MASTERING THE TRANSITION FROM HERS TO ECC IN 2025 ENERGY CODE

2025 Code Shift: Communicate to Comply





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5 THINGS ABOUT YOUR SPEAKER

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LIVES IN BARCELONA, WORKS CALIFORNIA HOURS

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ONCE HAD BREAKFAST FRANCE, LUNCH MONACO, DINNER ITALY
ALL IN ONE DAY

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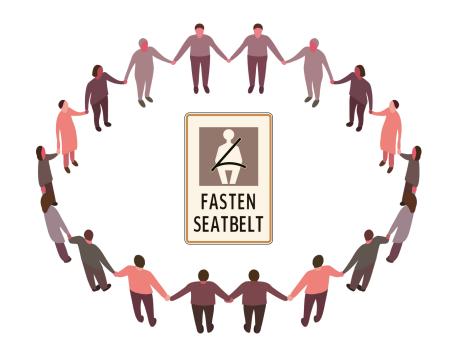
DISLIKES CORNER-CUTTERS & STARTED WHEN 4RS & 6RS WERE HANDWRITTEN

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SPEAKS AHRI + ART LINGO & DRAWS FLORAL PATTERNS BUT READS CF-1RS + PLANS T24 CODE

5

MOST NERVE-RACKING THING? THIS PRESENTATION!





AND LET'S BE REAL, WHEN THE 2025 CODE HITS JAN 1,2026, THE T24 INDUSTRY ISN'T SUDDENLY GOING TO HOLD HANDS AND SING KUMBAYA...



Title 24 2025 ECC CODE SHIFT HERS TO ECC

NO KUMBAYA.

JUST COORDINATION, COMMUNICATION

& HOPE

Credibility

19 years in Title 24 ECC/Hers + 11 months in CABEC mentoring. & lived to tell about it!

Perspective

I see both sides design and field. Both sides do not speak the same lingo.

Alignment

Paper vs. real-world compliance shouldn't be two worlds.

Both worlds need a PRE-CON meeting!

Coordination

Documentation is how 24+ people win together.

No communication + documentation leaves room for errors and revisions.

How it's going on the field for the ECC-Rater

"DUCTS IN A CONDITIONED SPACE"



A bad way to get ducts inside the conditioned space [Source: HVAC Hacks & Other Screwups]



BUILD/HVAC INSTALLER



You are not wrong about that they are, But.....?????

2025 NEW HERS/ECC PROTOCOCOLS

"Same circus, new tent."

"Fail it, fix it!
project locks, no rater
swaps"

"QII: is no longer the worst-kept secret".

"The registry
now knows
You made it up"

"Old dogs...
now have to
learn new tricks."

ECC replaces HERS

- Prohibits false data
- Project flagged for QA
- Disclosures to everyone

10-103.3

Rater of Record & Registry Lock

- The first rater to record a failed test becomes the Rater of Record.
- The project is locked in the registry until corrected.
- Only that Rater can register the passing results.

Owner Information Form and Project Owner Report

- Owner Form: Signed & uploaded before testing.
- Owner Report: Rater gives list of measures and prices tests, and ECC status after completion.

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Conflicted Data

- Rater & Rater Co
 Discipline
- Flagged Data
- Disclosures to Everyone
- Rater document onsite testing and equipment for CEC audit in 2027

10-103.3(b)1.B

Quality Assurance, Discipline & Recertification

- All Raters must be recertified by Jan 1, 2026
- Decertification for refusal of QA team on a project

10-103.3(d)5 & 10-103.3(d)7 & 8

10-103.3(b)1.A.vii

PREPARE THE BUILD PROTECT THE CODE

Clarity

Spot risks. Prevent lockouts & 2025 changes that matter.

Control

Catch it in design, lock it before it's built& skip the revisions.

VERY IMPORTANT! DO NOT FORGET TO COMMUNICATE+ **DOCUMENTMENT**

SOP's +

Protection+

Documention+

Communication



Coordination

Sync the CF-1R into plans with the people

Toolkit

Build it right. Protect it better.

THIS CHECKLIST IS GOLD

www.energycodeace.com 2025 Title 24, Part 6 Checklist Single-family Ace * Resources" **Plans Examiners** bove grade is not indicated on CF1R form, or the number indicated does n Permit Numbe Project Name Jurisdiction. Tables that are not expanded will say "This Section Does Not Apply" CF1R-PRF-01 CF1R-PRF-01 CF1R-PRF-01 CF1R-PRF-01 New Home or Additions New Home or Additions : New Home or Additions New Home ported properly by CF1R/Plan set. Slab 1,000 ft²

NCB-01-E NCB-01-E NCB-01-E ■ NCB-01-E ADD-01-E-ECC ADD-01-E-ECC ADD-01-E-ECC ADD-02-E-non-ECC ADD-02-E-non-ECC ADD-02-E-non-ECC Alteration Alteration ALT-01-E-ECC ALT-02-E-ECC ALT-01-E-ECC ALT-05-E-non-ECC ALT-05-E-non-ECC ALT-05-E-non-ECC CF1R-PRF-01 STH-01-E Solar Wate ■ ENV-02-E Area Weighte SHOUT OUT TO ☐ ENV-03-E SHGC ■ NCB-01-E ENV-04-E Cool Roof ENV-05-E Alternative Defa Fenestration Expand All Items **ENERGY CODE ACE** FOR THESE REFERENCES

Title 24, Part 6 Checklist | Single-family Plans Examiners

**EnergyCodeAce

HERE'S WHY

10-103 = **Document Consistency.**CF-1R must match the plans and specs.

Use Energy Code Ace's 2025 Plan

Examiner Checklist as a pre-submittal self-audit. Check ECA website.

Pro tip: Check "No" down the list to reveal exactly what your plans need.

Align early, avoid fails, and sail through approval.

WHY THE DESIGN TEAMS NEED TO CARE ABOUT THE NEW ECC PROGRAM?

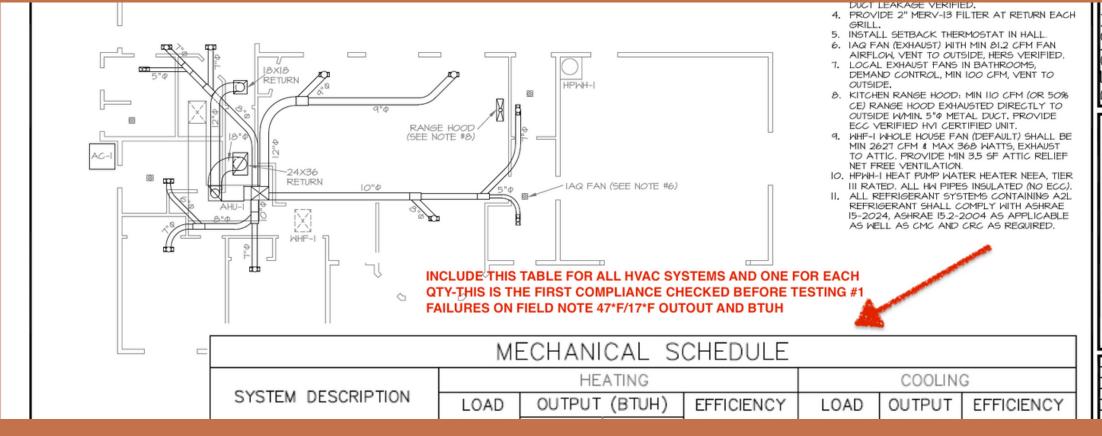
Uncoordinated plans = lockout

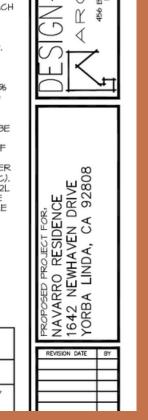
Design = liability + visibility

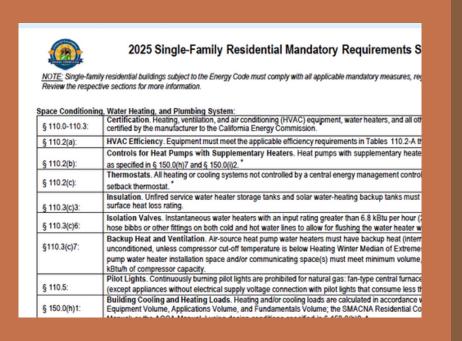
More QA. More accountability

Owner reports = full transparency.

Documentation + communication is key







SAMPLE PLAN FOR THE WIN!

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE - RESIDENTIAL PERFORMANCE COMPLIANCE METHOD

CF-1R FORM SHOULD SAY 2025 NOT 2022 IF PERMIT WAS APPROVED ON OR AFTER



CF1R-PRF-01E (Page 4 of 14)

IENERGY	USE INTENSITY	

ENERGY USE INTENSITY								
	Standard Design (kBtu/ft ² - yr)	Proposed Design (kBtu/ft ² - yr)	Compliance Margin (kBtu/ft ² - yr)	Margin Percentage				
Gross EUI ¹	9.46	7.9	1.56	16.49				
Net EUI ²	3.58	2.01	1.57	43.85				

Notes

- 1. Gross EUI is Energy Use Total (not including PV) / Total Building Area.
- 2. Net EUI is Energy Use Total (including PV) / Total Building Area.

REQUIRED PV SYSTEMS

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
DC System Size (kWdc)	Exception	Module Type	Array Type	Power Electronics	CFI	Azimuth (deg)	Tilt Input	Array Angle (deg)	Tilt: (x in 12)	Inverter Eff. (%)	Annual Solar Access (%)
2.48	NA	Standard (14-17%)	Fixed	none	true	150-270	n/a	n/a	<=7:12	96	98

REQUIRED SPECIAL FEATURES

ALWAYS INCLUDE REQUIRED SPECIAL FEATURES ON PLANS. IN NOTES AND RA PROTOCOLS

The following are features that must be installed as condition for meeting the modeled energy performance for this computer analysis.

Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) rated heat pump water heater; specific brand/model, or equivalent, must be installed

HERS FEATURE SUMMARY

THIS SHOULD SAY ECC FEATURE SUMMARY

The following is a summary of the features that must be field-verified by a certified HERS Rater as a condition for meeting the modeled energy performance for this computer analysis. Additional detail is provided in the building tables below. Registered CF2Rs and CF3Rs are required to be completed in the HERS Registry

- Quality insulation installation (QII)
- Indoor air quality ventilation
- Kitchen range hood
- Minimum Airflow
- Fan Efficacy Watts/CFM
- Verified heat pump rated heating capacity
- Duct leakage testing

LIST ALL ECC MEASURES +

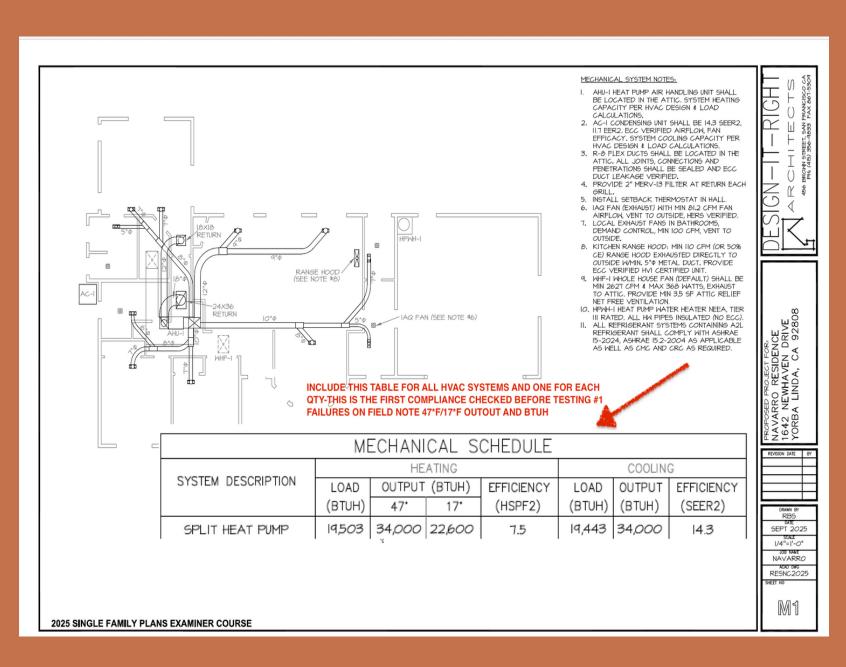
REQUIREMENTS ON THE PLANS THIS IS

NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION FOR THE

BUILD TEAM

DO NOT SUBMIT UNREGISTERED CF-1R'S WITH PLANS MAKE SURE THE PROJECT SAYS COMPLY





SHOUT OUT TO
ENERGY CODE ACE
FOR THESE REFERENCES

INCLUDE OR REVISE

What Needs To Be On The Plans For Success?

Include final client-approved ECC measures + energy features

No *FUEL* or *ENERGY FEATURES* swaps Without prior approval warning (BOLD)

Full HVAC plan + ACCA load calc.

Include: type, fuel, qty, location, ducts, AHRI ref. List 47°F / 17°F heat capacity please

VCHP = full HVAC plan + load design + a how- to manual

Include HPWH + spec sheets+location (CRRC, NFRC, AHRI).

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What needs to be on the plans for success

Windows schedule client-approved, NFRC-tagged, name, type, size + orientation accurate.

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"QII REQUIRED DO NOT COVER WALLS OR INSULATE WITHOUT RATER VERIFIED"

ECC rater before framing. QII or not

2025 CEC Mandatory Noteblocks. Specific Wins, Generic Fails and registry locks.

Support docs: 2025 BESS + Electric Ready & call out on plans + notes

ENERGY CHANGE AGREEMENT=PROTECTION

- Enhances compliance protection through communication.
- Sets energy scope early & avoids confusion later.
- Saves time and money on revisions.
 - Keeps designer, builder, and rater aligned before testing
 - Stops rogue changes before they cost you.

A ENERGY AGREEMENT RESOURCE TO SAVE YOUR SANITY

Important Reminders

- All parties must keep the most current registered CF-1R and plan set on file.
- The ECC Rater cannot verify or sign CF-3Rs until all related CF-2Rs are registered and match the approved CF-1R.
- Unapproved deviations can trigger QA audits, project locks, and permit re-openings under ECC Provider protocols.
- The Energy Consultant's approval does not guarantee AHJ acceptance—final authority rests with the plan examiner / building department.

Review & Approval Procedure

- Submission GC or Designer submits full package to EC before installation
- Evaluation EC reviews impact on performance model and determines if the project still complies.
- CF-1R Revision If required, EC prepares and registers a Revised CF-1R, adds revision date,

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TITLE 24 Energy Features 2025 DEVIATION & CHANG EORDER AGREEMENT

r before proved,

Agreement

Introduction

Project Name:	sidered
Project Address:	ditional
Permit #: Climate Zone:	uttonar
CF-1R Reg #:	al from
Parties Involved:	try, and
Owner / Client:	
Designer / Architect:	
Energy Consultant (EC):	
General Contractor (GC):	
Subcontractor (s):	

Purpose

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This Agreement defines how any deviation from the approved and registered CF-1R, plan set, or energy compliance features will be reviewed, documented, and approved before construction or installation proceeds.

Change Order #:___

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Conditions That Trigger a Change Order

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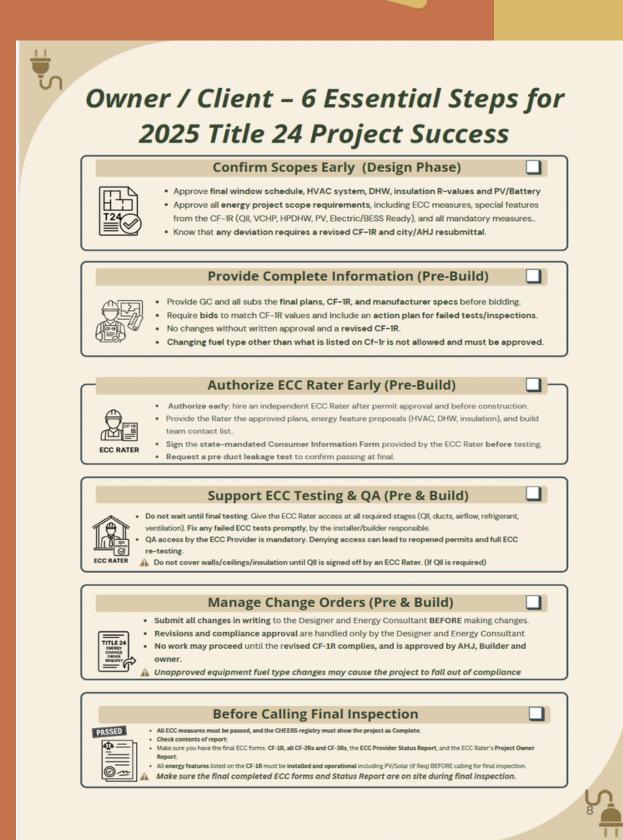
Required Documentation

To request approval, the proposing party must submit to the Energy Consultant:

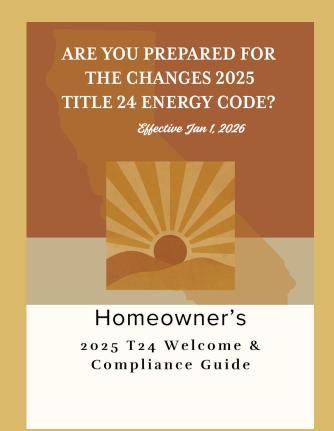
- Updated manufacturer specification sheets and certifications (AHRI, NFRC, HVI, JA13, CRCC as applicable).
- Revised plan sheets and details clearly showing the proposed change.
- Written reason for the change (field condition, supply, owner preference, etc.).
- \bullet Confirmation that the change complies with Title 24 2025 code and ECC program protocols.

HOMEOWNER AWARENESS STARTS FROM THE TOP

- Educated owners = easier compliance
 - Teach clients T24. Everyone wins.
- Informed clients build compliant projects.
- Explain T24 early. Avoid chaos later.
- Energy Consultants +Designers teach the measures; raters verify them
- ✓ If it's not disclosed at design, it's exposed In the Project Owner Report.



HOMEOWNER
AWARENESS
FREE RESOURCE
IN TOOLKIT



KEY TAKEAWAYS: PROTECTION THROUGH COMMUNICATION & OWNER AWARENESS

Talk early + Align often

Inform the owner & no surprises, no rework.

Keep CF-1R, plans, and people synced

Communication protects the project



My Grandfather Idilo

Failed tests = registry locks no more rater swaps THANK GOODNESS!!

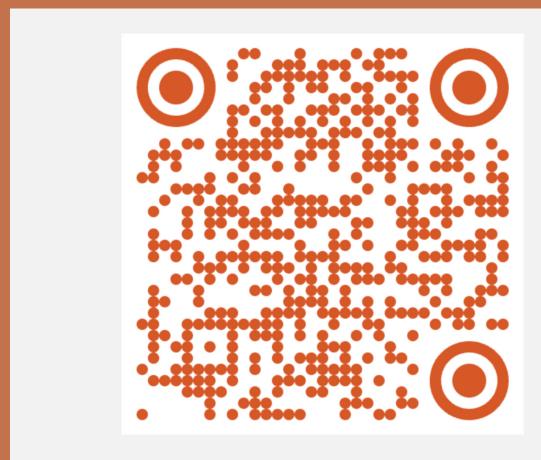
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THANK YOU!

TOOLKIT FOR YOU!

Each attendee leaves with the 2025 Title 24 Toolkit. + plus bonus resources not covered here

> SEE YOU ALL THE OTHER SIDE IN THE **ENERGY CONSULTING** + DESIGN WORLD



2025 T24 ECC

HTTPS://STAN.STORE/ANGELOAKENERGY

Email With Questions About T24 Energy Calcs & ECC I will happy to answer them!

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