



MEETING DATE: December 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Reach Codes

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BACKGROUND

On September 6, 2022, the City Council accepted staff's recommendation to readopt the existing Reach Codes to remain in effect after January 1, 2023, and return early next year with additional amendments to the Los Altos Municipal Code based on the recommendations of the Environmental Commission which were presented at the September 6, 2022, meeting.

STATUS UPDATE

During the November 29th City Council meeting, City Council adopted the updated California Building Standards Code (Title 24) with local amendments. These will continue to be in effect for three years or until the new Reach Codes have been adopted.

City Staff continue to work on the remaining three recommendations as follows:

1. Staff began conducting research on reach codes in peer and neighboring jurisdictions. As the new State Codes take effect on January 1, 2023, staff will continue to review and research what these jurisdictions have adopted.
2. A local cost analysis is currently being conducted with an anticipated completion date of the beginning of next year. After receiving the cost analysis, staff will meet internally to assess the results and begin drafting our recommendations.
3. Once staff recommend the Reach Codes to City Council and it is formally adopted, it can then be submitted to the CEC for review.