

**RESOLUTION NO: 06-0301-21**

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**STATE ENERGY RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING  
THE CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDER PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, production builders construct about 200,000 new homes every year in California, predominately in hotter, inland climate zones in the state, and the new homes added each year provide housing needed for California's growing population; and

**WHEREAS**, the new homes added each year contribute significantly to the need for additional energy infrastructure in the State, and increase demands for construction materials and the State's limited water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, California state policy promotes the development of highly energy-efficient, environmentally responsible housing through Title 24 Building Standards, energy efficiency incentive programs, and land-use planning requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Building Industry Association is a statewide trade association representing companies that account for approximately 80% of the new homes built in California, and which runs the Building Industry Institute, a non-profit research and education entity specializing in energy efficiency research and extensive builder-training efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building Industry Institute has developed and implemented the California Green Builder Program which sets builder goals for significant improvements in energy efficiency, indoor air quality, on-site waste recycling and water and wood conservation in home construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Green Builder Program is a cost-effective program for builders and homebuyers that meets the needs of builders, buyers, and California's cities and counties by easing construction requirements, enhancing and speeding home sales, saving homeowners money, and saving California's scarce energy, water, and landfill capacity resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Green Builder Program requires that participants build homes that exceed Title 24 energy efficiency standards by at least 15%, use at least 20,000 gallons less water than conventionally constructed homes, use engineered wood products primarily from sustainable harvested forest resources, use designated practices to reduce wood waste during construction, and diverts at least 50% of construction waste from landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Green Builder Program results in significant improvements in indoor air quality in the homes constructed through the use of low Volatile Organic Compound paints, lacquers, floor underlayment and carpet and better construction, testing, and filtering of ventilation systems installed in the homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Energy Commission has determined that the California Green Builder Program goals are consistent with the State's energy policy, waste policy and environmental goals;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the California Energy Commission hereby recognizes the California Building Industry Association and the Building Industry Institute for developing and implementing the California Green Builder Program, and encouraging production home builders in the state to participate in the program, which contributes to the achievement of California's energy, water, waste disposal, and environmental policy goals.

Date: May 24, 2006

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