

Limited Density Owner Built Rural Dwellings for CONCOW

Quotes from Title 25 California Housing Law *if adopted by Butte County, would permit the following:*

“...the use of ingenuity and preferences of the builder, and...the use of alternatives to the specifications prescribed by the uniform technical codes.”

“... any type of construction which will provide for a sound structural condition.

“...pier foundations, stone masonry footings and foundations, pressure-treated lumber, poles or equivalent foundation materials or designs may be used provided that the bearing is sufficient for the purpose intended.”

“...owner-produced or used materials and appliances...unless found not to be of sufficient strength or durability to perform the intended function.”

“...there shall be no requirements for room dimensions, provided there is adequate light and ventilation and adequate means of egress.”

“...there shall be no specified requirement for heating capacity or temperature maintenance. The use of solid-fuel or solar-heating devices shall be deemed as complying with the requirements...” *(This means woodstoves alone are okay. There is no requirement for a backup gas or electric heater.)*

“...a water closet shall not be required when an alternative system has been provided and has been approved by the local by the local health official. Where an alternative... is installed, a system for the treatment of graywater shall be provided... The design, use and maintenance standards of such systems shall be the prerogative of the local health official.”

“No (Title 25) dwelling...shall be required to be connected to a source of electrical power... Where electrical wiring or appliances are installed, the installations shall be in accordance with the applicable requirements contained in the California Electrical Code.”

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Have had this standard in place for many years based on the need of rural residents for affordable housing and the lack of services such as electricity in some remote areas.