

# FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



## Zoning Holiday Design Party

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On February 1, 2023 architects, developers and advocates celebrated the 29 design concepts that were submitted to the Zoning Holiday Competition. The concepts submitted were based on a five-unit multi-family building on a 50' wide by 100' deep site and designed to the Passive House Standard and the CEQA Class 3 exemptions.

The term Zoning Holiday is based on the fact that “many California cities have not met State-mandated requirements to allow more housing to be built, so the State has stepped in to allow for ‘Builders Remedy’ solutions. This means typical zoning regulations like density, height and FAR limits are sent on holiday! While local zoning rules are on vacation, owners and infill developers can submit housing

solutions constrained only by their imagination, building codes, and CEQA strategy.”

The event was organized and supported by the Passive House Network, Home3, YIMBY LAW, Livable Communities Initiative, Housing Action Coalition and Passive House California (PHCA).

Click the link below to see the work that was displayed!

[View The Submissions Here](#)

Passive House Multi-Family  
Good for All is Good for One

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How Passive House Qualities  
Benefit both Occupants & Owners

Presentation by Shane Pollin

## PHCA Webinar: Save the Date!!

**Passive House Multi-Family- Good for All is Good for One:**  
How Passive House Qualities Benefit Both Occupants and Owner  
Wednesday, March 22th 12PM-1:30 PT

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The presentation will highlight an ambitious new project under development in the State of Maryland. The Hillendale Gateway project will be an all-electric, multi-building, mixed-use, mixed-income project designed to reach high levels of sustainability and resiliency.

Target Audience: Building owners, developers, code reviewers, planning officials and design professionals interested in learning about the benefits of integrating passive house principles into larger multi-family or mixed-use projects.

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EARTH BOUND  
— HOMES —

#### New Sponsor Welcome Message

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Passive House California is delighted to welcome Earth Bound Homes as a Supporting Sponsor. Their commitment to “Building a Better Way” is well aligned with Passive House protocols and results in homes that are very energy efficient, provide healthy indoor air quality, are resilient to extreme weather, wildfires and the associated smoke, as well as power outages, and are environmentally responsible.

[Read more on our website!](#)

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PHPP 10 Now in English and Spanish with IP Units  
Passive House Institute

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We are pleased to share that PHPP version 10.4 is now available in Spanish, as well as in English with IP units.

Both versions come with the online flipbook manual that can be accessed via the Passive House Portal after PHPP registration. The PHPPs are available through regional resellers.

[Click to Learn More](#)

## •UPCOMING TRAINING•

### Upcoming Passive House Training!

Throughout 2023, there will be multiple sponsors of CPHD/C training that will provide discounted training and/or scholarships for interested professionals.

Passive House California will keep you informed through [passivehousecal.org](https://passivehousecal.org) and our PHCA newsletter.

### PHN & 3CREN

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3C-REN is proud to offer PHN's Certified Passive House Designer course for **FREE** (normally a \$1,900 value) for tri-county professionals. The 5-day training will be held in-person in Santa Barbara. The **exam is included** in the class. The exam often occurs a number of weeks after the course to allow for further review and study. The exam is only offered remotely online.

[Click to Learn More](#)

### PHN & PG&E

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Click the link below to hear more about this upcoming training through Passive House Network and PG&E.

[Click to Learn More](#)

### PHCA Training Scholarships

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Stay tuned for information regarding a multi-faceted scholarship program through Passive House California.

## •UPCOMING EVENTS FROM OUTSIDE PHCA•



### Pebble Beach Passive House Designed by PHCA Members

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The Passive House Accelerator features a new Passive House in Pebble Beach, California . Designed and build by Passive House California (PHCA) Members.

17 Mile Haus, a 2,938-ft<sup>2</sup>, two-story home currently under construction in Pebble Beach, California, is the fourth Passive House project targeting certification for Carmel Building & Design. Rob Nicely, president and partner, completed the

Certified Passive House Consultant training in 2018, and all the firm's projects incorporate Passive House principles whether or not the project is targeting certification. He has also been deeply involved in Passive House advocacy and education for more than a decade.

[Read More Below...](#)

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**Passive House Airtightness and the Blower Door Test**  
Wednesday, March 29th 9AM PT

With Wolfgang Hasper, Passive House Institute

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The Tri-County Regional Energy Network (3C-REN) is a partnership between the Counties of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura.

WEBINAR

**Introduction to Passive House w/ Steve Mann**  
Tuesday, March 7th 12AM PT

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The Introduction to Passive House course guides participants through the principles and economics of the Passive House Standard, with an in-depth look at the challenges and benefits in today's market and the methodology used to achieve building goals.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

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## •PHCA MEMBERSHIP•

### PASSIVE HOUSE CALIFORNIA MEMBERSHIP

Consider becoming a member or recommending a friend for some new benefits:

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#### PHCA Job Board:

- Only Members & Sponsors can post employment opportunities/jobs
- Everyone can see the professional postings

Check it out! <https://passivehousecal.org/jobs/>

#### Post a Passive House job or project that you need help with:

- Everyone can post
- Only Members can see and respond as a membership benefit

Need help with a Passive House project in California? Are looking for a Passive House Consultant (CPHD/C), Contractor, Architect, Certifier, sourcing PH-related building products and systems – or finding PH trained/experienced staff for your project or business? We are here to make it easier for you to connect and collaborate. Post information about your Passive House-related project or job here. All members of our professional PHCA community will be able to see your request and reply to explore whether and how they can be of assistance to you. Once you submit your project, PHCA will review and post your “PH Project or Job” so that Passive House California Professional members can learn about your needs and respond accordingly. Happy collaborating and accelerating the transition to Passive House standards.

Check it out! <https://passivehousecal.org/post-a-job/>

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