


Office of the City Manager

March 10, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 
Subject: RECO/CECO Energy Ordinance Update Workshops

On September 10, 2013, City Council adopted a resolution directing staff to initiate a public process to update the City's existing Residential Energy Conservation Ordinance (RECO) and Commercial Energy Conservation Ordinance (CECO).

City staff have engaged energy experts, key stakeholders and the Berkeley community to update these ordinances to incorporate energy information disclosure and to accelerate energy improvements. As part of this outreach effort, the Berkeley Energy Commission is hosting a series of three workshops in order to inform residents and businesses and get feedback on possible changes affecting single family homes as well as multi-family and commercial buildings.

The workshops will inform the public of the goals for updating RECO and CECO, which include:

- Increased energy savings
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- User-friendly compliance and compliance tracking
- Consistency with California Energy Code
- Measurable outcomes of energy and water savings
- Tools to enhance transparency of building energy information
- Minimized compliance costs by matching requirements with rebates

The Berkeley Energy Commission Workshops will be held the following 2014 dates:

- **March 26 at 7:00 pm** at North Berkeley Senior Center
Ordinance objectives and approach
- **April 23 at 7:00 pm** at South Berkeley Senior Center
Policy options and tools for achieving ordinance objectives

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- **June 25 at 7:00 pm** at North Berkeley Senior Center
Proposed draft ordinance and implementation plan

City staff are meeting with key stakeholder groups and individuals to help publicize the workshops, as well as getting input on policy options. These groups include, but are not limited to:

- Berkeley Association of Realtors
- Berkeley Chamber of Commerce
- Berkeley Climate Action Coalition
- Berkeley Property Owners Association
- Business District Associations
- Berkeley Rent Board

RECO and CECO, enacted in 1987 and 1994 respectively, have played an important role in improving the energy efficiency of the existing building stock and saving the community money on utility bills while reducing greenhouse gas emissions. With buildings accounting for nearly half of all greenhouse gas emissions in Berkeley, updates are needed in order for Berkeley to reach its Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions locally.

If you have additional questions about the ordinance update or the community workshops, please contact Billi Romain, Sustainability Coordinator at bromain@cityofberkeley.info or by phone at ext. 7432.

Attachment: Flyer on RECO/CECO Update – Energy Commission Workshops

cc: William Rogers, Deputy City Manager
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Eric Angstadt, Director of Planning
Billi Romain, Sustainability Coordinator
Matthai Chakko, Public Information Officer



Updates to Energy Efficiency Requirements (RECO/CECO*)

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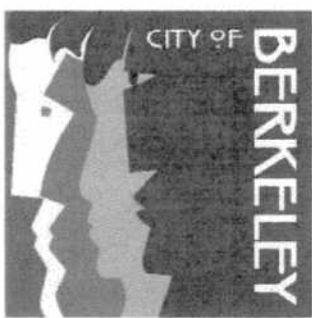
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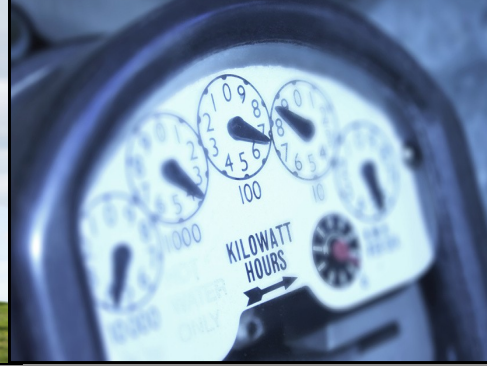
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