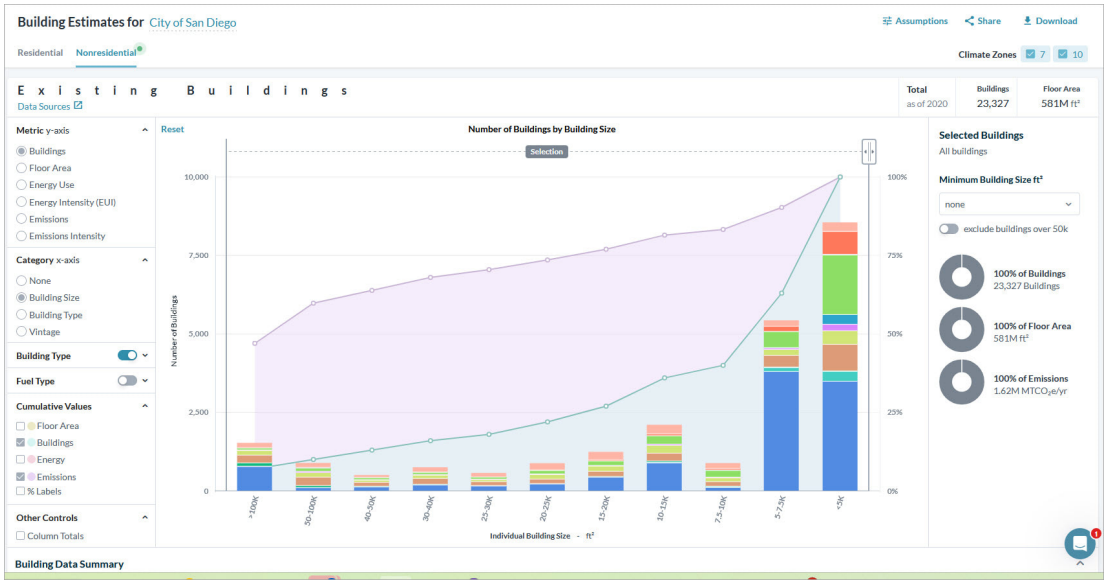
REACH CODE NEWS BRIEF: OCTOBER 2025

COST EFFECTIVENESS EXPLORER UPDATES ASSIST JURISDICTIONS LOOKING AT BUILDING PERFORMANCE STANDARDS



The Statewide Local Energy Codes Cost Effectiveness Explorer team has rolled out new capabilities in its second release of its Building Performance Standards feature! The team added more building characteristics as well as energy and emissions data to our nonresidential building database. In addition, there are new ways to visualize city/county building stock —so users can quickly understand where energy and carbon are concentrated when developing a BPS policy.

California jurisdictions can now:

- profile building stock by type, size, and vintage
- compare energy, EUI, and emissions across segments
- model different building size thresholds to inform BPS scope

As always, the Explorer is free of charge for all users. Free walk-through appointments can be scheduled directly in the online tool through the chat icon in the lower right corner of the homepage.

The October 22 webinar materials should be available soon on the LEC Events listing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2-5: BECC (Behavior, Energy & Climate Change) Conference, Sacramento

November 4-7: Greenbuild International Conference + Expo, Los Angeles

November 4: 3C-REN Forum: Preparing Buildings for Wildfire Resiliency in 2025 and Beyond

November 12: California Energy Commission: Business Meeting

November 12: BayREN C&S Training: How the Energy Code Treats Electrification

November 12: 3C-REN Training: 2025 Energy Code Update for the Building Industry

November 13: I-REN C&S Training: 2025 Energy Code Restructured

November 20: Loyola Marymount University Center for Urban Resilience: Cities and the Environment Symposium, Los Angeles.



NEW THIS MONTH!



CABEC ANNUAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION: POLICY LANDSCAPE UPDATE

A panel discussion at the 40th annual CABEC Conference focused on the changing policy landscape for reach code development, adoption and implementation. The panel, comprised of Kelly Cunningham, Codes & Standards Program for PG&E, Crystal Najera, Sustainability Manager for the City of Encinitas and Coleen Wisniewski, Sustainability Manager for the City of Chula Vista, provided both statewide and local perspectives on current achievements as well as approaches going forward.

Cunningham provided the statewide perspective by reviewing the role of the Local Energy Codes program in providing technical support to local jurisdictions before exploring opportunities for operational energy savings and GHG emissions reductions both from efficient design and from information disclosure and performance improvement. She also reviewed emerging reach code pathways, such as 2025 residential reach codes under AB130 exceptions, non-residential explorations, and alternative policy strategies such as Building Performance Standards.

Najera presented the work undertaken by the City of Encinitas over the past ten years under the objectives defined in its Climate Action Plan. The most recent reach codes, adopted in 2025 include Electric Readiness, energy efficiency retrofits, Graywater systems and EV charging requirements for new single family homes, additions and

alterations (both residential and nonresidential over $50,000, and all new buildings and additions/alterations over $500,000). She also shared insights into the City's compliance program.

Wisniewski shared a look at the City of Chula Vista's Building Energy Saving Ordinance, which leverages and goes beyond AB802, which established the state benchmarking program. In Chula Vista, the ordinance lowered the square footage threshold to 20,000 square feet (the state mandate is 50,000 ft^2) , which targeted approximately 400 additional buildings. The local program is exempted from the statewide mandate and enables provides local staff the ability to work with owners and tenants on improvements that help businesses and residential tenants.

To request a copy of the presentation, email info@localenergycodes.com.

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