

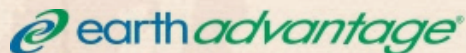
# Energy Certification



## *Zero Energy Neighborhood*

Sonata participates in ComfortWise® ZEN (Zero Energy Neighborhood), an energy efficiency program that also harnesses the sun's power to generate electricity. ComfortWise® ZEN calls for specific features that make homes more energy efficient, comfortable and generate electricity. The standard features include mechanically engineered room-by-room heating and air conditioning systems, tightly sealed ducts, spectrally selective glass windows, and a solar electric system. ComfortWise® ZEN homes are independently inspected for quality, performance and energy features. ComfortWise® homeowners will enjoy lower energy bills, more buying power, improved comfort, quality construction, reduced maintenance and higher resale value. ComfortWise® ZEN helps reduce the need for fossil fuels, helps reduce the negative environmental impacts of energy use, and increases electric reliability. ComfortWise® was developed by ConSol, an energy consulting firm with a long history of working with utilities and the building industry.

Title 24 energy regulations by more than 15 percent, but they have also been designed with features that will save you up to 60 percent on your monthly utility bill.



## *Earth Advantage*

Redding Electric Utility (REU) Earth Advantage®, green homes are safer to live in, more affordable to operate, and less damaging to the local, regional and global environment.

Homeowners will have less expensive utility bills because of the many energy and water efficiency measures. REU Earth Advantage® Homes must be at least 20 percent more energy efficient than the State's stringent Title 24, energy building codes. Implementing included water conservation measures can reduce usage by as much as 30 percent.



## *Zero Energy Homes Program*

Seastar Homes is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy's Zero Energy Homes program. A Zero Energy Home (ZEH) combines state-of-the-art, energy-efficient construction and appliances with commercially available renewable energy systems such as solar water heating and solar electricity. These homes are connected to the utility grid, but because they may produce as much electricity as they consume, the homes are considered to achieve a "net zero" electricity consumption. Not only are they designed to exceed California's strict