

# Integrating Passive House Standards with CALGreen for Multifamily Buildings — Across California's Climate Zones

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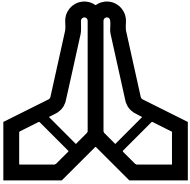


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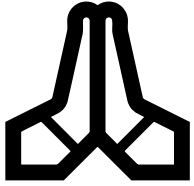
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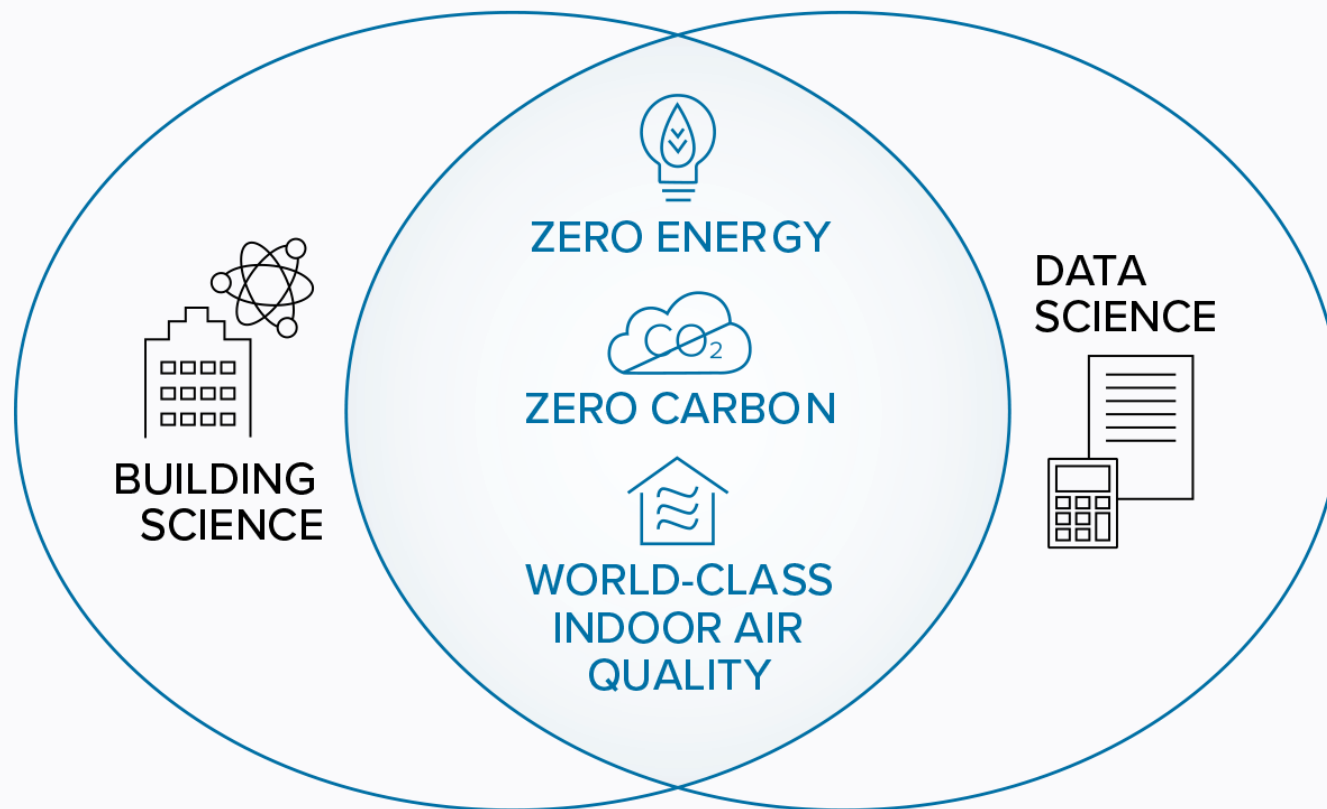


# BUILDING PERFORMANCE. CONNECTED.



# An Affordable Path to Zero Anything...

... requires both building science and data science



# Change the Process

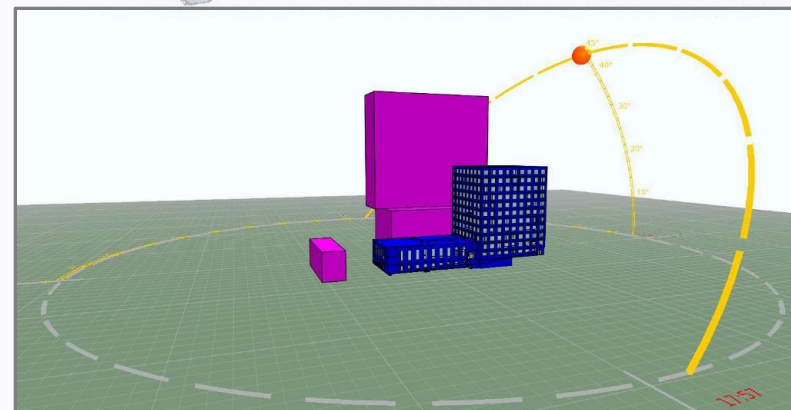
- ❖ Set metrics-based goals
- ❖ Align team to goals
- ❖ Open-source simulation to spin scenarios until we reach the highest performance at the lowest cost.

## Metrics, Not Narratives



What will owners measure in operations? What defines success?

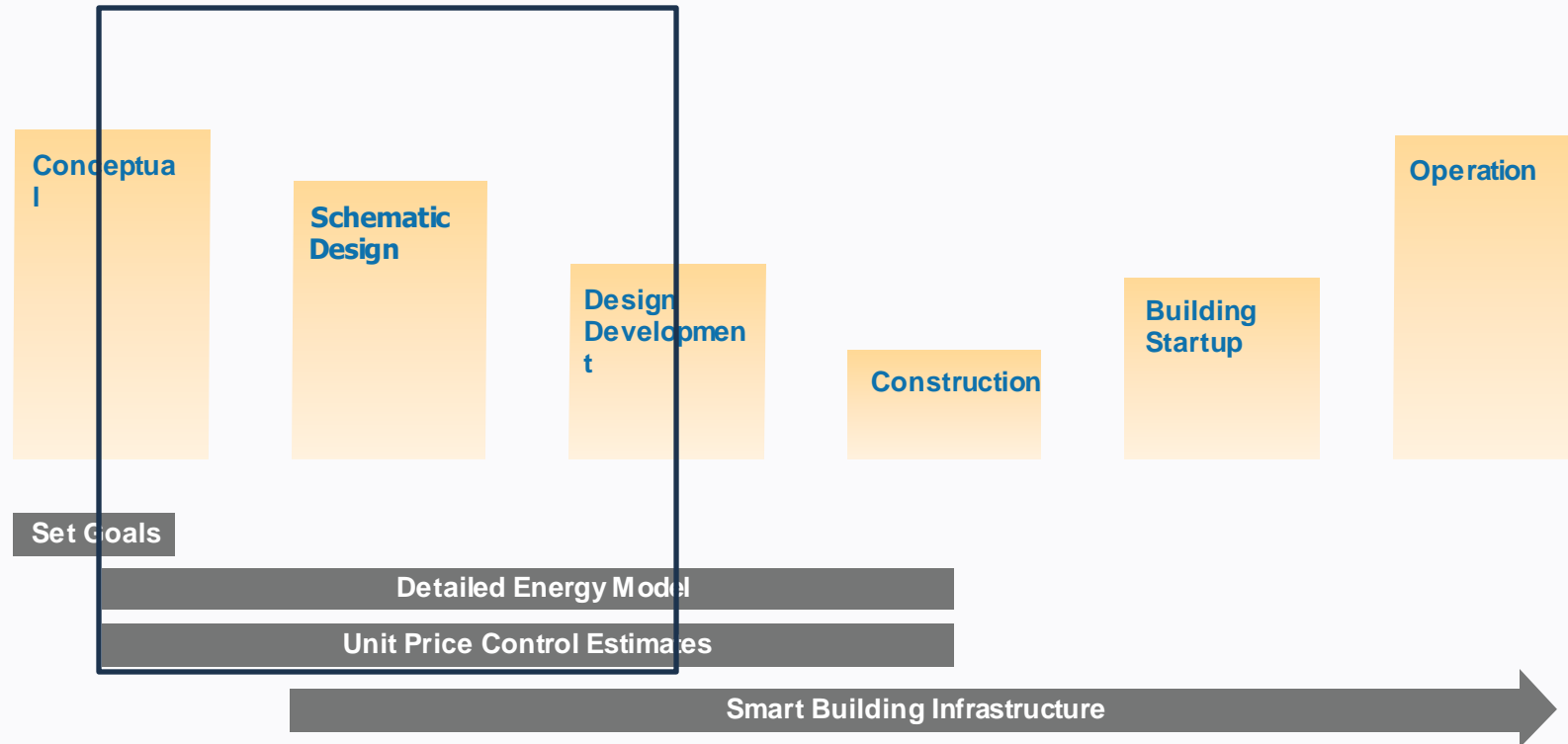
SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM GOALS	Evidence-based goals [Select your programs]
<b>ENERGY</b>	
Site Energy Use Intensity (EUI)	14 kBtu/sf/yr
Gas v. Electrification Balance	
Renewables	Offset annual energy consumption to Zero Energy
Building Envelope Infiltration	0.05 cfm/gross sf shell @50Pa
<b>INDOOR AIR QUALITY</b>	
Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5)	< 12 µg/m3
Total Volatile Organic Compound (TVOC)	< 0.4 mg/m3 (< 400 µg/m3)
Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	< 600 ppm
Temperature	Monitored
Humidity	Monitored
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	< 9 ppm
Ozone (O3)	< 51 ppb
Particulate Matter 10 (PM10)	< 50 µg/m3
Radon	< 0.148 Bq/L [4 pCi/L] in the lowest occupied level
Ventilation Rate:	PH Compliance





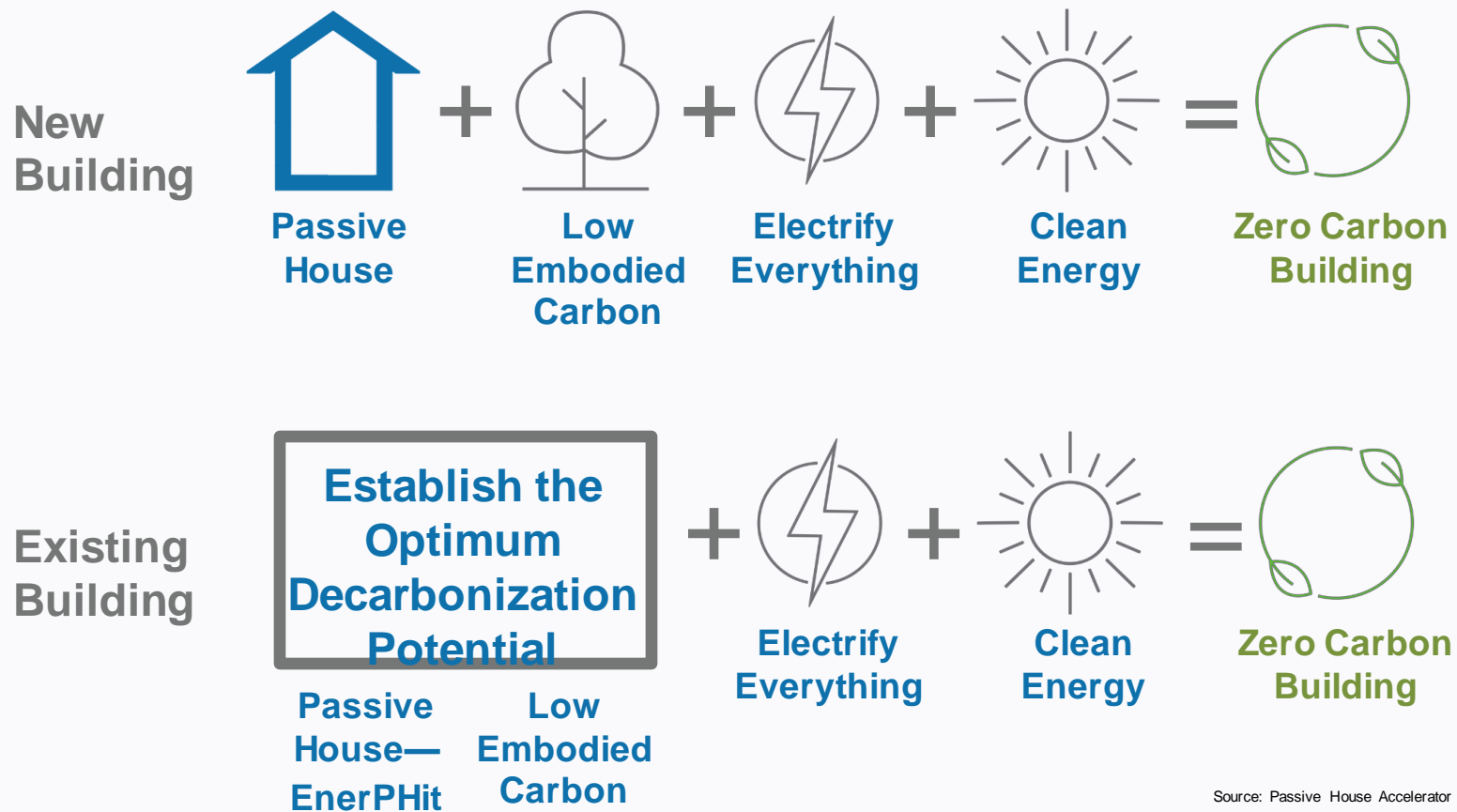
# Zero Energy/Zero Carbon

Low/No cost solutions come during SD/DD using simulation



# Natural Order of Decarbonization...

... must begin with efficiency

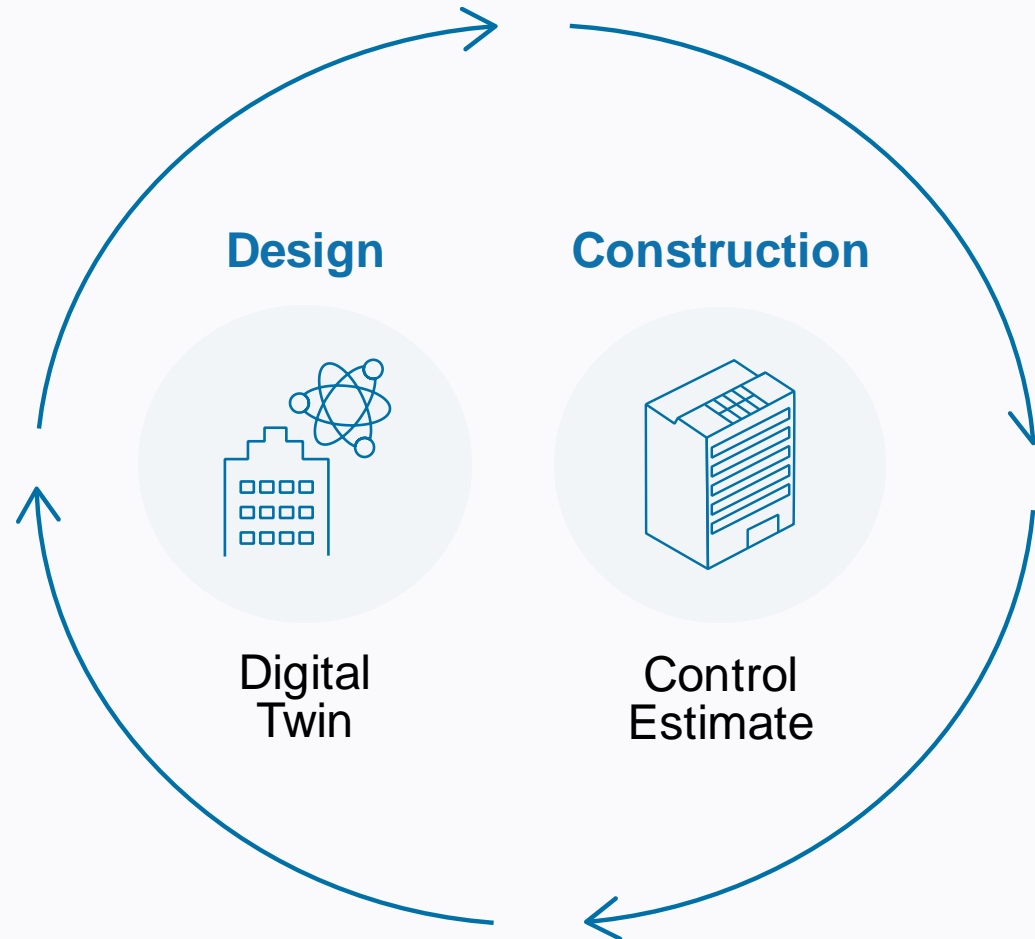


Source: Passive House Accelerator

# Technology reduces risk



Continuous modeling meets continuous estimating

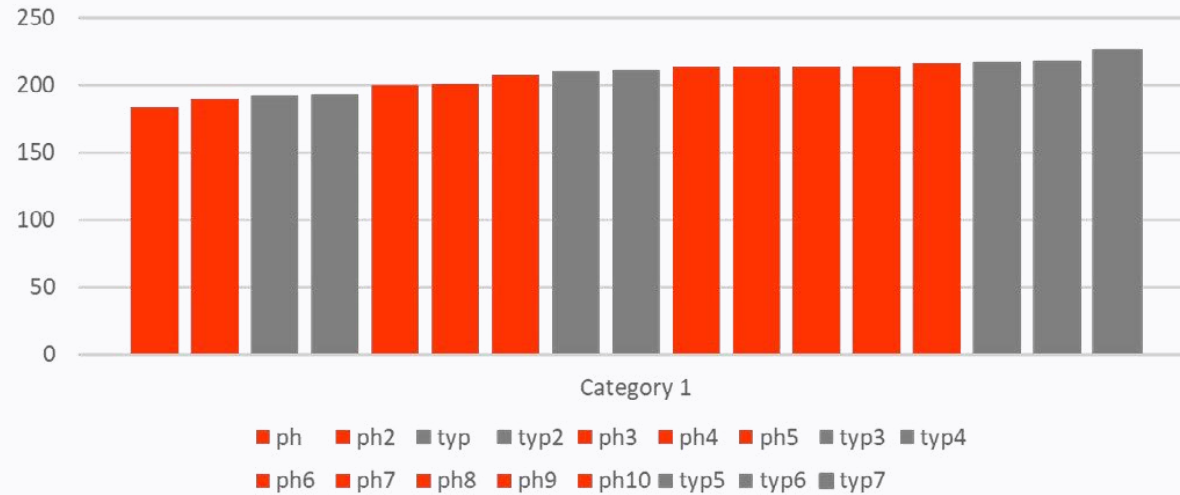


# PHFA Multifamily Housing Around Philadelphia Region



17 Buildings

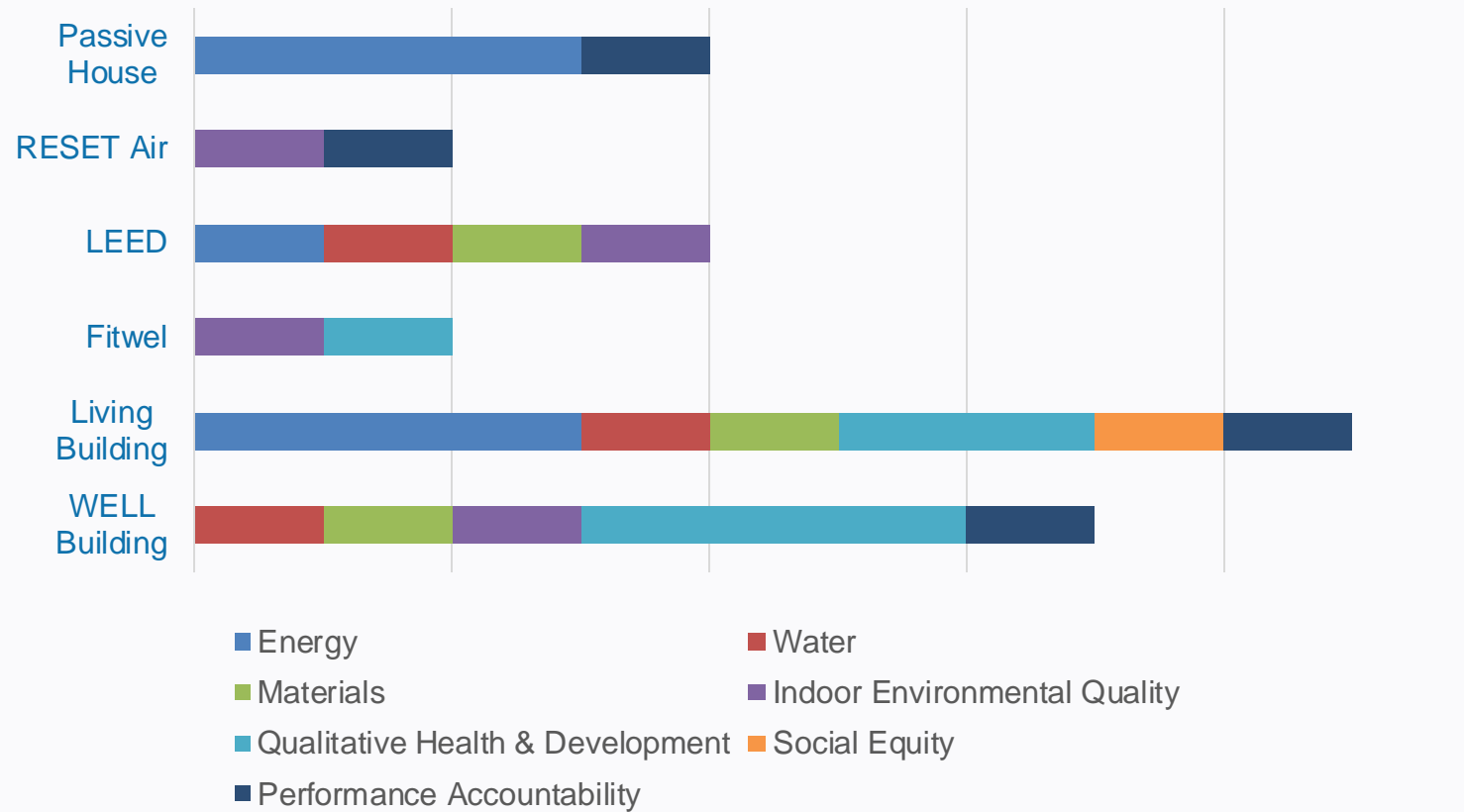
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Typical  
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**\$206/sf** vs. **\$208/sf** average

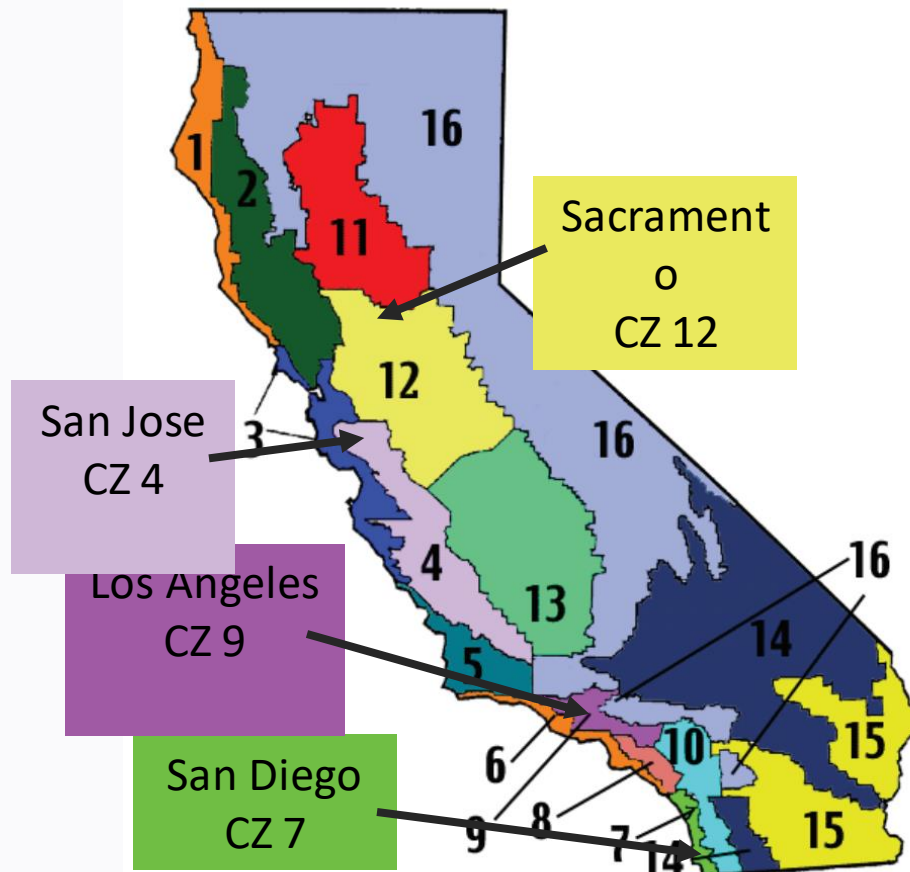
Source: Onion Flats

# Start with foundational elements, then add...

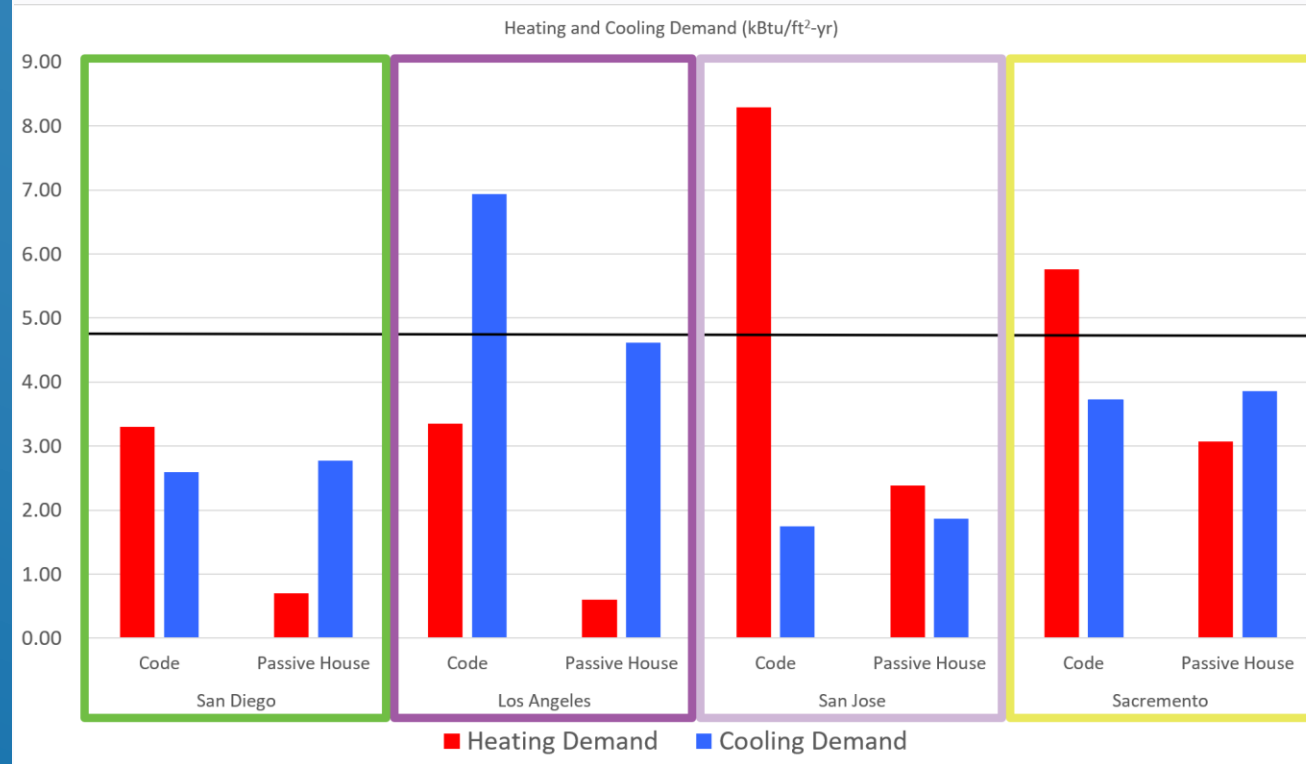




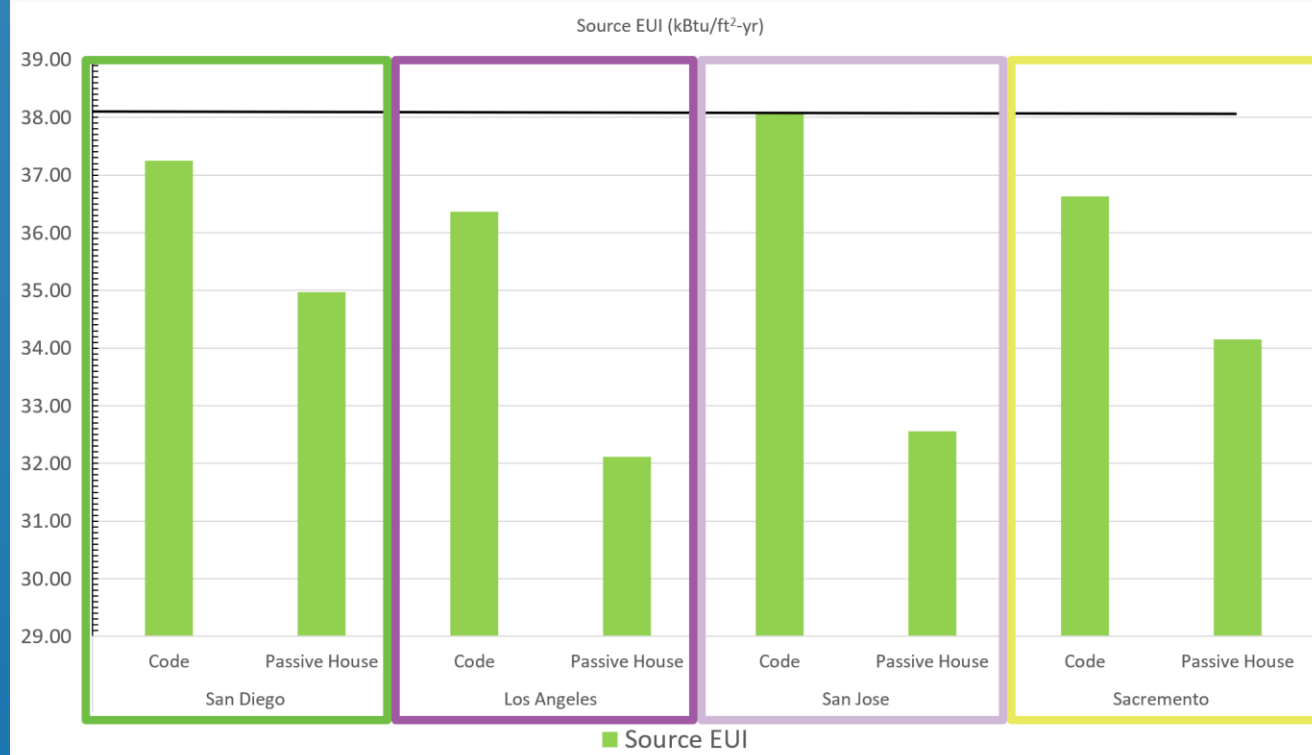
## California Climate Zones



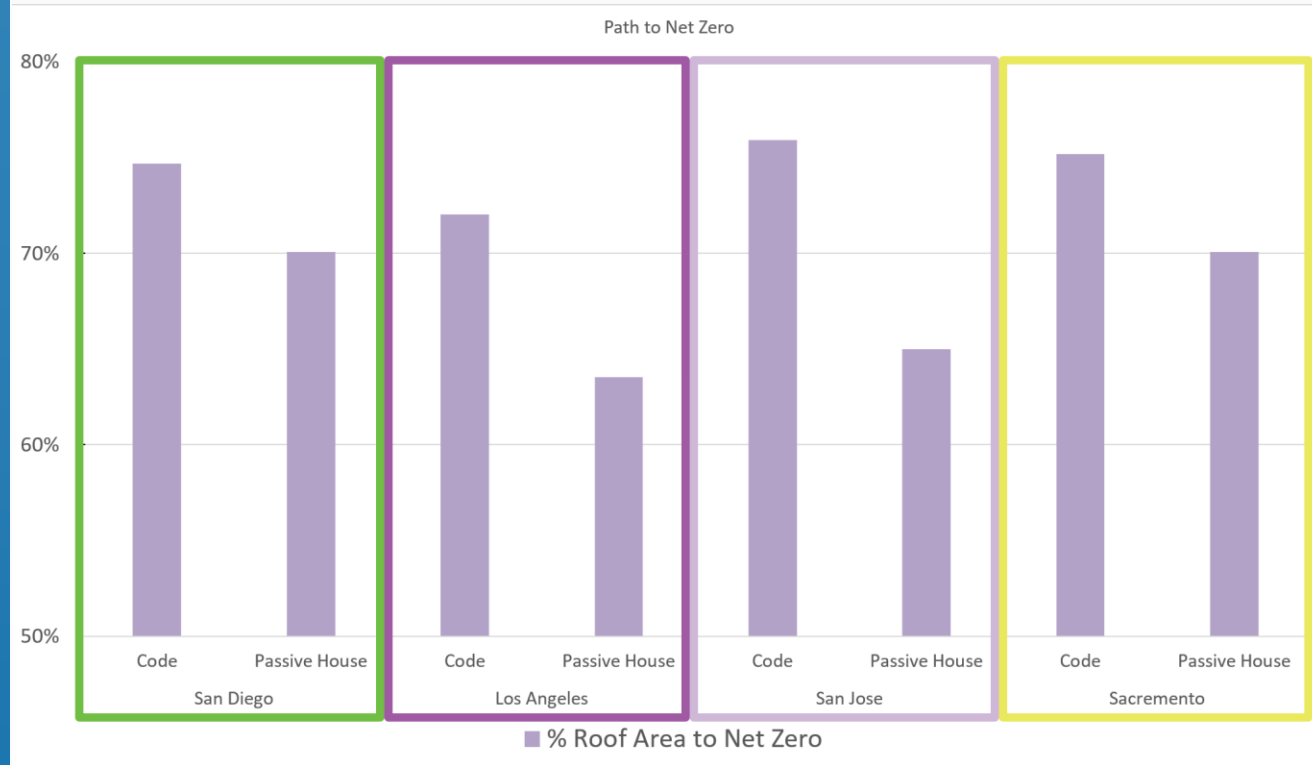
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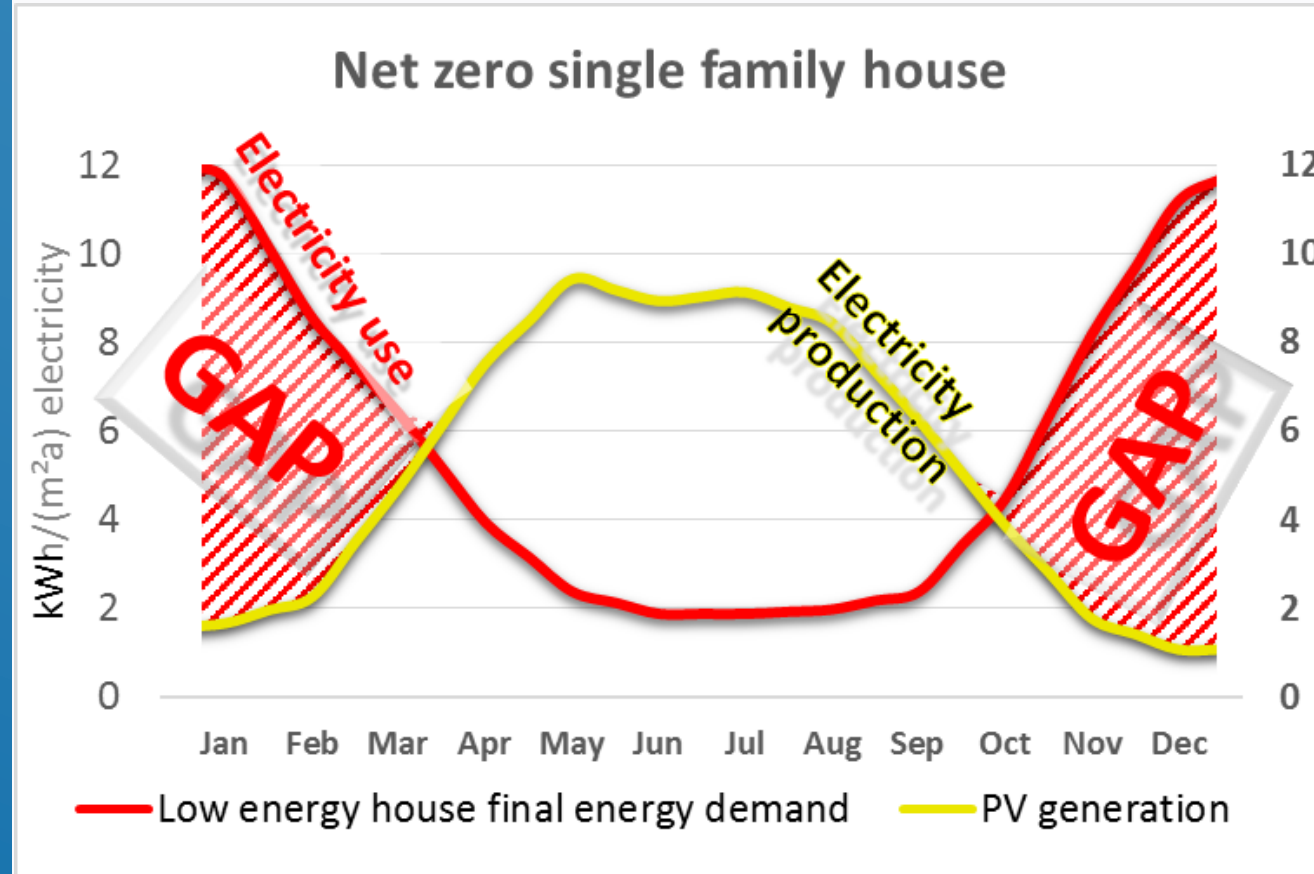


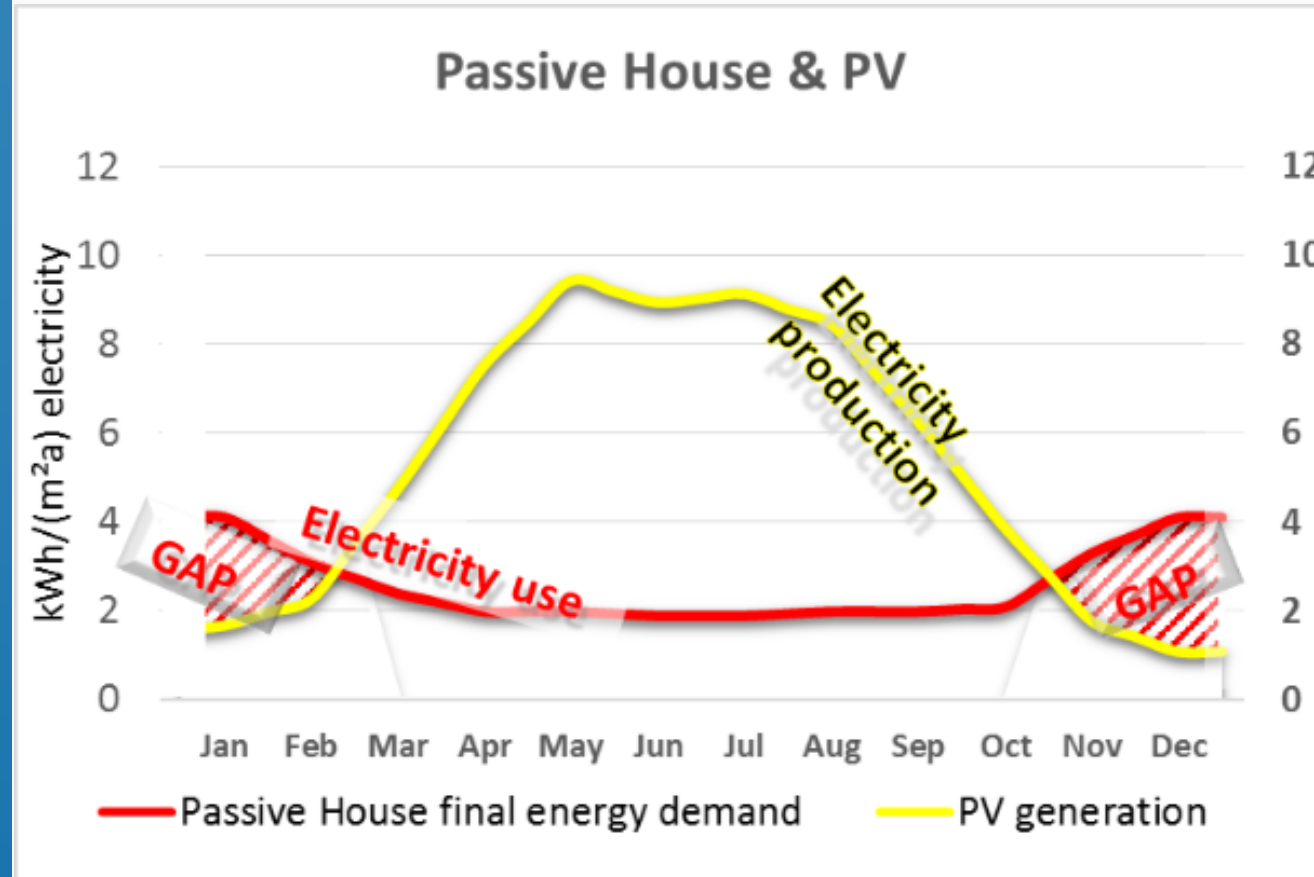
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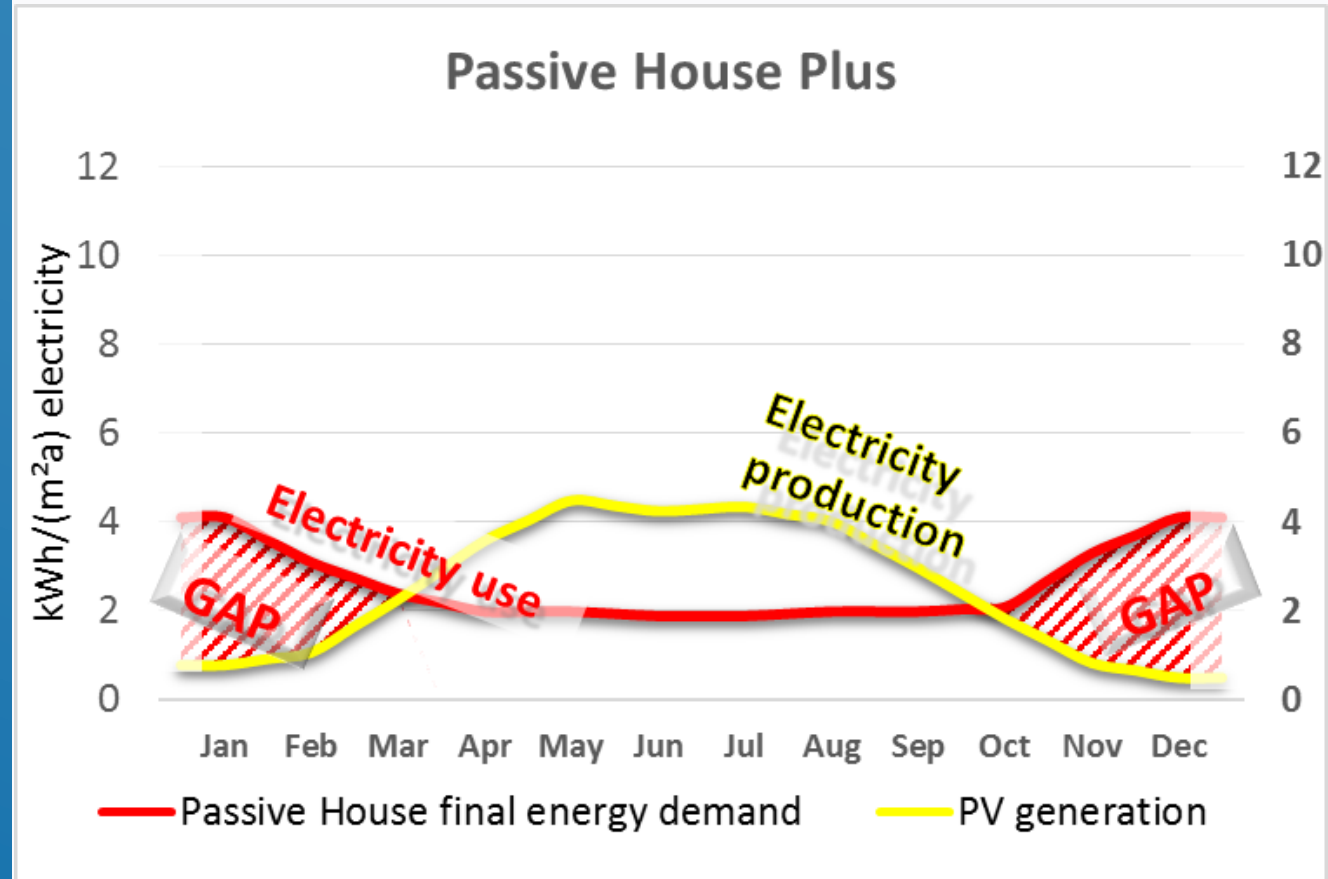






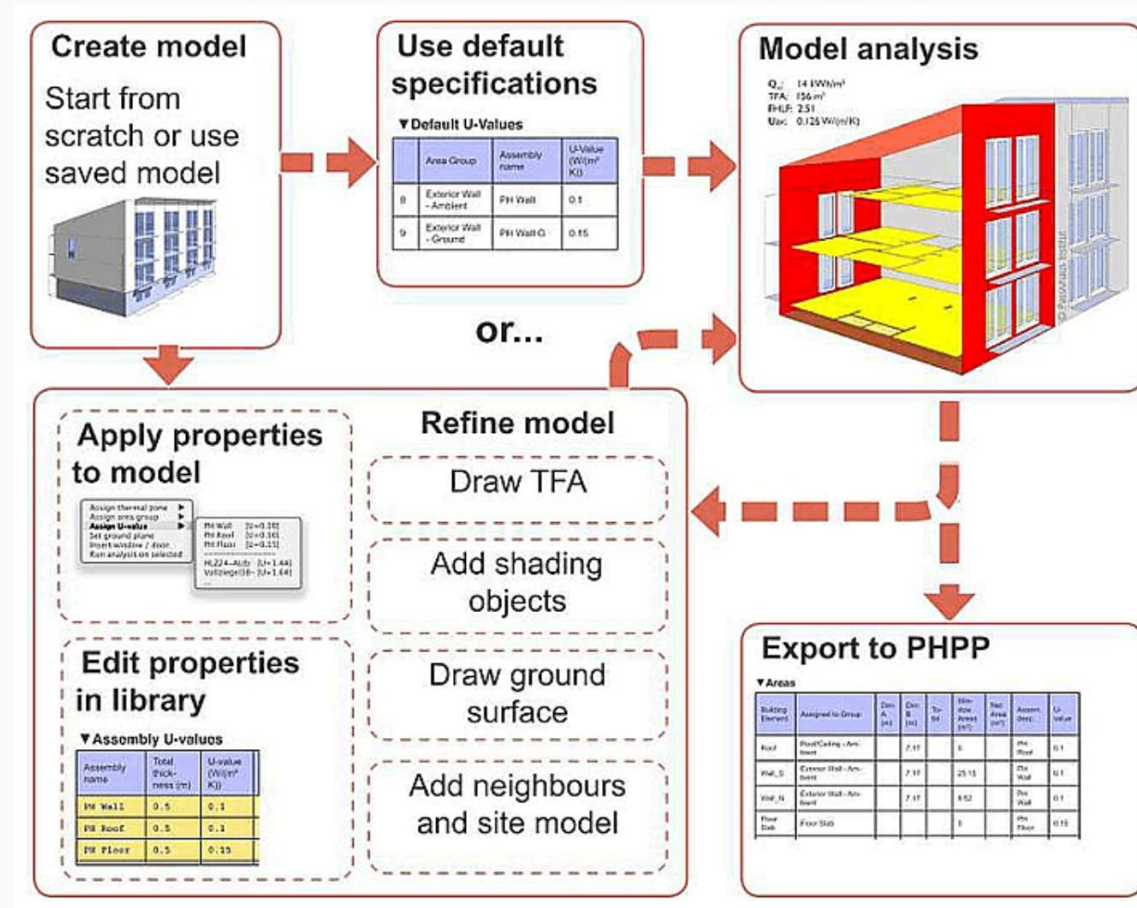








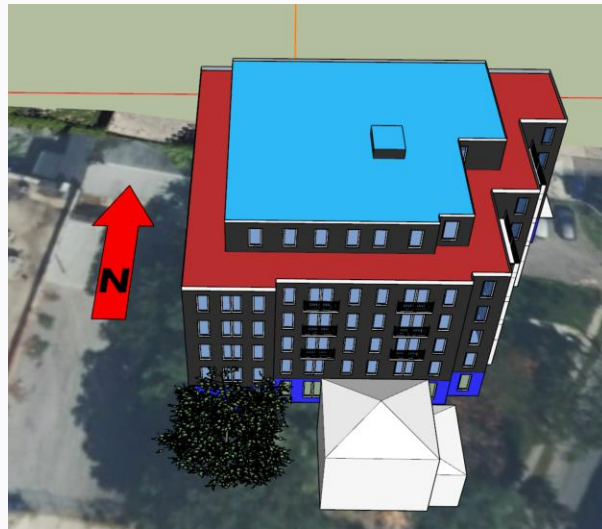
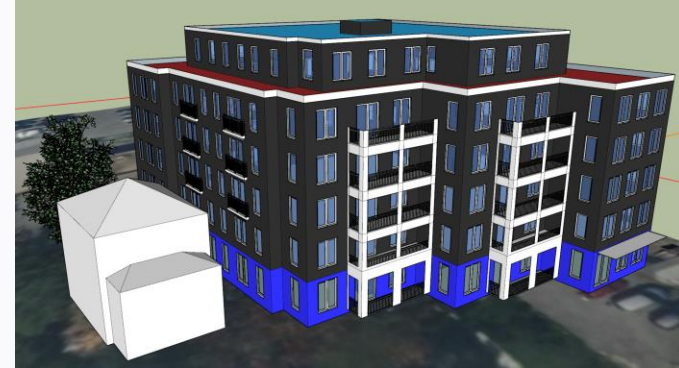
## Standard Multifamily



# Simulations



## Standard Multifamily





## Standard Multifamily

The screenshot displays the designPH main software interface. On the left, a 3D architectural rendering of a red multifamily building is shown with a yellow highlight on a window. To the right, two simulation plots are visible:

- Shading mask diagram (raster):** A plot showing altitude angle (degrees) on the y-axis (from -90 to 90) and azimuth angle (degrees) on the x-axis (from -90 to 90). It features a grid with colored dots representing shading data.
- Hourly radiation on slope, unshaded:** A bar chart showing hourly radiation (MJ/m²) on the y-axis (from 0.00 to 0.60) and hour on the x-axis (from 0 to 238). The chart includes data for Ground, Skydome, Windows, and Sunspace.

Below the plots is a detailed **Passive House-Verification** report. The report includes project settings, energy standards, and specific building characteristics. Key metrics are summarized in the table below:

Category	Value	Criteria	Alternative criteria	Fulfilled?
Space heating	3.07	≤ 4.75	-	Yes
Space cooling	3.86	≤ 4.75	-	Yes
Airtightness	0.6	≤ 0.6	-	Yes
Non-renewable Primary Energy (NPE)	42.69	≤ -	-	-
Primary Energy Renewable (PER)	19.06	≤ 19.02	19.02	Yes
Renewable (PER)	0.00	≤ -	-	-

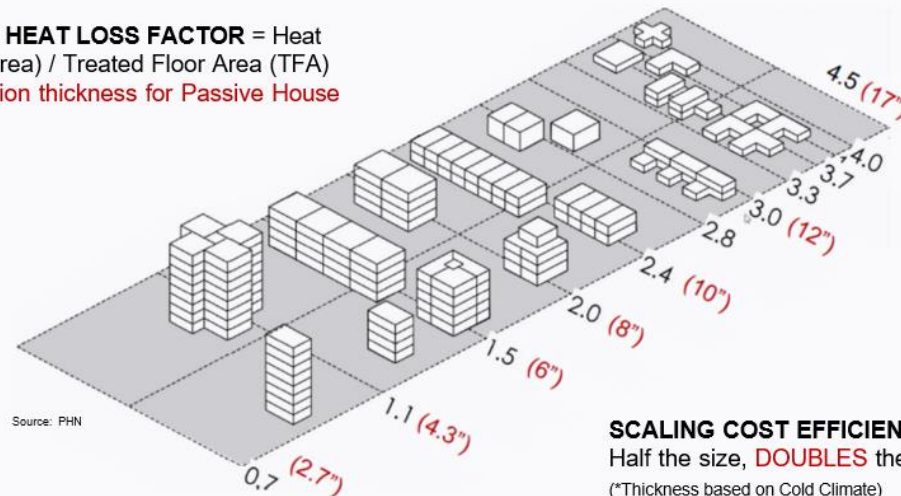
The report also includes a section for **Passive House Class** with a **Yes** status and a signature field.

# Building Data



- 49 Unit Residential
- 43,000 GSF (38,500 Treated Floor Area)
- All Electric
- Centralized Heating and Cooling with Heat Pump Systems
- Centralized Domestic Hot Water with a Heat Pump DHW and domestic water circulation loop
- Heat Loss Form Factor – 1.1 – REALLY GOOD

**FORM HEAT LOSS FACTOR** = Heat Loss area / Treated Floor Area (TFA)  
 Insulation thickness for Passive House



Source: PHN

**SCALING COST EFFICIENCY** =  
 Half the size, **DOUBLES** the insulation\*  
 (\*Thickness based on Cold Climate)





# Model Inputs (2 of 3)



Walls	Metal-Building, any fire rating	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.061	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	0.057	
	Framed (wood, metal) and other >1hr fire rating	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.059	0.065	0.065	0.059	0.059	0.051	0.051	0.059	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	
	Framed (wood, metal) and other, ≤1hr fire rating <sup>3</sup>	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.065	0.065	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	0.051	
	Mass Light <sup>4,5</sup>	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.077 R 13	U 0.059 R 17
	Mass Heavy	0.253	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.650	0.690	0.690	0.690	0.650	0.184	0.253	0.211	0.184	0.184	0.160	
Floors/Soffits	Slab Perimeter, Three Habitable Stories or less	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	U 0.58 R 7.0
	Wood Framed	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	U 0.037 R 19	
	Raised Mass	U 0.092 R 8.0	U 0.092 R 8.0	U 0.269 R 0	U 0.269 R 0	U 0.269 R 0	U 0.269 R 0	U 0.269 R 0	U 0.269 R 0	U 0.269 R 0	U 0.092 R 8.0	U 0.138 R 4.0	U 0.092 R 8.0	U 0.092 R 8.0	U 0.138 R 4.0	U 0.092 R 8.0	
	Other	0.048	0.039	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.071	0.039	0.071	0.071	0.039	0.039	0.039	





TABLE 170.2-K MECHANICAL COMPONENT PACKAGE – Multifamily Standard Building Design

Multifamily			Climate Zone															
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Unitary (serving one dwelling unit)	If Balanced Ventilation System <sup>1</sup>	HRV or ERV	0.67	0.67	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	
		Sensible Recovery Efficiency																
		HRV or ERV	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
	Fan Efficacy (W/cfm)	Non-HRV or Non-ERV	NR	NR	NR	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	
		Fan Efficacy (W/cfm)																
	If Heat Pump, HSPF <sup>2</sup> /HSPF <sub>2</sub>		MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	
	If Dual-Fuel Heat Pump, AFUE		MIN	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	MIN	
Refrigerant Charge Verification or Fault Indicator Display		NR	REQ	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	NR		
SEER/SEER <sub>2</sub>		MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN		
Central (serving multiple dwelling units)	If Balanced Ventilation Systems <sup>1</sup>	Sensible Recovery Efficiency or Effectiveness	0.67	0.67	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	
		Bypass Function	REQ	REQ	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	
Central System Air Handlers	Central Fan Integrated Ventilation System Fan Efficacy		REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ	REQ		
Duct Insulation	Ducts in Unconditioned Space		R-8	R-8	R-6	R-8	R-6	R-6	R-6	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8	R-8		
Water Heating	All Buildings		System Shall meet Section 170.2(d)															



## San Jose – Improvements needed to achieve Passive House Performance:

- Improved windows U-0.28 / SHGC 0.23
- 75% Heat Recovery (PH Minimum)
- 0.6 ACH50 @50 Pa

## San Diego – Improvements needed to achieve Passive House Performance:

- 75% Heat Recovery (PH Minimum)
- 0.6 ACH50 @50 Pa

## Los Angeles – Improvements needed to achieve Passive House Performance:

- Improved windows U-0.31 / SHGC 0.23
- Exterior Shading Devices
- 75% Heat Recovery (PH Minimum)
- 0.6 ACH50 @50 Pa

## Sacramento – Improvements needed to achieve Passive House Performance:

- Improved windows U-0.27 / SHGC 0.23
- 80% Heat Recovery
- 0.6 ACH50 @50 Pa



**Energy** – In every California climate tested, Passive House squeezes out additional consumption.

**Renewables** – the path to zero is easier and cheaper with Passive House certification.

**Thermal Comfort** -- Passive House is also a comfort standard.

### Balanced Ventilation

- Indoor Air Quality
- Odor Control
- Occupant Comfort

### Air Tightness

- Long term building assembly durability
- Should not cost more, it is mainly craftsmanship
- Systems work better
- Consistent temperatures
- Dramatically improved acoustics

It Takes a Village to Decarbonize:

# How CEDA aligns with Passive House Initiatives

September 12, 2023



# WHAT IS CEDA?

The California Energy Design Assistance (CEDA) program promotes the electrification and decarbonization of new building construction or major renovation. CEDA works in collaboration with project teams to reduce energy demand, consumption, and carbon emissions.

The CEDA Program partners with the PG&E Code Readiness (CR) Team to support code advocacy initiatives through the collection of new construction project data to evolve future code cycles and support the long-term sustainability goals of California.





- Be eligible for **measure incentives** and a **design team stipend**
- Participate in a **low-commitment** program that helps confirm your energy model and add new ideas
- Demonstrate commitment to high-performance building practices and design



Design team incentives

+

Decarbonization measures incentives

+

Incentives to encourage Passive House modeling and design teams to participate in the collection the documentation and data and submit to CEDA

**= Win-Win!**

**\$2,800**  
incentive

**\$5,225**  
incentive

# HIGH-PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Examples of high-performance measure types to help your teams evaluate decarbonization opportunities and available incentives



## Space heating system

Heat pumps, VRF systems, controls, heat pump chillers and heat pumps for VAV reheat systems



## Service water heating

Central heat pump water heaters, distributed heat pump water heaters, water heater controls and distribution systems



## Plug Loads

Heat pump clothes dryers, induction cook tops, electric commercial kitchens



## Process Loads

Heat pump pool heaters, high temp heat pumps for industrial processes, microwave or other electric drying processes



## Refrigerant Systems

Low GWP refrigerants for heat pumps, VRF, chillers, water heaters, reduced refrigerant leakage

# MEASURE INCENTIVES

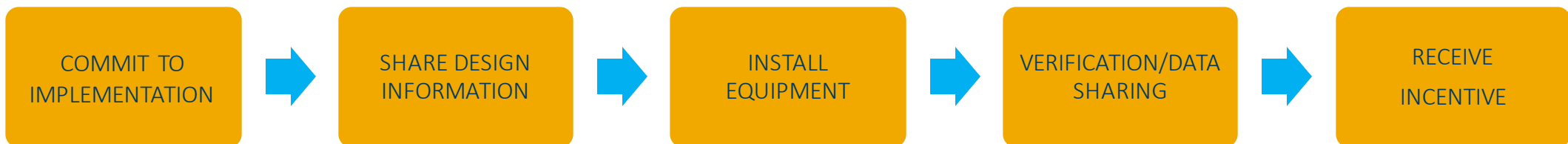
CEDA offers incentives for participating in project discovery meetings and Design Team led data collection.

Additional incentives reward buildings of the future that implement high performance measures and electrification.

Incentives are also available for the installation of traditional above code minimum energy efficiency measures



## Inducement Process:



# Thank you!



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# Thank You



- For sharing information about the CEDA Program
- Other PH Multifamily Programs of potential interest
  - Fannie Mae Green Building Loans
  - CEC's Build Program
  - CA Energy Smart Homes
  - Multifamily Energy Savings Program (MESP)
  - Sacramento Municipal Utility (SMUD) Program
  - Southern California Edison (SCE) Multifamily Resources

- Inflation Reduction Act possibilities

The landmark Inflation Reduction Act contains \$4.5 billion in rebates that will reduce the cost of building affordable all-electric, multi-family Passive House buildings, as well as tax credits that can be worth as much as \$5,000 per unit.



# Links in the Chat



Two Documents from Passive House Network

## **CALIFORNIA PH MULTIFAMILY RESOURCES:**

List (with links) of Subsidy Programs that may be used for Passive House Multifamily Buildings in California

## **Safe at Home:**

How all-electric, multi-family Passive House buildings deliver comfortable, cost-effective climate resilience

**Plus:** We will soon email attendees a link to information and registration for an upcoming webinar on **Optimizing Decarbonization Potential in Retrofitting Multifamily Buildings**

# Thank you

## For your Time and Attention

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# The Building Blocks of Decarbonization



**Maximize  
Efficiency**

+



**Minimize  
Embodied  
Carbon**

+



**Electrify  
Everything**

+



**Clean  
Energy**

=



**Zero  
Carbon  
Building**

# For the People – For the Planet



**The Question is not Why — It is WHY NOT**