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## ...in this edition of the sda e-news:

**solar, rehab, and green!**

*Hello Theresa,*

This month we are excited to talk to you about our drawing board, our ongoing education, and our involvement in your community. Read on about:

- CalGreen code updates
- our Physical Needs Assessment services
- Waterproofing Best Practices
- projects entering construction!

### WORKING WITH [EDEN HOUSING](#)

SDA just completed the entitlements process of Hayward Senior Housing Phase II. The adjacent lower-density neighborhood has a lot of historic character, and the 22 unit affordable senior housing development met some initial resistance from the community. Through a series of community workshops, SDA and Eden listened to and addressed community concerns and developed a design that met the needs of the program as well as the community. [The end result?](#) Neighbor support and unanimous approval from City Council!



[Read Gary's musings on the recent Habitat Build-A-Thon here!](#)

### Ongoing: SOLAR RETROFIT

SDA is providing third party review to Eden Housing for the waterproofing of [solar panel installation](#) on 26 of their existing buildings. We are reviewing details provided by the installer for a wide variety on roofing types and various installation details, providing feedback on best practices prior to construction. SDA is also



providing on-site observation for the owner during construction to ensure the detailing standards are being met. A number of sites are now complete and the buildings are already realizing a reduction in their energy bills!

*Did you know? SDA takes our philosophy of sustainability, service, and community through design to all scales -- not just multifamily. Want to talk about getting more out of less? Check out this [minor miracle](#) we're helping a local family accomplish.*

## **Project Spotlight: FACT Permanent Housing**

Developer: [East Bay Community Recovery Project](#)

Slated to start construction in early August this renovation project will create 7 independent living units for special needs clients. The project is designed to be very durable, to meet the unique needs of the clients, and to restore the significant nature of two under maintained structures. Some of the key sustainable features include new high efficiency mechanical systems, low flow plumbing fixtures, low or zero voc interior finishes and new recycled denim insulation throughout.



SDA is currently completing a Physical Needs Analysis for Bessie Coleman Court supportive housing in Alameda. The project is a collaboration of [Building Futures With Women and Children](#) and the [Alameda Point Collaborative](#). SDA is assisting these groups by identifying immediate needs of the facilities, developing strategies to meet these needs, and looking at long term needs as well as cost analysis to address those needs.

## **Green Spotlight: CalGREEN BECOMES REALITY**

Recently Gary attended the seminar "CalGreen: Understanding California's New Green Building Code," which provided an overview to the new code regulations. While many aspects of the new [Green Building Code](#) are familiar to those who follow sustainable building practices; the code creates various levels that new construction projects will need to obtain and it is up to each local jurisdiction to determine which level they will require. SDA will continue to follow the development and implementation of the new Green Building Code as part of our commitment to designing sustainable projects.



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