

# **Green Building Collaborative**

## **Santa Clara County Cities Association**

### **Phase II Recommendations Revisited...**

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Palo Alto: Yoriko Kishimoto, Kristin Parineh

Morgan Hill: Rebecca Fotu, Tony Eulo

Mountain View: Ronit Bryant, Randy Tsuda, Noah Downing

Sunnyvale: Ryan Kuchinig

Saratoga: Ann Waltonsmith (in her former capacity as a councilmember)

Santa Clara: Jamie McLeod

Campbell: Ciddy Wardell, Tim Haley, Paul Kermoyan

County of Santa Clara: Jill Boone, Katja Irvin

USGBC: Sharon Refvem, Steve Stenton, Elizabeth Echols, Suzanne Nolan

BIG: Val Alexeef


Silicon Valley Leadership Group: Shiloh Ballard

Cities Assoc Board Liaisons: Kathleen King, Melinda Hamilton, Curtis Wright



## What is the Green Building Collaborative, (GBC)?

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- Policy Adoption: Promote faster adoption of appropriate green building policies
  - Partnership: Between SVLG, Cities Association & others
  - Goals: Uniform/similar green building policy across jurisdictions that spurs green economy and improves the environment
-  Initial Accomplishment: Near Term Policies adopted in some form by all cities and county in Santa Clara County!

# Refresher on our general goals/principles

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## Principles

- Appropriate on-ramp, yet don't delay!
- Uniform, easy and collaborative
- Pull through for Silicon Valley clean-tech industry



# Established Green Building Standards

## LEED Rating System

U.S. Green Building Council



- Points define four certification levels
- Focused on commercial new & retrofit
  - 9000+ rated projects since 2000

## Green Point Rated System

Build It Green



- 50+ points define degree of 'Green'
- Focused on single/multi family residential and remodels

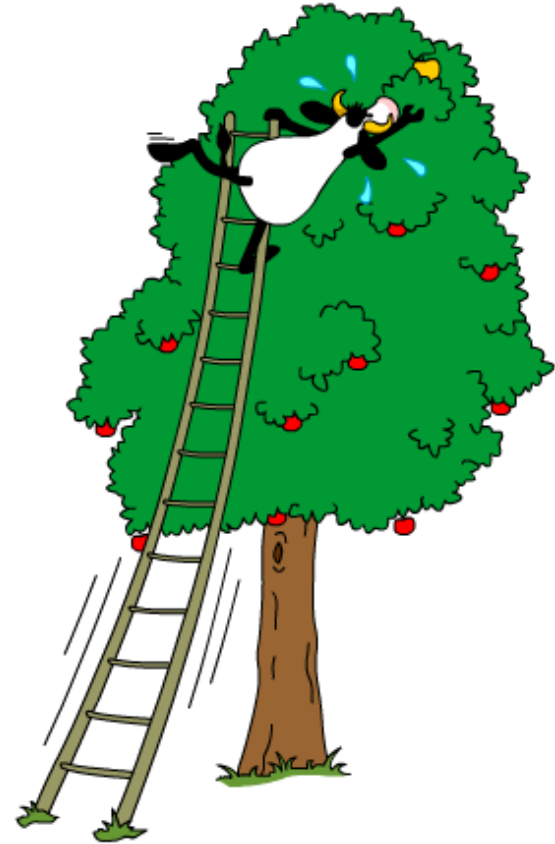
▶ Many exist, yet two complementary standards have emerged as leaders:

- Widely recognized and consensus-based
- Consistent and quantifiable rating criteria, 'menu' of options/choices
- Independent 3<sup>rd</sup>-party verification ensures standard of performance

## Moving on from the low hanging fruit...

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- ▶ Phase II Recommendations:  
LEED Silver & GPR
- Phase II adopted by Cities Association Board as a “reach” code recommendation.



## Everything was going oh so nicely until...

- State adopted CalGreen: This is the new code. You have no choice. CalGreen = code.
- How does that impact our recommendations? How does the new code mesh w/existing standards? How green is it? How do the processes work together?



# GBC's Phase II Recommendations + BACC

-Bay Area Climate Collaborative sorted through these questions

-Their ultimate recommendations:

1. New Code Implementation: Make sure building code and planning staff are trained on the new code
2. “Reach” Codes: For cities that wish to go above and beyond code, continue to use LEED and GPR
3. Tiers: If you opt for a Tier, continue to allow LEED and GPR as additional paths to achieving green

# What are these “tiers” you speak of?

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- There are two tiers in CalGreen for those who wish to adopt “reach” codes
- Why not just adopt those? At the moment, the tiers are not fully fleshed out and sections remain fully defined

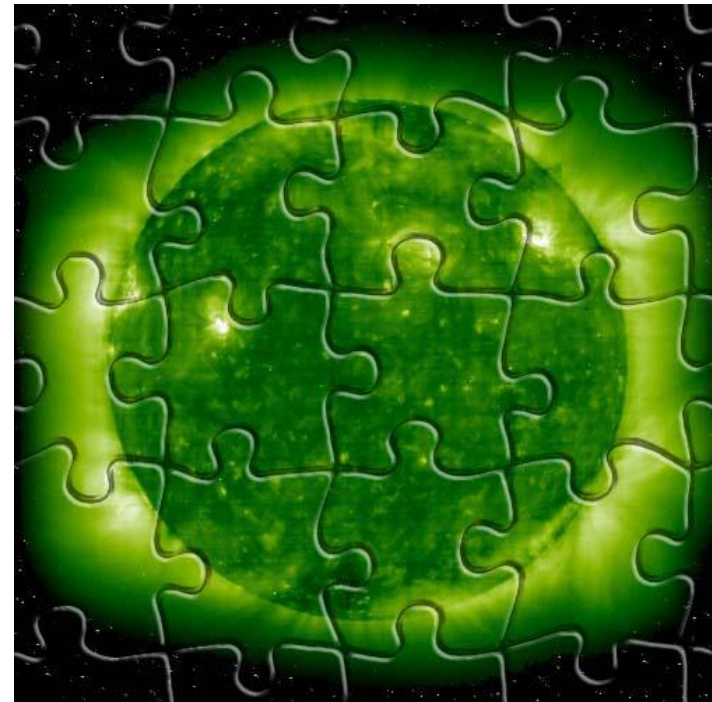




## Phase II Revisited

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- No major changes
- Overlay the third recommendation re Tiers and LEED/GPR



# Things to keep in mind...

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- Big/small...shades of green
- FAR, valuation, square footage?
- LEED -or- GPR, not versus
- Verification approaches
- Multifamily remodels
- Flexibility



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\$1.4M in efficiency investments

\$1.2M In annual savings

“Platinum” Rating by USGBC

## March on!

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- Forge ahead in adopting reach green building standards
- Any questions or concerns with the Collaborative's modified recommendation

