

**Under what circumstances would use of the logo constitute improper program endorsement of a company?**

The program name and logo may never be used in any manner that would imply program endorsement of a company, its products, or its services. The intent is for raters to avoid using the logo in such a way as to imply an endorsement of other non-rating aspects of their business. For example, an HVAC contractor who offers GreenPoint Rater services shouldn't claim to offer "GreenPoint Rated HVAC installations."

**What does the "R" and "A" mean under the Data Collection Form, Planning Scoresheet tab?**

"R" stands for "recommended" and "A" stands for "Alternate"

**I am working on a subdivision that is comprised of duplex and triplex type buildings but each one is individually owned and the buildings are basically single-family dwellings with the exception of the party walls. I have been treating this as a single-family project with credit for community participation. Does that sound reasonable?**

Key distinguishing features that would permit the application of single-family guidelines are (1) no common areas integrated in the building shell, (2) no common mechanical systems, and (3) construction techniques typical of single-family projects. Those criteria appear to apply in this case, meaning it is permissible (but not required) to treat such a project as single-family attached dwellings and apply the single-family guidelines. Treating this as a single-family project will also give you more flexibility in applying sampling protocols. Note the "no common areas" criterion does not exclude projects with stand-alone community facilities.

**Why don't we award points for stormwater management practices?**

We don't give credit for for any stormwater control issues (other than rainwater collection) because: 1) most people only do these things in response to requirements by local municipalities; 2) those mandatory requirements are constantly increasing already anyway in CA and the US; and 3) when we did extensive research on these things, the experts in the field could find no way of telling us which systems were better than the others or a way of having us set thresholds or tiers of improved stormwater control and filtration. They also said these systems and sizes and layouts were completely site specific dependent and basically every situation had a case by case answer, and one would get different answers in different municipalities with different reviewers, so there was no consistency.

**Does SIPS qualify for the advanced framing techniques?**

When the project is SIPS construction, the project will also automatically qualify for some of other framing related measures: D.1.b & c – The SIPS construction qualifies for these points. The interior framing must also qualify to get the available points. D.2.b – SIPS construction qualifies for this point.

**Would tar and gravel be considered a durable roofing material?**

No, tar and gravel does not qualify

**Do SIPS qualify under CA Section 01350 low emitting insulation?**

Yes

**Does all spray in foam meet QII or does it still need HERS inspection?**

No, it still needs inspection.

**If plumbing is buried in insulation does it qualify as insulated hot water pipes?**

If the plumbing is buried to the 13" mark in the attic insulation and is buried in the exterior wall insulation, it qualifies

**Does the installation of an outdoor fireplace qualify?**

If it is gas burning, it would need to meet our efficiency standards. If it is wood burning, it would not qualify due to IAQ issues.

**Does the entire solar water system have to be SRCC certified or just the panels?**

It is the panels which need to be certified. If the system is purchased as one package, all components may be certified, but it is not required.

**How should the capacity of a PV system determined? Should we use the CEC-AC rating or the DC output wattage?**

The PV capacity should be based on the CEC rated watts from CEC Reservation Application Form R1, #7 (System Rated Output). That would mean that the primary verification (in addition to seeing that the panels are actually installed) would be documentation review of that form. The CEC rated wattage is the basis for incentive calculations and is generally lower than the design wattage.

**Does the OSB subfloor qualify for K.7.a. Reduced Formaldehyde in Subfloor & Stair Treads (50% min)?**

The only thing that really qualifies for this is formaldehyde free OSB (not available yet) and formaldehyde free plywood (which it seems only Columbia Forest Products is producing at the moment, but others will follow in the near future). The intent is to drive the market.

**What % recycled content Qualifies?**

Recycled content of material must be 25% minimum to qualify

**Does Gyp-Crete qualify as Thermal Mass Flooring?**

Yes if 1" or more thick.

**What types and thickness of flooring qualify as Thermal Mass Flooring?**

1" of cementitious flooring or ceramic tile over plywood substrate.

**What are examples of materials that meet Section 01350 or CRI Green Label Plus Requirements?**

Tile, exposed concrete, and SCS FloorScore certified flooring.

**Can a dishwasher qualify if it meets the 6.5 gallon/cycle qualification but is not on the Oregon rebate list?**

No, it must appear of the Oregon list. The Oregon listing means it has been 3rd party verified.

**Must the GreenPoint Checklist be incorporated in the blueprints prior to production or can the checklist be attached after the fact?**

A set of blueprints with the checklist fully integrated is ideal but a project can claim credit if the checklist is stapled onto the plans after the fact. The attached checklist should have the applicable points checked off and should note next to each GreenPoint the blueprint page number that corresponds to that particular point. The intent of course is to make it easier for everyone involved to see which green features are included in the project so the checklist should be attached to copies provided to construction supervisors, contractors, and building officials.

**Does Bio Base insulation qualify for an innovation credit on the basis of being rapidly renewable?**

No. Only contains 20% soy, the rest is standard oil.