LOW CARBON BUILDINGS CRITERIA UNDER THE CLIMATE BONDS STANDARD

ELIGIBLE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING - CALIFORNIA

Trajectory

Part 6 of Title 24 provides updated Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) for new constructions and renovations to existing buildings every three years. The California Energy Commission estimates that homes built under the 2019 standards will use about 53 percent less energy than those built under the 2016 standard.

The 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, or later, are deemed as a suitable proxy for the Climate Bonds low carbon buildings criteria.

Eligibility proxy

Residential buildings constructed under the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, or later, are eligible for Climate Bond certification.

Residential property upgrades

Residential property upgrades can be eligible through the building upgrades criteria of the Climate Bonds low carbon buildings criteria.

Eligible properties shall have achieved a minimum operating energy emissions reduction of 30% for a 5 year bond, rising to a minimum of a 50% reduction for a 30 year bond.

Additional Information

These proxy criteria for California are subject to periodic review and may change.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency with a mission to lead the state to a 100 percent clean energy future. The CEC develops policy to reduce energy usage and costs, limit the environmental impacts of energy generation and use, and ensure a safe, resilient, and reliable energy supply.