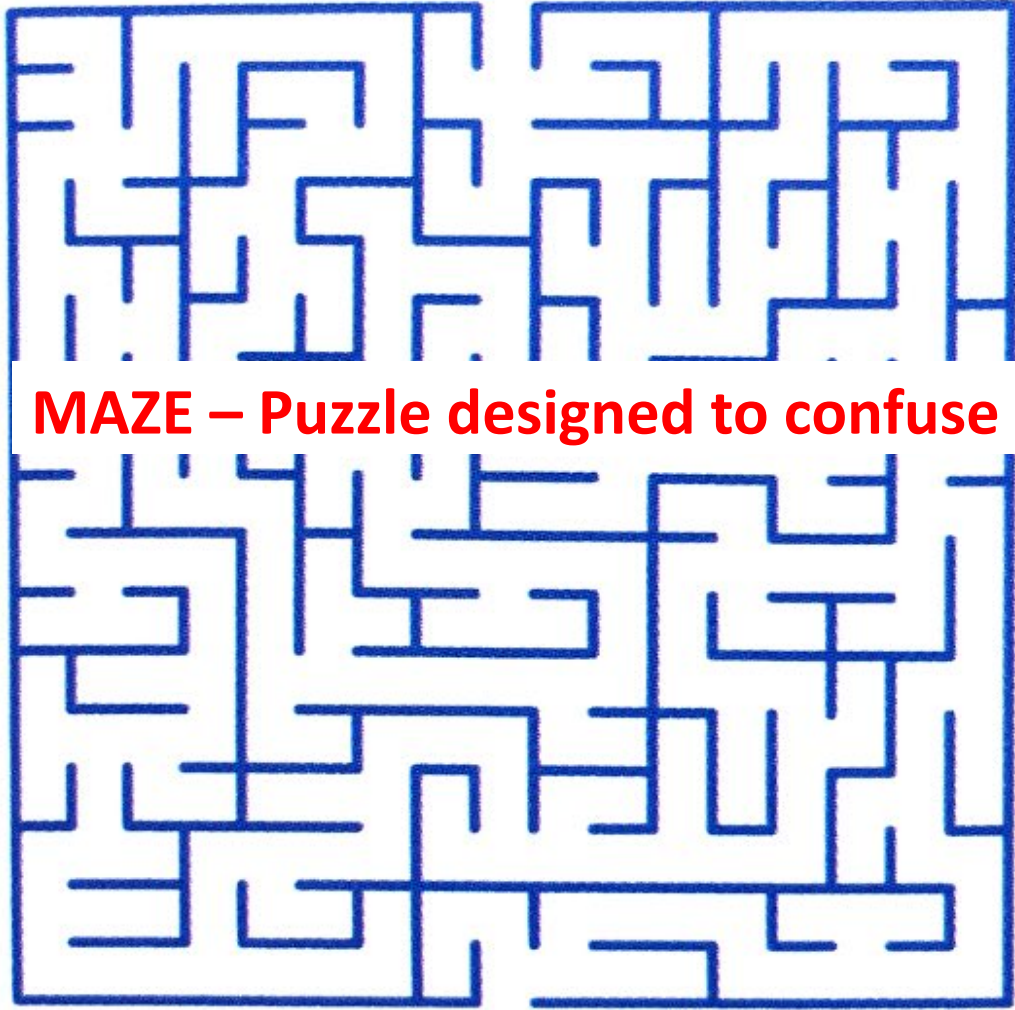
- Rural Regional Energy Network (Rural REN) (Pending Approval by CPUC)



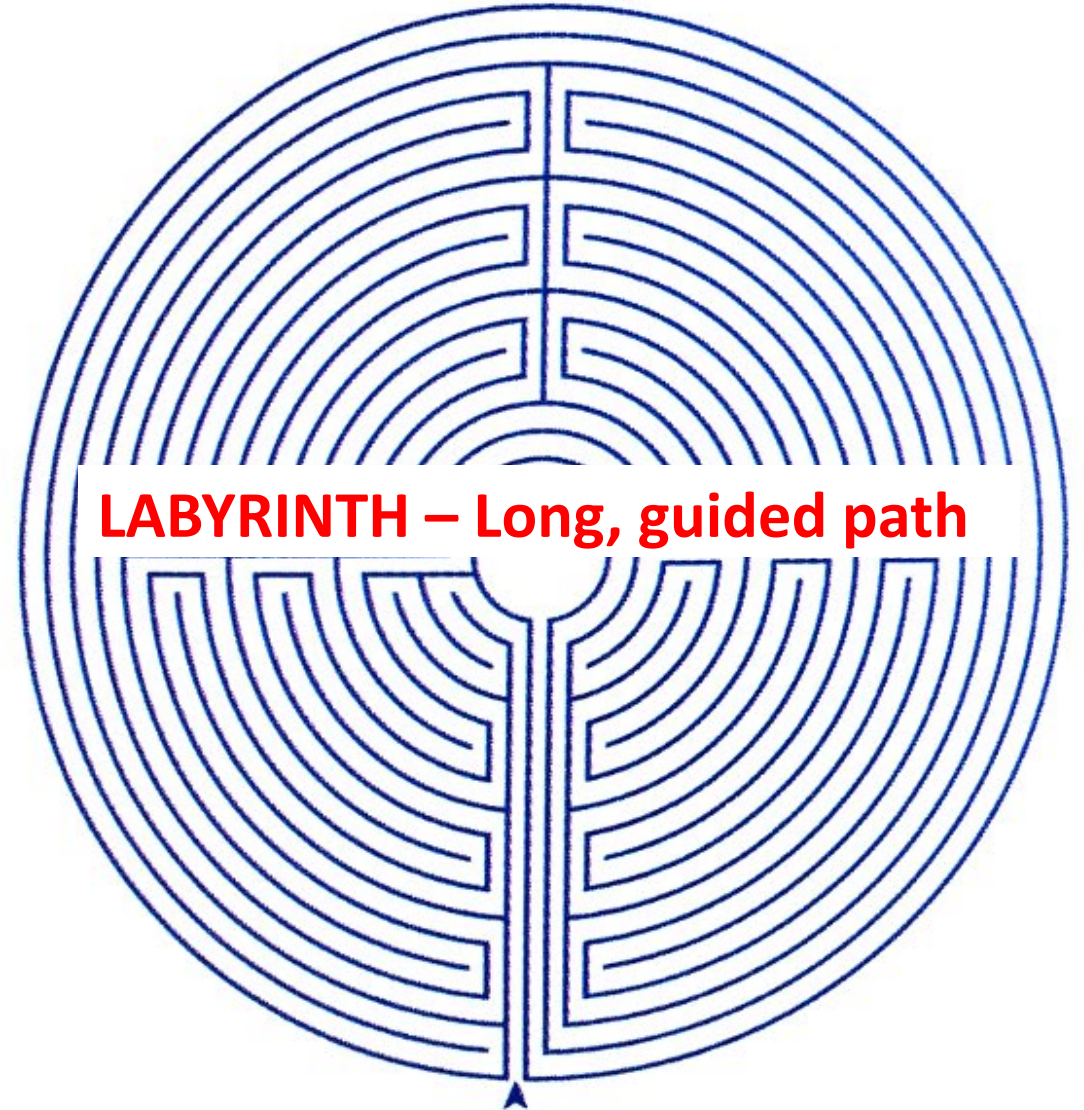
So... How does this relate to Energy Codes?



Are we in a Labyrinth or a Maze?



MAZE – Puzzle designed to confuse



LABYRINTH – Long, guided path

Jordan's Hot Take for the Day!





Successes and Stumbles

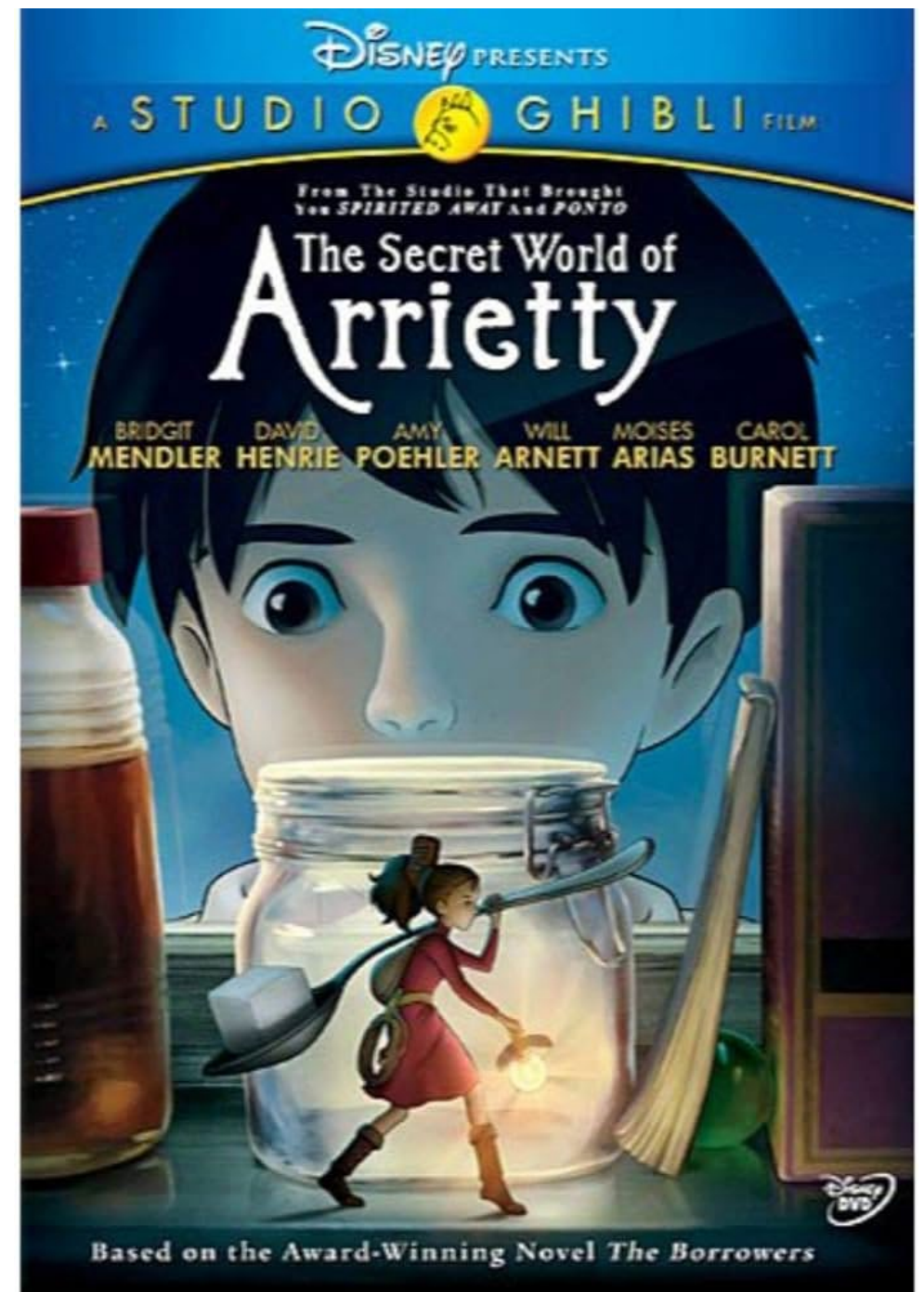


Every AHJ is a Snowflake

- Each jurisdiction and organization thinks they are different!
- Meeting people where they are at...
- **Finding ways to be nimble!!!**

The Great Unifier... Partnerships and Stealing (Borrowing)!

- CEC and HERS Registries
- California Association of Building Energy Consultants (CABEC)
- Energy Code Ace and Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs)
- North American Passive House Network (NAPHN)
- Other Cities/Counties
- And of course, all the other RENs



Contractors, Contractors, Contractors!!!



“Energy Code is only as effective as its workforce!”

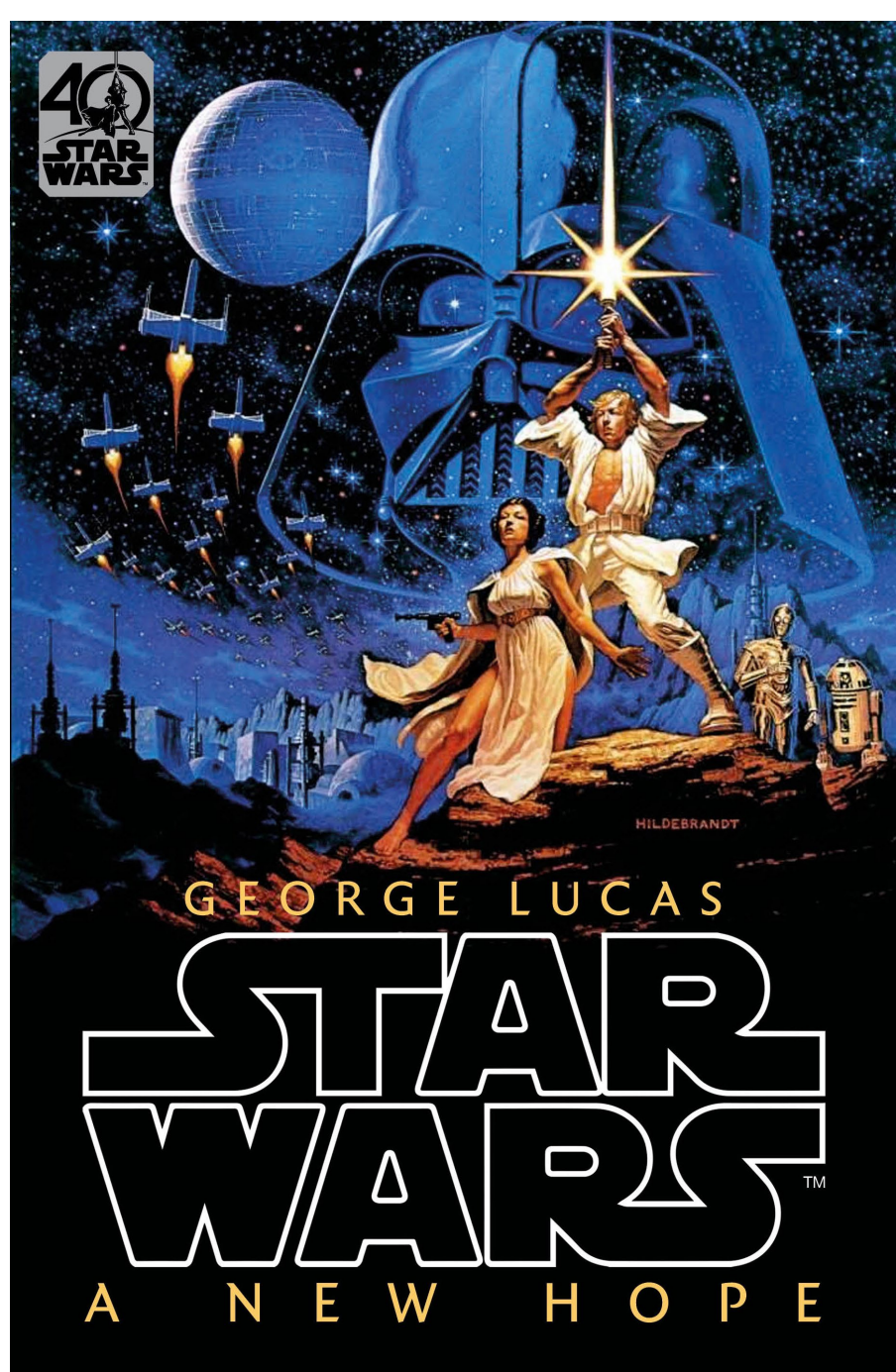
– Jordan Garbayo 5/7/2024

- Find your champions early
- Educate your workforce on both sides of the aisle – meaning public and private sector. **THEY CAN BOTH BE WRONG!**
- **Seek out local trusted consultants!**

Flipping the Snowflake Idea on its Head

- Reach Code Development
- Collaboration Between 4 Local Government Agencies
- Develop a Consistent Regional Reach Code Framework
- Not So Different After All!





Energy Code Connect Programs/Offerings

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[RESOURCE LIBRARY](#)

TRAININGS [LIVE](#) and [ON DEMAND](#)

[REGIONAL FORUMS](#)

[REACH CODE SUPPORT](#)

Statewide Codes and Standards

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Developing the Scope



**Guiding/
Enabling
Documents**



**Community
Features**



**Financial
Support/
Resources**



Partners



**Tracking and
Reporting**





Finding the Right Levers

Intervention Points

- Building permits
- Zoning, Health and Safety Codes
- Time of Sale
- Business License Renewals
- Date Certain
- Specific Plans / Project Negotiations

Some Recurring Themes

- There's always common ground
- Don't reinvent the wheel
- Take every win
- Regional consistency is helpful, but not necessary
- Expect the unexpected!



Thank You!



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