

CBIA GREEN BUILDING AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The California Building Industry Association (CBIA) firmly believes in the value and benefit to our communities from the use and implementation of Green Building and Sustainability practices in the construction of new homes in California. As the voice of the residential building community in the state, CBIA is actively involved in evaluating and promoting performance strategies that enhance energy efficiency and water conservation that lead to a more sustainable future.

Our Association strongly supports the California Residential Green Building Standards developed by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and adopted by the California Building Standards Commission (BSC). To achieve greater Green Building efficiencies which exceed the mandatory levels prescribed by HCD, CBIA supports the voluntary use of two non-governmental residential Green Building programs:

- The California Green Builder Program (CGB) developed and administered by ConSol, Inc, and
- The Green Point Rated program developed and administered by Build It Green.

By encouraging our builders to embrace and implement these programs, CBIA is accelerating the environmental benefit derived from sustainable building practices. At the same time, CBIA is mindful that mandatory use of these programs in ways not intended by the administrators of these programs can actually be counterproductive and result in excessive costs for a marginal return.

CBIA will actively engage its' membership in the ever evolving field of resource and energy conservation, and continue to seek ways to work with HCD and BSC to further the sustainability goals of the State.