

**The Green Energy Newsletter,**

Written by Architects and Engineers - for Architects, Builders, Developers &amp; Real Estate Professionals.

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Director – Energy Compliance 415 531-6172 [Alan@markenglisharchitects.com](mailto:Alan@markenglisharchitects.com)**SPEED UP PERMIT APPROVALS BY MAKING YOUR PROJECT GREENER:****LOS ALTOS HILLS CALIFORNIA:** One of the smartest ideas we have seen coming from a Building Department lately, was originated by Los Altos Hills in October 2008, They offer expedited permitting if the property has “EXTRA” GreenPoints. *Is that savvy or what?*

If you are working a project in the vicinity, be careful in your planning not to confuse the two towns of *Los Altos Hills*, with the *City of Los Altos*, and they are adjacent but separate permitting jurisdictions.

But, if the property is in Los Altos Hills, then you are in luck, because on October 9, the Los Altos Hills City Council adopted mandatory green building requirements for new residential construction. All new residence applications submitted for Site Development review must incorporate green building measures using either 50 points under Build It Green’s GreenPoint Rated checklist or 45 points under US Green Building Council’s LEED for Homes checklist.

But, they also provide great incentives for New Construction that exceed the minimum as follows:

- Expedited Permit Processing for properties with 75 GreenPoints or LEED Silver (60 pts)
- Guaranteed Building Inspections for properties with 100 GreenPoints or LEED Gold (75 pts)
- Special City Council Recognition for properties with 150 GreenPoints or LEED Platinum (90 pts)

And for Additions and Remodels that Voluntarily participate they offer:

- Expedited Permit Processing for properties with 25 GreenPoints - Elements
- Guaranteed Building Inspections for properties with 50 GreenPoints - Whole House.

For more information: GreenPoint Rated Guidelines and Checklist are available from Build-it-Green at <http://builditgreen.org/greenpoint-rated/guidelines>

LEED for Homes Guidelines and Checklist are available from U.S. Green Building Council at: <http://www.usgbc.org/Display/Page.aspx?CMSPageID=147>

**NEWS BULLETIN - 10% DISCOUNT --- ON TITLE 24 - STIMULUS PACKAGE**

**Mark English**, AIA, founder of **GREEN COMPLIANCE PLUS** announced Friday in a press interview that, he will offer **Energy Compliance Title 24 modeling and filing services at 10% discount** from the regular fees. That’s right, 10% off on any Title 24 packages **received by midnight January 31.**

At Thursday’s AIA meeting readers of the newsletter were congratulating Mark on how valuable the newsletter has become to them in their practice, helping them to keep up on the changing Green Regulatory Environment as it affects Architects. But, some of them were actually unaware that he offered Title 24 modeling services.

Mark English, Architects has been providing these services for the last dozen years. Last August, as green sustainability and improved efficiency requirements continued to change daily, Mark decided to bring Alan Hugenot, a California Certified Energy Plans Examiner, (CEPE) as Director of Energy Compliance to manage the Green Compliance Plus – Division which had grown up over time. Alan has been working with Title 24 for 30 years. So, with all this expertise, Green Compliance Plus is offering excellent Title 24 modeling at very competitive prices.

Give Alan or Mark a call at *Green Compliance Plus* **(415 391-0186)** to discuss your Title 24 documentation needs or any Green Energy Subject.