

# **Statewide Codes** and Standards

Cost-effectiveness Explorer August 30, 2022









## Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Local Ordinances Overview
  - Cost-effectiveness
  - Optional Policy Structures
- Cost-Effectiveness Explorer
  - Explorer Introduction
  - New Features
  - Creating New Construction Policies
- Local Energy Codes Resources
- Questions



#### What is a Reach Code?

A reach code is an ordinance adopted by a local government that requires something in addition to the requirements of the state's building code.



Reach Codes

2022 California Building Code

2023 | 2024 | 2025

# Newly Constructed Building Ordinances - Considerations

#### Require all-electric?

- All occupancy types?
- Outdoor gas equipment (pools, barbeques, firepits, etc.)?
- Readiness?
- Exemptions?

#### Include efficiency above code?

- Mixed fuel and all-electric?
- Single family study supports additional efficiency
- Nonresidential and multifamily TBD
- Must be cost-effective

#### Include substantial remodels in new construction?

Common definition for threshold?

## **New Construction Ordinance Approaches**

	Efficiency	Electric- Preferred	Electric Only		High Efficiency Electric Only
			Natural Gas Moratorium	Electric Only	
Mechanism	Energy Code	Energy Code	Jurisdictional authority (e.g., Health and Safety)	CALGreen	(Jurisdictional authority or CALGreen) plus Energy Code
Requirements	All new construction exceeds minimum energy code	Only mixed fuel buildings exceed minimum energy code	No new gas infrastructure (Hookups or Piping)	All new construction is electric only	All new construction is electric only AND exceeds minimum
Considerations	Simplicity Preserves choice Specific measures	Preserves Choice Lower GHG Savings	Longest Lasting	Must be renewed	Biggest impact Must be renewed

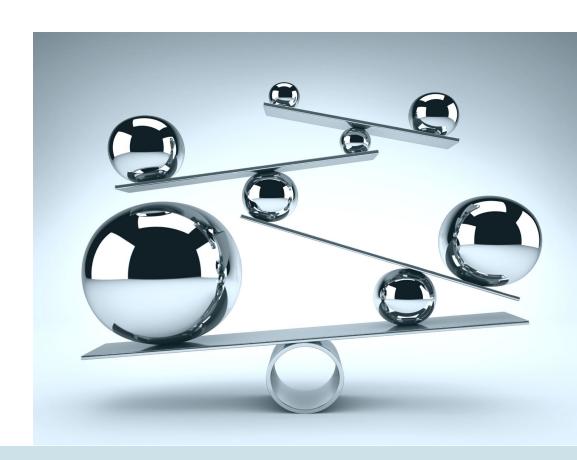
### **Cost-effectiveness: Why and How?**

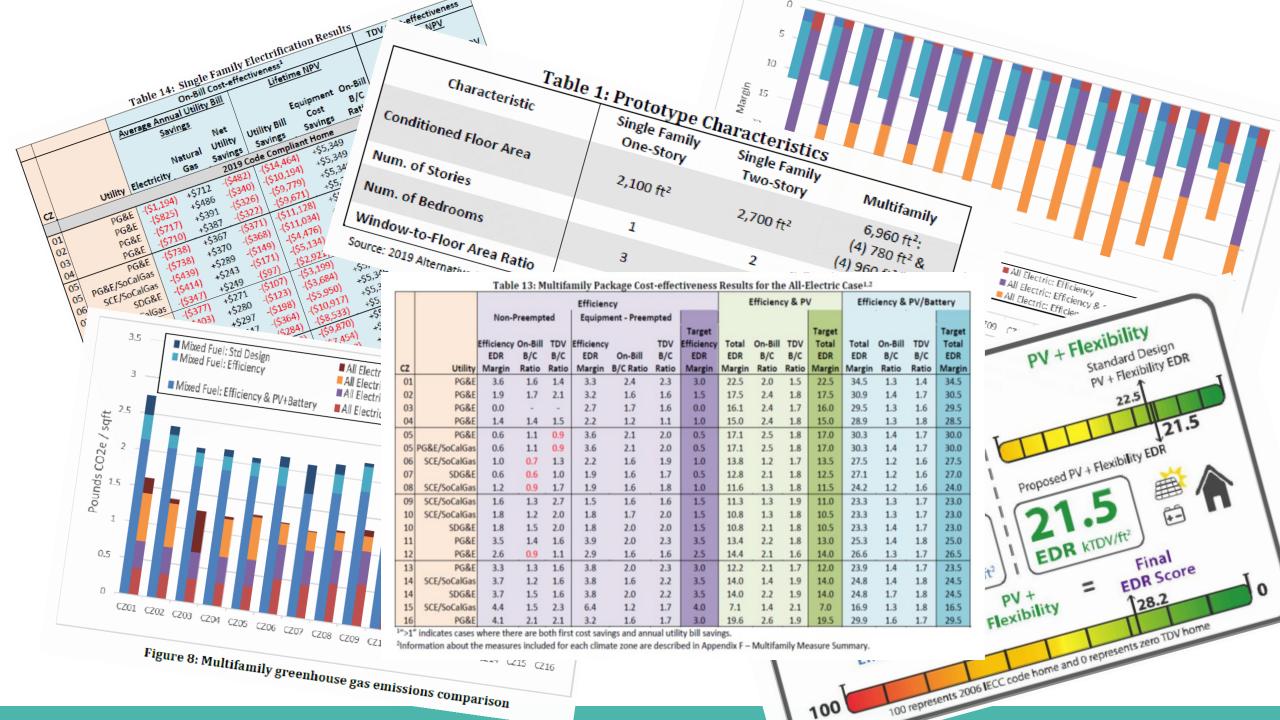
#### Why is a Cost-effectiveness Study Necessary?

- Define range of feasible improvements within which one may craft policy
- Demonstrate available compliance pathways
- Document that proposed policy meets legal requirements
- Understand policy impacts to support informed decisions.

#### **How is Cost-effectiveness Measured?**

- Simple Payback
  - O How long will it take to recoup incremental costs?
- Benefit- to-Cost Ratio
  - Benefits divided by Costs (≥1.0)
- Net Present Value
  - Benefits minus Costs (positive)





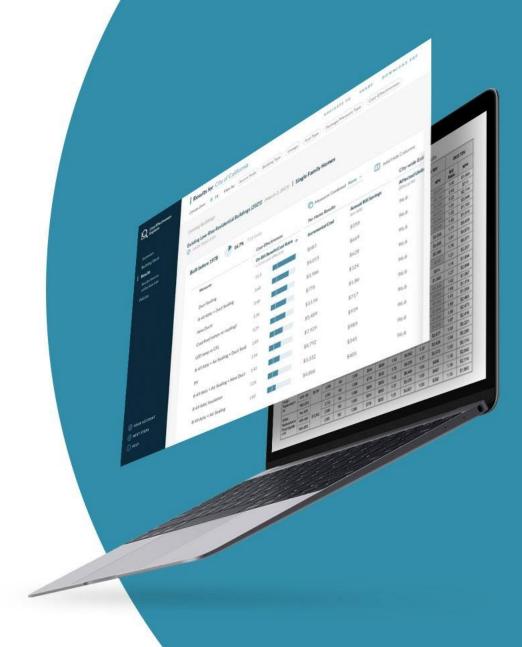


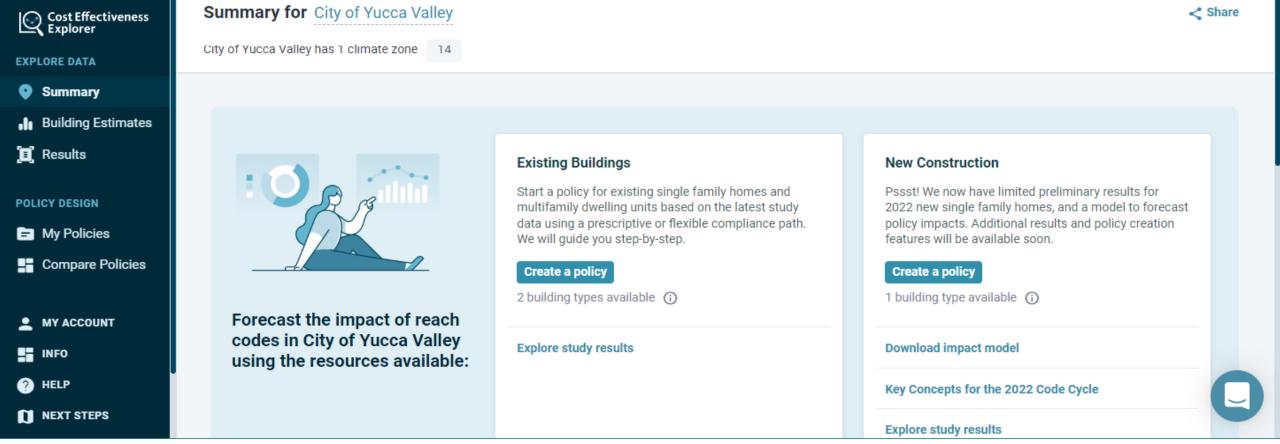


## **Cost-Effectiveness Explorer**

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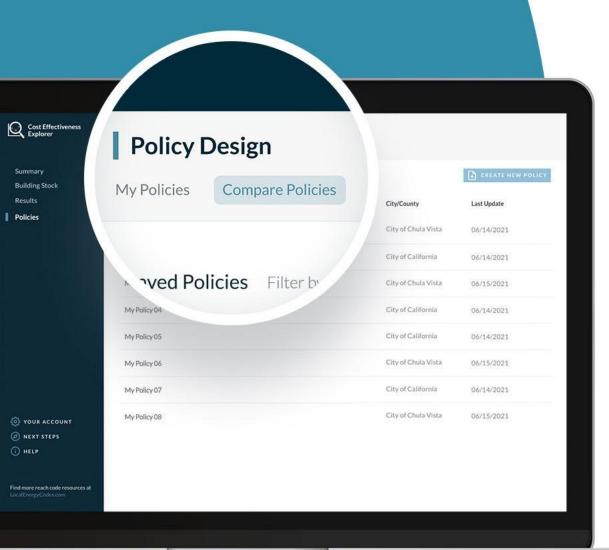
- Free web-based software for California local government energy policy makers
- Designed to help accelerate reach code adoption and support data-driven decision making
- ✓ Launched in late 2020
- Aggregates findings from 6 statewide cost-effectiveness studies
- Estimates residential building stock for each of 500+ California cities and counties
- Helps users evaluate and develop cost-effective policy options





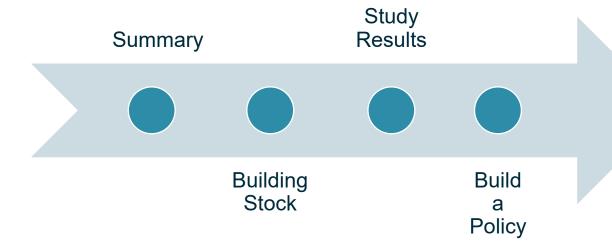
## Let Us Build a Policy For You

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### **Cost-Effectiveness Explorer**

**Demonstration** 

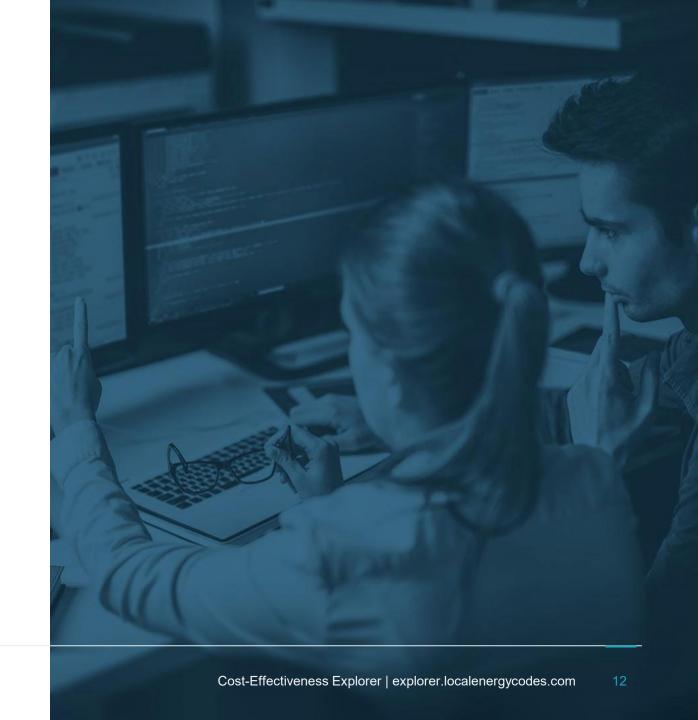




# Cost-Effectiveness Explorer

## **Upcoming Features For New Buildings**

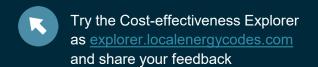
- Template Policies
- Impact Tab
- Compare Policies
- Additional Studies
- Requirements Tables







## Thank you.





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## Additional Reach Codes Program Resources

# Program Objective: Facilitate Adoption of Reach Codes



Prepare	Prepare cost-effectiveness analyses
Draft	Draft model language
Develop	Develop adoption and implementation resources and tools
Provide	Provide technical support to staff
Communicate	Communicate study results to stakeholders
Publish	Publish reach codes newsletter

### **Studies Underway for 2022 Code Cycle**

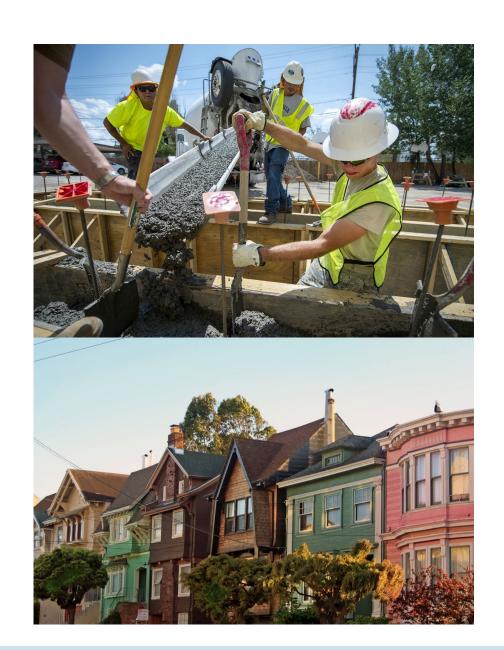
#### **Newly Constructed Buildings**

- Single Family & ADUs
- Multifamily (three-story and five-story prototypes)
- Non-Residential (office, retail, hotel, restaurant)

Existing Buildings (renovation/additions)

- Single Family
- Low-Rise Multifamily

Electric Pool Heating (residential and commercial)



#### **Additional 2022 Code Cycle Resources**

- Ordinance Tracking
- Interactive Map
- Model Ordinance Language
- Fact Sheets
- C/E Study Executive Summary
- Implementation materials
- Webinars and Training
- Local Energy Codes <u>YouTube Channel</u>



## Questions?



### **Thank You!**



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