

2016 BayREN C&S Activities

BayREN Codes & Standards Program Activities for 2016 include the following:

Compliance Improvement – supporting Bay Area jurisdictions with tools and information to improve overall energy code compliance

- BayREN Energy Code Best Practice Checklists and Permit Guides: Distribute tools and resources to local building departments to help building departments' increase their understanding of how to improve code compliance and enforcement in a streamlined manner.
- Energy Code Tools and Services Feasibility Study: Evaluate building department's willingness and interest in electronic or paper-based resources and/or regional plan check services administered by ABAG in support of Title 24 Part 6 documentation and requirements.
- Demonstration Projects of Test Electronic Permitting and Code Compliance Tools:
 - Convert Over-the Counter Permit Guides into E-Tools for hosting on Building Department Websites
 - Develop Approach to Expand Online Plan Check and Inspection Tools and Applications

Energy Code Trainings (T24 Part 6) – supporting Bay Area building departments and building professionals with information and resources to increase target audiences understanding of locally relevant aspects of energy code updates and best practices to improve code compliance and enforcement

- Trainings: 30 in-person, classroom style modules are budgeted for delivery in 2016
- Continuing Education Units (CEU): Participate in the International Code Council Preferred Provider Program and offer 0.1 and 0.4 of professional association credits per one and four hour courses, respectively.
- T24 Updates: Updating existing curriculums to align with the 2016 Title 24 Part 6 update

Policy – supporting Bay Area building departments and professionals with stakeholder engagement, tools, best practices, and technical assistance to develop and implement energy code and policies

- Regional Forums – Quarterly (4 total) in-person, half day workshops targeting Bay Area officials, local building department Chief Building Officials, and regional codes and standards advocates to share best practices on how to resolve regional policy and programmatic design issues.
- Local Forums and Professional Meetings: in-person events and outreach to promote C&S programs and services or support small-scale forum presentations to local appointed policy board members, city council members, and code advisory committees.
- Home Energy Score Assessments: HES Assessor support for regional HES incentive initiative
- Reach Code/Policy Supports, including:
 - Residential Energy Assessment and Disclosure (READ) ordinances policy tool kit
 - Zero Net Energy Reach Code and Local Policy Support Tools
 - Performance Based Benchmarking Reach Code and Local Policy Support Tools