

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
TO BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE
CALIFORNIA BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION
REGARDING THE 2025 CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE,
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 11
(BSC 03/25)**

Notice is hereby given that the California Building Standards Commission (BSC) proposes to adopt, approve, codify, and publish changes to building standards contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 11. The BSC is proposing building standards related to 2025 California Green Building Standards Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(1), 11346.5(a)(15) and 11346.5(a)(17).

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, written comments will be accepted from **March 27, 2026**, until midnight on **May 11, 2026**.

Comments may be submitted to CBSC via:

Email: cbsc@dgs.ca.gov

US Mail postmarked no later than **May 11, 2026**:

California Building Standards Commission
Attention: Public Comments
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833

All written comments received are considered part of the public record and will be made available for public inspection via [CBSC's website](#). Public comments may include personally identifiable information (PII) such as name, email address or mailing address. Interested persons are not required to submit their PII to comment on this rulemaking. However, any PII submitted is subject to posting on the publicly accessible [CBSC website](#) without redaction. Also, only comments received in an accessible format will be viewable on CBSC's website. Non-accessible comments will be listed on the website and made available upon request. Any interested person, or his or her duly authorized representative, may request no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period that a public hearing be held.

The public will have an opportunity to provide written and oral comments regarding the proposed action on building standards at a public meeting to be conducted by CBSC to be scheduled at a date near the end of the current adoption cycle. A meeting notice will be issued announcing the date, time and location of the public meeting.

POST-HEARING MODIFICATIONS TO THE TEXT OF THE REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(18).

Following the public comment period, CBSC may adopt the proposed building standards substantially as proposed in this notice or with modifications that are sufficiently related to the original proposed text and notice of proposed changes. If modifications are made, the full text of the proposed modifications, clearly indicated, will be made available to the public for at least 15 days prior to the date on which CBSC adopts, amends, or repeals the

regulation(s). CBSC will accept written comments on the modified building standards during the 15-day period.

NOTE: To be notified of any modifications, you must submit written/oral comments or request that you be notified of any modifications.

AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(2).

BSC proposes to adopt these building standards under the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Section 18930.5, 18931(c), 18941.10 and 18944.19.

The purpose of these building standards is to implement, interpret, or make specific provisions of Health and Safety Code Section 18930.5, 18931(c), 18941.10, 18944.19 and Water Code Sections 10608.12 and 10608.14.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(3).

Summary of Existing Laws

Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 18930.5 grants BSC the authority, if no state agency has the authority or expertise to propose green building standards applicable to a particular occupancy, to adopt, approve, codify, update, and publish green building standards for those occupancies.

HSC Section 18931(c) authorizes BSC to resolve conflict, duplication, and overlap in building standards in the code.

HSC Section 18941.10 authorizes BSC to adopt, approve, codify, and publish mandatory building standards for the installation of future electric vehicle charging infrastructure for parking spaces in nonresidential developments.

HSC Section 18944.19 mandates BSC to research, develop, and propose for adoption revised mandatory building standards for short-term and long-term bicycle parking in nonresidential buildings upon the next triennial update of the CALGreen that occurs on or after January 1, 2023. In developing the standards, BSC is required to develop minimum mandatory bicycle parking standards using a method that is independent of the number of vehicle parking spaces.

Water Code (WAT) Section 10608.12 provides definitions of nonfunctional turf and functional turf.

WAT Section 10608.14 mandates that the use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf located on commercial, industrial, and institutional properties, other than a cemetery, and on properties of homeowners' associations, common interest developments, and community service organizations or similar entities is prohibited.

Summary of Existing Regulations

The California Green Building Standards Code, Part 11 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), also known as the CALGreen Code, contains mandatory and voluntary green building standards for residential and nonresidential

facilities.

Summary of Effect

This proposed action will implement the proposed modifications to the California Green Building Standards Code for buildings within BSC authority. This proposal makes clarifying changes only to the existing code language. The Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR) provides rationale for each specific proposed change and their effect. Once filed with Secretary of State, the updated building standards will be codified and published by January 1, 2027, and will become effective July 1, 2027.

Comparable Federal Statute or Regulations

There are no federal statutes or regulations that are comparable to the proposed updates to the CALGreen Code.

Policy Statement Overview

The broad objective of the proposed action is to maintain building regulations in conformance with existing state laws and regulations. This proposal will achieve that by proposing editorial changes which will provide clarity and regulatory consistency for the code user. BSC is responsible for the development of green building standards for nonresidential occupancies for which no other state agency has authority or expertise. The proposed amendments have clarifying, conforming, or coordinating changes that do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions.

Evaluation of Consistency

BSC has determined that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent or incompatible with existing state regulations.

OTHER MATTERS PRESCRIBED BY STATUTE APPLICABLE TO THE AGENCY OR TO ANY SPECIFIC REGULATION OR CLASS OF REGULATIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(4).

BSC has determined that there are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the agency or to any specific regulation or class of regulations..

MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES OR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(5).

BSC has determined that the proposed regulatory action would not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts. BSC does not have authority to propose building standards for schools. Additionally, the proposed amendments have clarifying, conforming, or coordinating changes that do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions.

ESTIMATE OF COST OR SAVINGS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(6).

An estimate, prepared in accordance with instructions adopted by Department of Finance, of cost or savings to any state agency, local agency, or school district.

- A. Cost or Savings to any state agency: **No**
- B. Cost to any local agency required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No**
- C. Cost to any school district required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: **No**
- D. Other nondiscretionary cost or savings imposed on local agencies: **No**
- E. Cost or savings in federal funding to the state: **No**

Estimate: N/A

INITIAL DETERMINATION OF NO SIGNIFICANT STATEWIDE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

If the agency makes an initial determination that the adoption/amendment/repeal of this regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states, it shall make a declaration to that effect.

BSC has made an initial determination that the amendment of this regulation will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact on businesses, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Declaration of Evidence

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(8).

In making the declaration, the agency shall provide in the record of facts, evidence, documents, testimony, or other evidence that the agency relied upon to support its initial determination of no effect.

BSC is making clarifying, conforming, or coordinating changes that do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions. BSC has conducted five workshops related to electric vehicles and embodied carbon reduction. During and after these workshops, no public comments have been made that provide evidence of material effect. No other facts, evidence, documents, testimony or other evidence has been relied upon to support the initial determination of no effect. The public is welcome to submit any information, facts, or documents either supporting BSC's initial determination or finding to the contrary.

COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSON OR BUSINESS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(9).

Describe all cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. If no cost impact, provide the following statement:

BSC is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action. The proposed amendment has clarifying, conforming, or coordinating changes that do not materially alter the substance or intent of the existing code provisions.

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF REGULATIONS UPON JOBS AND BUSINESS EXPANSION, ELIMINATION OR CREATION

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(10).

The BSC has assessed whether and to what extent this proposal will affect the following:

A. The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

These regulations will not affect the creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California.

B. The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

These regulations will not affect the creation of new businesses or elimination of existing businesses within the State of California.

C. The expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

These regulations will not affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within the State of California.

D. The benefits of the regulation to the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

This proposal will clarify and coordinate existing regulations providing regulatory consistency for the code user, thereby benefitting the health and welfare of California residents, worker safety, and the state's environment.

FINDING OF NECESSITY FOR THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(11).

Any regulation that requires a report shall not apply to businesses, unless the agency makes a finding that it is necessary for the health, safety, or welfare of the public that the regulations apply to businesses.

N/A

ESTIMATED COST OF COMPLIANCE OF STANDARDS THAT WOULD IMPACT HOUSING

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(12).

BSC has determined that this proposal would not have a significant effect on housing costs. BSC does not have authority to impose building standards or regulations applicable to housing.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(13).

BSC has determined that no reasonable alternative considered by BSC or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of BSC would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action. In addition, no reasonable alternative considered by BSC or that has otherwise been identified and

brought to the attention of BSC would be more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provisions of law.

There were no reasonable alternatives available to BSC as the proposed changes are editorial in nature and consistent with interested parties' input. BSC conducted three CALGreen Carbon Reduction Collaborative public workshops and two Electric Vehicle public workshops to discuss the proposals. The proposed amendments are a result of the findings from the workshops.

AVAILABILITY OF RULEMAKING DOCUMENTS

Reference: Government Code Sections 11346.5(a)(16) and 11346.5(a)(20).

All of the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file, which is available for public review, by contacting the person named below. This notice, the express terms and initial statement of reasons can be accessed from the [CBSC website](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC): [dgs.ca.gov/BSC](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/BSC).

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(19).

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons, once it has been prepared, by making a written request to the contact person named below or at the [CBSC website](https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC): <https://www.dgs.ca.gov/en/BSC>.

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(21).

BSC shall provide, upon request, a description of proposed changes included in the proposed action, in the manner provided by Section 11346.6, to accommodate a person with a visual or other disability for which effective communication is required under state or federal law. The statement shall note that providing the accessible description of proposed changes may require extending the period of public comment for the proposed action.

CBSC CONTACT PERSON FOR PROCEDURAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE QUESTIONS

Reference: Government Code Section 11346.5(a)(14).

General questions regarding procedural and administrative issues should be addressed to:

Kevin Day, Deputy Executive Director
California Building Standards Commission
2525 Natomas Park Drive, Suite 130
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 263-0916

PROPOSING STATE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON FOR SUBSTANTIVE OR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUILDING STANDARDS

Specific questions regarding the substantive or technical aspects of the proposed changes to the building standards should be addressed to:

Primary Contact:

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