

## Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Action Plan

HCD is mandated to research, develop, and propose adoption of mandatory building standards for residential structures. Health and Safety Code, section 18941.10 subsections (a)(2) and (b), require HCD to propose mandatory building standards for the installation of future electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for parking spaces in multifamily dwellings and to amend the standards as necessary. HCD is also directed by Governor's Executive Order N-79-20, to prioritize clean transportation solutions that are accessible to all Californians, particularly those who are low-income or experience a disproportionate share of pollution and to use our existing authority to accelerate deployment of affordable fueling and charging options for zero-emission vehicles.

Equity: HCD's building standards adoption process provides opportunities for the public to be informed and comment on proposed building standards. One of HCD strategic goals/objectives is to improve our awareness of our customers and their diverse goals and priorities. To assist in producing more equitable results, HCD SHL may further involve communities impacted by a proposed building standard, engage with the community throughout all phases of a project, and maintain clear and transparent communication as the policy or program is implemented. This is a necessary step to ensure fair and equitable development of the (EV charging regulations as coordinated with concurrent goals for safe and affordable housing.

### **HCD MARKET DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

**Building Standards:** Collaborate with expert agencies (CARB, BSC, CEC, CPUC, GO-Biz) to ensure zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) are adequately integrated into California's residential building standards.

**Direct Pillar Connection:** *Infrastructure, End Users*

**Key collaborators:** CARB, BSC, CEC, CPUC, GO-Biz; ZEV manufacturers, advocates, and ZEV users; building industry, local enforcement agencies.

### **Key results and actions:**

- a. Document publication.
  - i. Development and proposed adoption of the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) with enhanced provisions for EV charging for multifamily dwellings. **HCD's proposals for the 2022 CALGreen Code were approved by the California Building Standards Commission (BSC) on December 16, 2021. The approved codes are published July 2022 and will become effective January 1,**

2023.

b. Agency Action Plans.

- i. 2021 - Present EV charging 2022 CALGreen proposal and request approval by BSC in December 2021.  
2022 - Plan for evaluating implementation of the new EV charging regulations, responding to stakeholder recommendations and comments and identifying any needed changes in 2022.

c. Stakeholder engagement.

- i. Provide opportunities for stakeholder comments outside the formal rulemaking process through email, website, and in-person communications. Emphasize the importance of early submittal of recommended changes and appropriate fiscal analyses for determining viability of the recommended proposed changes.

*Lessons learned: Stakeholders must be informed of the importance of participating in the code adoption cycle; the importance of coordinating recommendations; and settling on an achievable goal to enable moving forward according to code adoption cycle timeframes.*