



Architectural Design Challenge Official Rules and Disclaimers

1. Organizer

The Shaping the Future of Water Use at Home Architectural Design Challenge (the Challenge) is organized and administered solely by the California Green Building Council doing business as USGBC California (USGBC-CA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization headquartered at:

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2. Supporters and Prize Providers

USGBC-CA may work with organizations that provide financial support, technical expertise, or other resources. These entities are identified as supporters of the Challenge. They are not responsible for administration, judging, or delivery of the Challenge, except as explicitly noted.

Certain supporters may provide funding for prizes (for example, a prize provider). Supporters are acknowledged solely in that capacity. All trademarks, service marks, and logos of supporters remain the property of their respective owners. No participant shall acquire rights to such marks by virtue of participation.

3. Eligibility

The Challenge is open to individuals and teams of up to five people. Entrants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of entry. If any jurisdiction requires participants to be 21 years of age to enter skill-based competitions, those restrictions will apply.



Eligible participants include architects, engineers, landscape architects, industrial designers, students (undergraduate and graduate), and other professionals. Employees, board members, and contractors of USGBC-CA, as well as their immediate family members, are not eligible to participate.

4. Submissions

Submissions must be the entrant's original work and may not infringe on any third-party rights.

Entries must comply with submission requirements that may include, but are not limited to, drawings, photos, graphics, spreadsheets, or narrative descriptions. Acceptable file formats and technical requirements will be detailed in onboarding materials distributed at or shortly after the official Challenge launch.

Late, incomplete, or noncompliant entries will not be considered.

5. Judging

A panel of judges appointed by USGBC-CA will evaluate submissions.

Criteria may include, but not be limited to, innovation, feasibility, scalability, sustainability impact, and alignment with Challenge goals.

Judges' decisions are final and binding.

6. Prizes

Six prizes will be awarded:

- Professionals: 1st place \$15,000; 2nd place \$7,500; 3rd place \$2,500
- Students: 1st place \$15,000; 2nd place \$7,500; 3rd place \$2,500



Total prize pool: \$50,000.

Prizes are subject to applicable taxes and reporting. All taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners.

Prizes are provided by designated prize providers but are administered and distributed by USGBC-CA.

7. Intellectual Property

Entrants retain ownership of their submissions.

By entering, participants grant USGBC-CA and its supporters a non-exclusive, royalty-free, worldwide license to use, reproduce, display, and distribute submissions (in whole or in part) for purposes of promoting the Challenge, publishing results, and advancing nonprofit programming.

Entrants agree not to submit confidential or proprietary information.

8. Liability and Disclaimers

Participation is at the entrant's own risk. USGBC-CA and its supporters disclaim liability for technical failures, incomplete entries, or disputes among team members.

USGBC-CA and its supporters make no guarantee of commercialization, product integration, or further opportunities for entrants.

USGBC-CA reserves the right to cancel, modify, or suspend the Challenge in the event of unforeseen circumstances.



9. Governing Law

The Challenge is governed by the laws of the State of California. All disputes arising out of or in connection with the Challenge shall be resolved in state or federal courts located in California.

10. Agreement to Rules

By entering the Challenge, participants agree to be bound by these Rules and the decisions of USGBC-CA and the appointed judging panel.