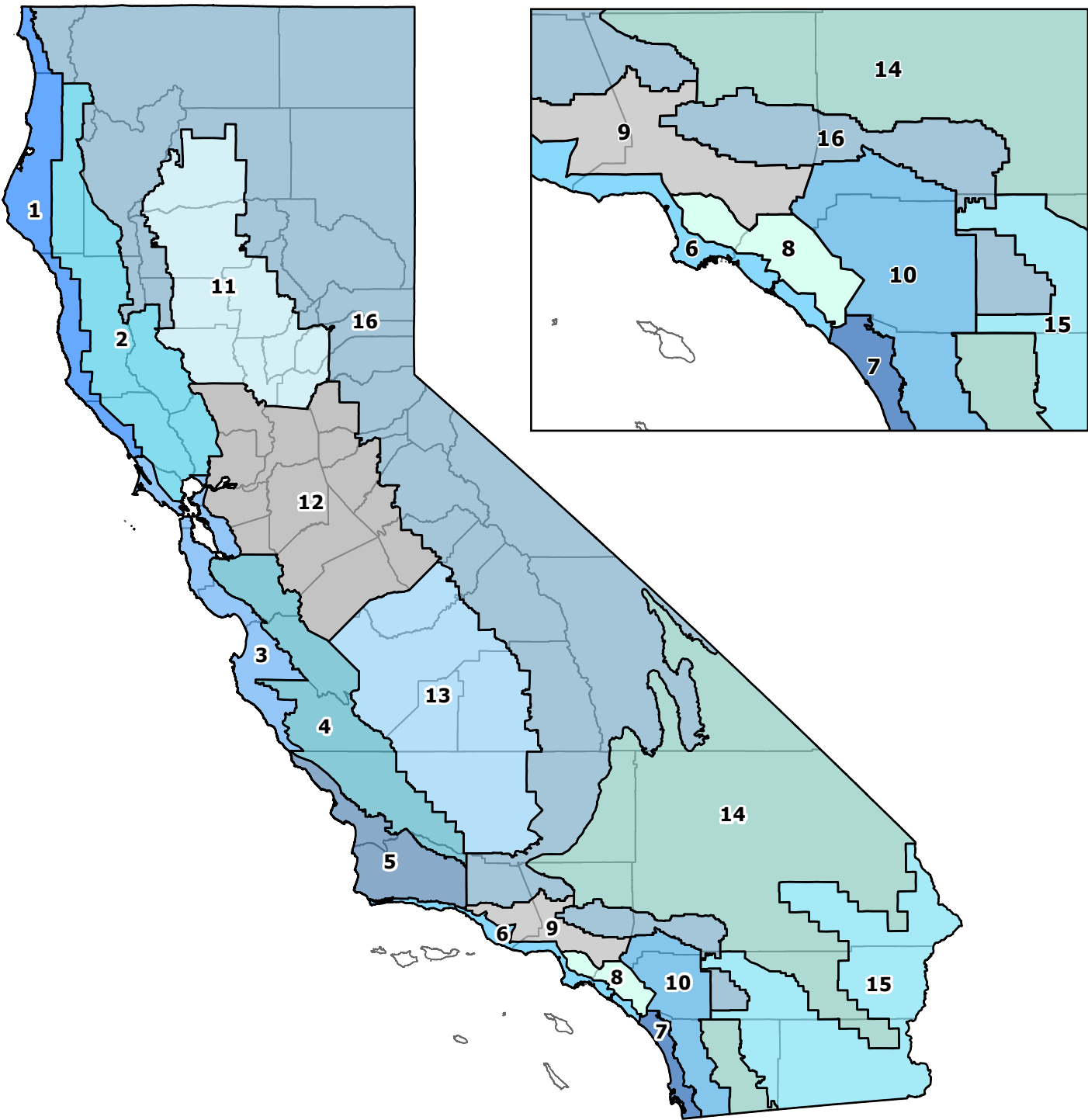


Building Climate Zones

California, 2020



Building Climate Zone Number

1	5	9	13
2	6	10	14
3	7	11	15
4	8	12	16

The California climate zones (CZ) shown in this map are not the same as what we commonly call climate areas such as "desert" or "alpine" climates. The CZs are based on energy use, temperature, weather and other factors. This is explained in the Title 24 energy efficiency standards glossary section:

"The Energy Commission (CEC) established 16 CZs that represent a geographic area for which an energy budget is established. These energy budgets are the basis for the standards...." "(An) energy budget is the maximum amount of energy that a building, or portion of a building...can be designed to consume per year."

"The CEC originally developed weather data for each CZ by using unmodified (but error-screened) data for a representative city and weather year (representative months from various years). The CEC analyzed weather data from weather stations selected for (1) reliability of data, (2) currency of data, (3) proximity to population centers, and (4) non-duplication of stations within a CZ."