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- [Santa Monica - Building Permit Fee Waiver for Solar Projects](#)
- [Santa Monica - Expedited Permitting for Green Buildings](#)

**Leasing/Lease Purchase**

- [Santa Clara Water & Sewer - Solar Water Heating Program](#)

**Local Grant Program**

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Production Incentive

- [California Feed-In Tariff](#)
- [City of Palo Alto Utilities - Solar Renewable Energy Credit Purchase Program](#)
- [SCE - Biomass Standard Contract](#)

Property Tax Exemption

- [Property Tax Exemption for Solar Systems](#)

State Loan Program

- [Agriculture and Food Processing Energy Loans](#)
- [Energy Efficiency Financing Program](#)

State Rebate Program

- [California Solar Initiative - Photovoltaics Incentives](#)
- [California Solar Initiative - Pilot Solar Water Heating Program](#)
- [CEC - New Solar Homes Partnership](#)
- [Emerging Renewables Program](#)
- [Self-Generation Incentive Program](#)

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- [Alameda Power & Telecom - Key Account Energy Efficiency Grant Program](#)
- [Alameda Power & Telecom - Weatherization Cash Grant Energy Efficiency Program](#)
- [Anaheim Public Utilities - Residential Energy Efficiency Grant Program](#)
- [Burbank Water & Power - Business Bucks Energy Efficiency Grant Program](#)
- [LADWP - Small Business Direct Install Lighting Program](#)
- [Riverside Public Utilities - Energy Efficiency Technology Grant Program](#)

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- [City of Healdsburg - PV Incentive Program](#)
- [City of Lompoc Utilities - Commercial Lighting Program](#)
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- [Hercules Municipal Utility - PV Rebate Program](#)
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- [IID Energy - PV Solutions Rebate Program](#)
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Riverside Public Utilities - Non-Residential PV Incentive Program

Riverside Public Utilities - Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Riverside Public Utilities - Residential PV Incentive Program

Roseville Electric - Commercial Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Roseville Electric - New Commercial Construction Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Roseville Electric - PV Buy Down Program

Roseville Electric - Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Roseville Electric - Residential New Construction Rebate Program

Savings by Design (Offered by five Utilities)

SCE - Agricultural Efficiency Plus Program

SCE - Non-Residential Efficiency Programs

SCE - Residential Energy Efficiency Programs

SDG&E - Business Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs

SDG&E - Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Programs

SDG&E - Residential New Construction Energy Efficiency Incentive Program

Sierra Pacific Power - SureBet Program

Silicon Valley Power - Commercial Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Silicon Valley Power - Residential Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

Silicon Valley Power - Solar Electric Buy Down Program

SMUD - Commercial Energy Efficiency Rebate Program

SMUD - Non-Residential PV Buydown

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SMUD - Solar Water Heater Rebate Program

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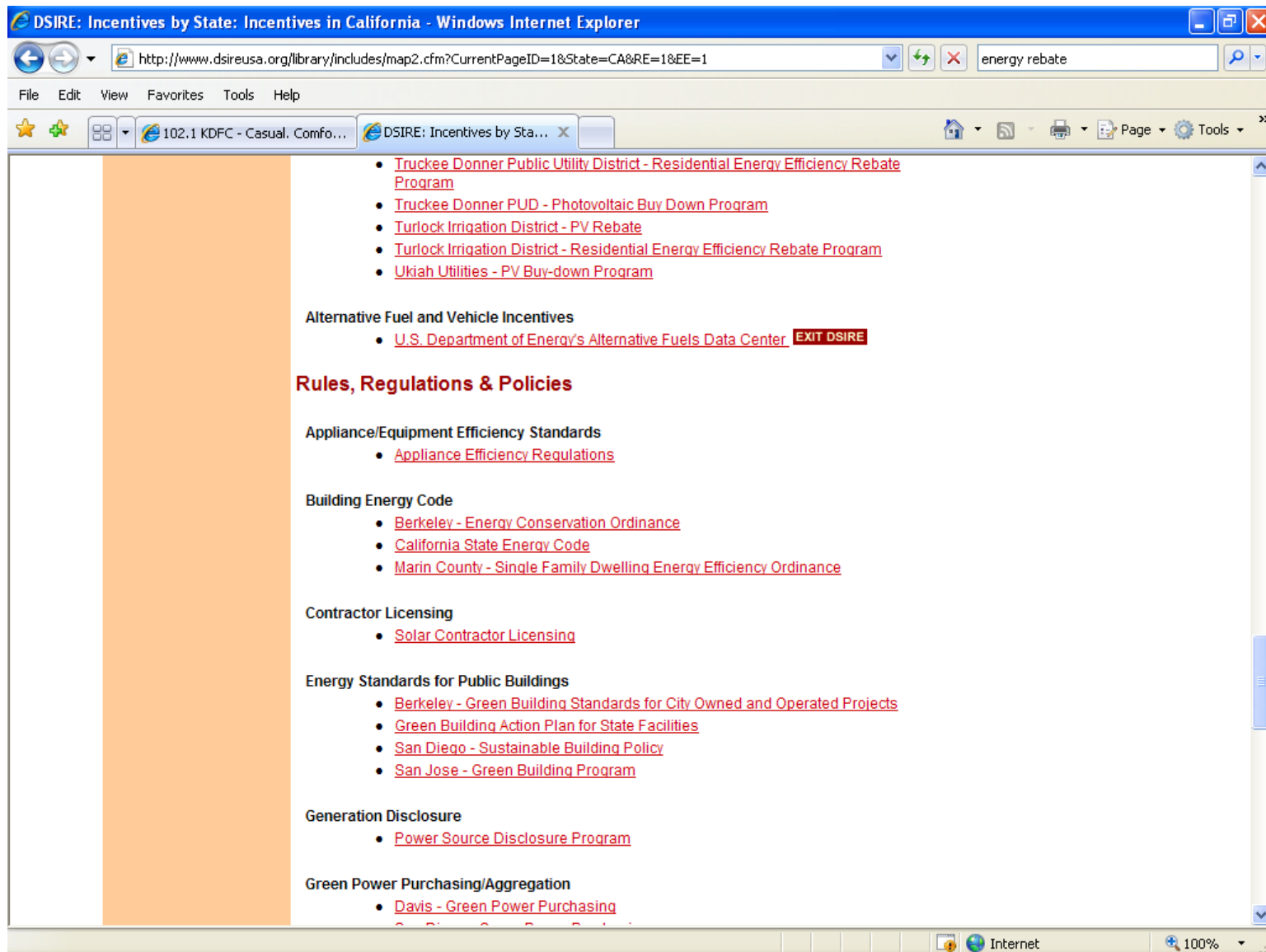
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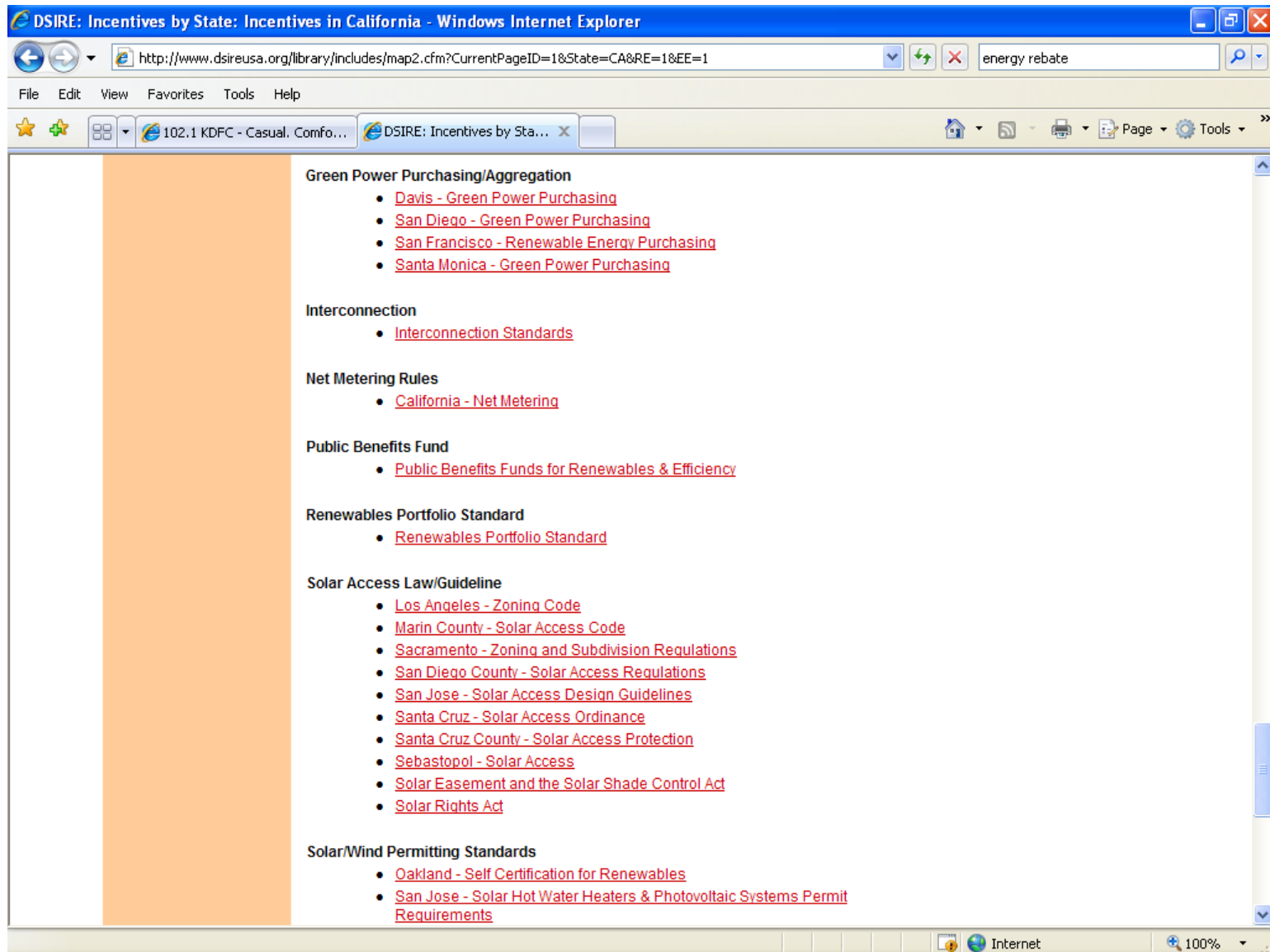
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- [Oakland - Self Certification for Renewables](#)
- [San Jose - Solar Hot Water Heaters & Photovoltaic Systems Permit Requirements](#)

Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Policies

- [U.S. Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center](#) **EXIT DSIRE**


**Related Programs & Initiatives**

- **Green Power Network: Buying Green Power in Your State** **EXIT DSIRE**  
The U.S. Department of Energy's Green Power Network provides news and information on green power markets and related activities. This site provides state-by-state information on [Green Power Marketing in Competitive Electricity Markets](#) and [Utility Green Pricing Programs](#).

In addition, the site lists marketers of [Renewable Energy Certificates](#) (RECs) (also known as green tags or tradable renewable certificates), which represent the environmental attributes of the power produced from a renewable energy project. Whether or not consumers have access to green power through their local utility or a competitive electricity marketer, consumers can purchase RECs without having to switch electricity suppliers.

- **Wind Powering America** **EXIT DSIRE**  
The U.S. Department of Energy's Wind Powering America site provides [state-by-state wind project information](#), including validated wind maps, anemometer loan programs, small wind guides, legislative briefings, wind working groups, and state-specific news.

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# History of Building

- Light Materials and Drafty
- Massive Walls and Structures and Drafty
- Lighter Materials and Drafty
- Lighter Materials and Tighter
- Add Glass
- Add Heating
- Add Cooling
- Add Insulation
- Add Ventilation



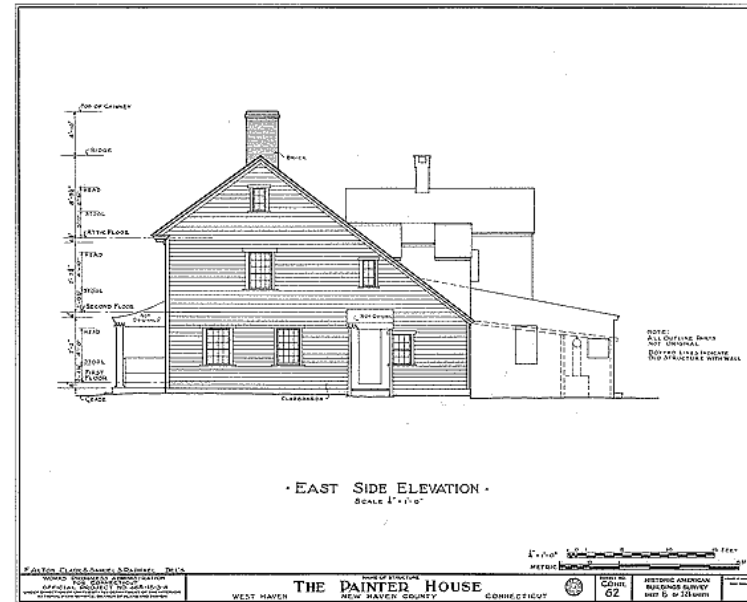
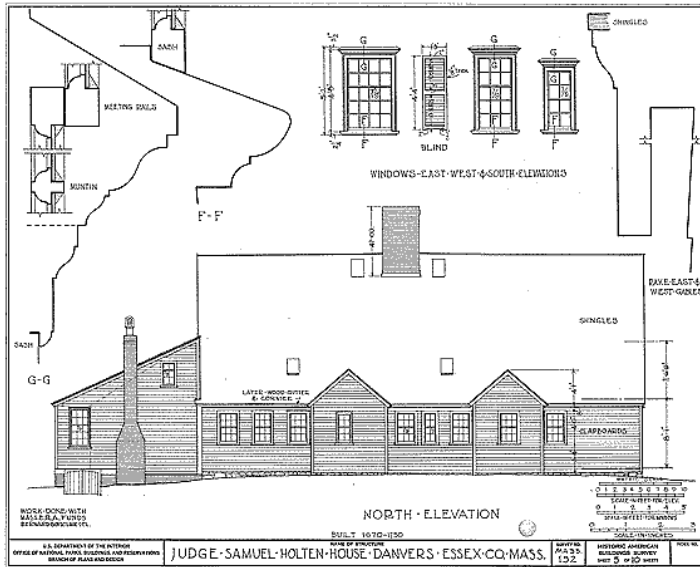
# Homes were often Sited

- As people became aware of an areas local wind patterns, they incorporated this knowledge into design.

# Northeast—'Saltbox' Style

- Classic design, short north facing wall with two story south facing entry.
- Cold 'nor'easters' blew onto minimal wall area.
- Two floors of South facing wall for winter maximum heat gain.
- Shade trees provide for summer relief.

# Northeast—'Saltbox' Style



# Southeast—Charleston

## Antebellum Style with a Piazza

- A piazza is a covered open porch or veranda supported by columns or pillars and attached to the outside of a building. In Charleston the piazza was an outdoor living space and generally shaded the south or west-facing windows from the heat of the sun.



# Southeast—Charleston Antebellum Style with a Piazza



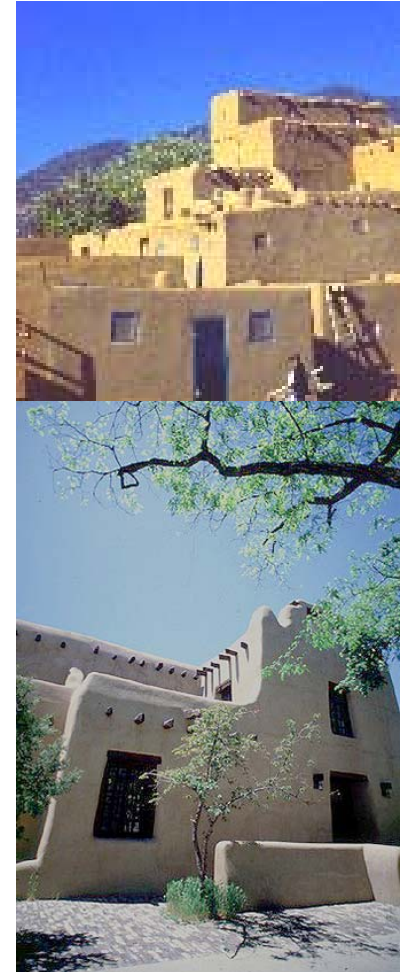
# South—Dogtrot

- In the South, people sought relief from the summer heat on the open breezeways of their 'dogtrot' homes.
- It is a means of natural ventilation and light.



# Southwest—Adobe

- “The descendants of the Mexican settlers of the San Luis Valley of Colorado tell us that when their ancestors wondered how thick to make the walls of their adobe homes in their new environ they turned the local ground squirrels. They measured the depth of the burrows of and built to those specifications.



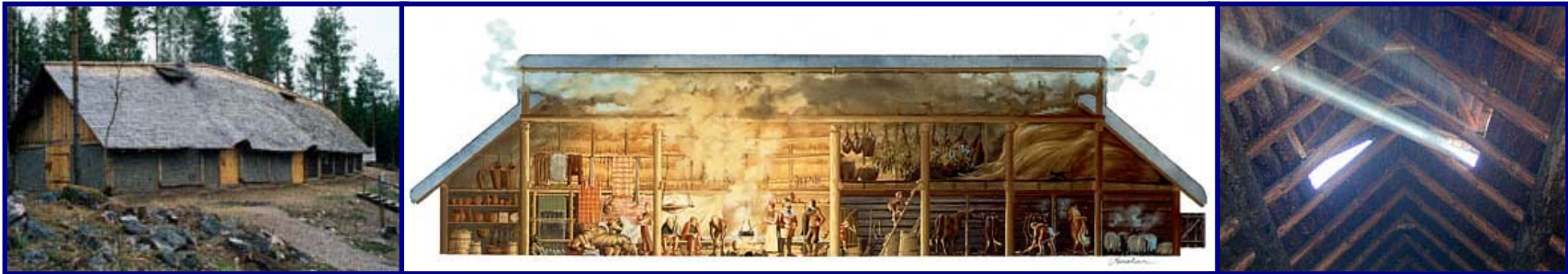
# Natural Ventilation and Insulation

- Almost no homes enjoyed the benefits of insulation. Homes either had mass, stone walls, sod or logs, were timber framed with possibly some straw or mud in the voids.
- For many glass was an expensive luxury. Well into the 19<sup>th</sup> century glass was expensive and many homes had double shutters.
- Homes were naturally ventilated. Summer and Winter



# Heating

- Homes for millennia had heating that was provided by a fireplace.
- In fact the English word for window does not come from a hole in a wall but a hole in the roof that the Vikings used to allow the smoke out of a building.
- Origin:  
1175–1225; Middle English *windoge*, *windowe*  
Old Norse *vindauga*, equiv. to *vindr* = wind +





# Cooling

- Cooling typically was shade trees and siting the home to take advantage of cooling summer trade winds.
- Then came the advent of 'Air Conditioning' in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.
- Homes became 'environments' within the much larger environment.



# ‘Environment’ within an Environment

- Today our homes are really ‘environments’ within the environment.
- Our inside environment is usually very different from the exterior environment which cause heat, air pressure and moisture flows to become increasingly more dynamic.

# Building Performance Issues

- High energy bills
- High/Low interior humidity
- Uneven temperatures
- Warm/cool rooms
- Drafts
- Mold
- Wet crawlspaces
- Warped roof sheathing
- Window condensation
- Siding failures
- Stucco failures
- Insects
- Backdrafting of combustion equipment
- Poor indoor Air quality

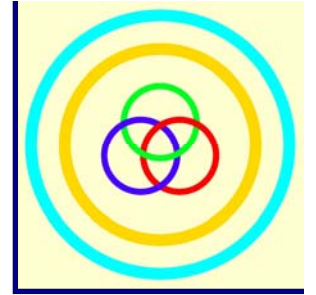


# Synergy Homes or “Whole House” Design/Build

- **syn·er·gy**     *sĭn'ər-jē / - [sin-er-jee],* n.   *pl.*  
**syn·er·gies**
- The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects.

1660, "cooperation," from Mod.L. *synergia*, from Gk. *synergia* "joint work, assistance, help," from *syn-* "together" + *ergon* "work".

# Building Synergy



- Building Envelope
  - Construction
  - Climate
  - Orientation
- Equipment and Systems
  - Indoor Climate
  - Appliances and Lighting
  - Ventilation
- Occupants
  - Habits/Customs
  - Age/Gender
  - Health
  - Environmental Preferences

# Today!

- Buildings use 40% of the total U.S. Energy (including 2/3 of the electricity) and 16% of the total U.S. Water.
- “Each year in the U.S. about 13 billion worth of energy—in the form of heated or cooled air—or \$150 per household escapes through holes and cracks in residential buildings.”
  - —American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy

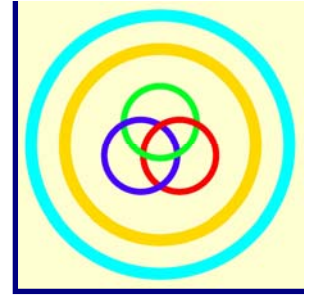
# Then!

- “I considered fresh air as an enemy and closed with extreme care every crack and crevice in the room I inhabited.”
- “Experience has convinced me of my error. I am certain that no air is so unwholesome as air in a closed room that has been often breathed and not changed.”
  - —Benjamin Franklin

# Today!

- “Most Americans spend about 90 percent of their time indoors, where pollutant levels may be 2-5 times higher, and occasionally 100 times higher, than outdoors.”
  - —The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

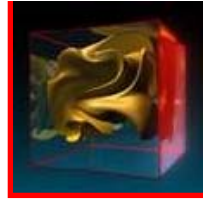
# Building Synergy



- Buildings can be designed to be energy efficient, durable and sustainable—that's **SCIENCE**.
- The **ART** requires doing it in a manner that people can enjoy and that fits lifestyles, abilities and preferences.

# Methods of Control

## Convective Energy

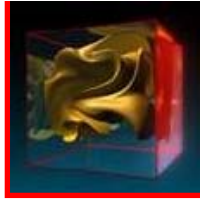


- Air Barriers
- Insulation installed correctly
- Reduce thermal by-pass





# Proper Alignment of Air and Thermal Barrier (CONTINUED)





- Art and science have their meeting point in method.
  - —Edward Bulwer-Lytton (1803 - 1873)
- Art is science made clear.
  - —Jean Cocteau (1889 - 1963)

# What do Consumers Want?

- • 91% want energy efficiency
- • 61% want ENERGY STAR ratings
- • 80% say that current construction practices do not meet their interest in sustaining the environment
- • 96% are willing to pay more for “green” features
  - – 32% are willing to pay \$2,500 more
  - – 36% are willing to pay \$5,000 more
- • When asked to pick 3 out of 8 upgrades:
  - – 94% picked energy efficient features
  - – 59% picked improved indoor air quality features
  - – 40% picked kitchen cabinet upgrades
- Survey published in November 2001 issue of Professional Builder
  - [www.housingzone.com](http://www.housingzone.com)



# Other Programs

- **Alameda County Waste Management Authority & Alameda County Source Reduction and Recycling Board** [www.stopwaste.org](http://www.stopwaste.org)
- **RESNET** - [www.natresnet.org](http://www.natresnet.org)
- **US Green Building Council – LEED for Homes** - [www.usgbc.org/leed/homes](http://www.usgbc.org/leed/homes)
- **Building Performance Institute** - [www.bpi.org](http://www.bpi.org)
- **Energy and Environmental Building Association** - [www.eeba.org](http://www.eeba.org)
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