



MEETING DATE: March 13, 2023

SUBJECT: Reach Codes

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BACKGROUND

On September 6, 2022, City Council accepted staff's recommendations to (1) complete a cost effectiveness study based on the recommendations of the Environmental Commission on Reach Codes, (2) refer the recommended Codes to the California Energy Commission (CEC) for comment, (3) affirm or re-adopt the existing Reach Codes to continue after 12/31/2022, and (4) direct staff to review what other peer and local agencies have adopted with regards to Reach Codes after the new State Codes take effect on 1/1/23.

On February 13, 2023, staff presented their recommendations based on their findings to the Environmental Commission for comment and approval. The Commission approved staff's recommendations and amendments.

STATUS UPDATE

Staff reviewed and incorporated the Commission's suggestions as appropriate and will bring the final recommendations to City Council on March 28, 2023. If City Council approves the Reach Codes as submitted, staff will submit the application to CEC, where they have a period for review and comment. Following approval by the CEC, the Reach Codes will be filed with the Buildings Standard Commission (BSC), after which they go into effect.