EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

The County of Los Angeles is committed to provide an expedited, streamlined permitting process to encourage the use of small residential rooftop solar energy systems. Chapter 68-Expeditied Permitting for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Systems provides for expedited permit processing of small residential rooftop solar energy systems on one- or two-family dwelling that involves either a photovoltaic system that is no larger than 10 kilowatts alternating current or a solar thermal system that is no larger than 30 kilowatts thermal.

Permit Application and Plan Review

This information is intended for projects that comply with the checklists and standard plans as developed in substantial conformance with the California Solar Permitting Guidebook adopted by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

Rooftop solar energy systems shall not be installed on structures constructed without permits as required by the Building Code. Applicants submitting an application for expedited permit processing shall be informed accordingly and shall acknowledge by completing Form A (Affidavit for Contractor), Form B (Affidavit for Owner-Builder), or Form C (Affidavit for Contractor Only) that they are aware of the County of Los Angeles policy that a rooftop solar energy system shall not be installed on any unpermitted structure on the property. Refer to Attachments A, B, H, J, and K, submittal requirements and eligibility checklists for processing solar energy systems permit applications.

Solar Photovoltaic System

Solar photovoltaic (PV) submitted plans shall comply with the Eligibility Checklist (Attachment B), the appropriate Solar PV Standard Plan (Attachment C or D), and the Structural Criteria (Attachment E) which have been developed in substantial compliance with the California Solar Permitting Guidebook.

Solar Domestic Water Heating System

Solar domestic water heating submitted plans shall comply with the Eligibility Checklist (Attachment J), the Solar Domestic Water Heating Standard Plan (Attachment L) and the Structural Criteria (Attachment N) which have been developed in substantial compliance with the California Solar Permitting Guidebook.
Solar Pool Heating System

Solar pool heating submitted plans shall comply with the Eligibility Checklist (Attachment K), the Solar Pool Heating Standard Plan (Attachment M) and the Structural Criteria (Attachment N) which have been developed in substantial compliance with the California Solar Permitting Guidebook.

Inspection

A combination inspection shall be conducted to inspect the structural, electrical, and plumbing components of the installation of small residential rooftop solar energy systems. One inspection shall be sufficient for the system when satisfactory evidence is submitted to verify that the installation and labeling of components meet requirements of the Building, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes. However, if any of the critical components of the system are concealed during installation, the installer shall provide photographs or video evidence at the time of inspection showing all items that have been concealed, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Fastening of roof mounting systems to structural framing members
2. Grounding and bonding of panels
3. Nameplates of modules and inverters
4. Clearance from bottom of roof in attic for conduits installed in this area (18 inch minimum required).

Supersedes BCM 6807 Article 1 dated 09-01-15

Attachments:

A – Submittal Requirements for PV Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
B – Eligibility Checklist for Expedited Solar Photovoltaic Permitting for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
C – Solar PV Standard Plan – Simplified Central/String Inverter Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
D – Solar PV Standard Plan – Simplified Microinverter and ACM Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
E – Structural Criteria for PV Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
F – Inspection Guide for PV Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
G – Submittal Requirements for Solar Domestic Water Heating Installations for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
H – Submittal Requirements for Solar Pool Heating Installations for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
J – Eligibility Checklist for Expedited Solar Domestic Water Heating Permitting for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
K – Eligibility Checklist for Expedited Solar Pool Heating Permitting for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
L – Solar Domestic Water Heating Standard Plan for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
N – Structural Criteria for Residential Rooftop Solar Energy Installations for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
P – Inspection Guide for SDWH Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

Appendices:
Appendix A – Example of photograph to readily identify location of project
Appendix B – Photograph example of structural connections, array of mounting, and flashing/sealing of roof penetrations
Appendix C – Photograph example of PV panel label
Appendix D – Photograph example of grounding/bonding of rack and modules
Appendix E – Photograph example of conduit installation (clearance) in attic

Forms:
Form A – Affidavit for Contractor
Form B – Affidavit for Owner-Builder
Form C – Affidavit for Contractor Only
This information bulletin is published to guide applicants through a streamlined permitting process for small residential rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) projects 10 kW in size or smaller. This bulletin provides information about submittal requirements for plan review, required fees, and inspections.

1. Approval Requirements

A combined solar energy permit, which includes building and electrical work, is required to install a solar PV system with a maximum power output of 10 kW.

2. Submittal Requirements

   a) Completed permit application form. This permit application form can be downloaded at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content.
   b) Demonstrate compliance with the eligibility checklist for expedited permitting. See Attachment B – Eligibility Checklist for Expedited Solar Photovoltaic Permitting.
   c) A completed Standard Electrical Plan. The standard plan may be used for proposed solar installations 10 kW in size or smaller and can be downloaded at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content.
   d) A roof plan showing roof layout, PV panels and the following fire safety items: approximate location of roof access point, location of code-compliant access pathways, PV system fire classification and the locations of all required labels and markings. Examples of clear path access pathways are available in the State Fire Marshal Solar PV Installation Guide. http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/pdf/reports/solarphotovoltaicguideline.pdf.
   e) Completed expedited Structural Criteria along with required documentation. Structural Criteria can be downloaded at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content.
   f) Completed Form A, Form B, or Form C Affidavit. Forms A, B, and C can be downloaded at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content.

3. Plan Review

Permit applications can be submitted electronically through the following website: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/bsop or to the local office having jurisdiction for the project, see http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/ServiceLocator/.
4. Fees

Pursuant to Section 6805 of the Building Code, permit fees for the installation of small residential rooftop solar energy systems shall be charged according to the applicable fees prescribed in Section 107 of this Code and Section 82-8 of the Electrical Code, as applicable. The combined permit fee for small residential rooftop photovoltaic systems shall not exceed $500 unless modified by or in accordance with Government Code Section 66015 or other applicable law.

5. Inspections

Once all permits to construct the solar installation have been issued and the system has been installed, it must be inspected before final approval is granted for the solar system On-site inspections can be scheduled by contacting the local office by telephone. For contact information see our website at: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/index.cfm?p=offices.

Inspection requests received within business hours are typically scheduled for the next business day. If next business day is not available, inspection should happen within a five-day window.

Permit holders must be prepared to show conformance with all technical requirements in the field at the time of inspection. The inspector will verify that the installation is in conformance with applicable code requirements and with the approved plans.

The inspection checklist provides an overview of common points of inspection that the applicant should be prepared to show compliance. Common checks will include the following:

- Number of PV modules, layout, orientation and model number match plans and specification sheets.
- Array conductors and components are installed in a neat and workman-like manner.
- PV array is properly grounded and bonded matching approved plan details, specification sheets and installation instructions.
- Electrical boxes are accessible and connections are suitable for environment.
- Array is fastened and sealed according to attachment detail.
- Conductor type, rating and sizes match plans.
- Appropriate signs are properly constructed, installed and displayed, including the following.
  - Sign identifying PV power source system attributes at DC disconnect
  - Sign identifying AC point of connection
  - Sign identifying switch for alternative power system
- Sign identifying PV power source circuits at junction boxes and combiner box.
- Sign identifying PV circuits on raceways.
- Permanent plaque or directory, denoting all electric power sources on or in the premises.

• Equipment ratings are consistent with application and installed signs on the installation, including the following:

- Inverter has a rating as high as max voltage on PV power source sign.
- DC-side overcurrent circuit protection devices (OCPDs) are DC rated at least as high as max voltage on sign.
- Switches and OCPDs are installed according to the manufacturer’s specifications (i.e., many 600VDC switches require passing through the switch poles twice in a specific way).
- Inverter is rated for the site AC voltage supplied and shown on the AC point of connection sign.
- OCPD connected to the AC output of the inverter is rated at least 125% of maximum current on sign and is no larger than the maximum OCPD on the inverter listing label.
- Sum of the main OCPD and the inverter OCPD is rated for not more than 120% of the bus bar rating.

• Photographs or video image of attachment of the PV panels to the roof. Photos shall display 10% but no fewer than two of the total attachment points. See Attachment F - Inspection Guide for PV Systems.

6. Departmental Contact Information

For additional information regarding this permit process, please consult our departmental website at [http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content) or contact the local office having jurisdiction for the project.
## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. System size is 10kW AC CEC rating or less □ Y □ N  
B. The solar array is roof-mounted on one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure □ Y □ N  
C. The solar panel/module arrays will not exceed the maximum legal building height □ Y □ N  
D. Solar system is utility interactive and without battery storage □ Y □ N  
E. Permit application is completed and attached □ Y □ N  

## ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

A. No more than four photovoltaic module strings are connected to each Maximum Power Tracking (MPPT) input where source circuit fusing is included in the inverter □ Y □ N  
   1) No more than two strings per MPPT input where source circuit fusing is not included □ Y □ N  
   2) Fuses (if needed) are rated to the series fuse rating of the PV module □ Y □ N  
   3) No more than one noninverter-integrated DC combiner is utilized per inverter □ Y □ N  
B. For central inverter systems: No more than two inverters are utilized □ Y □ N  
C. The PV system is interconnected to a single-phase AC service panel of nominal 120/220 Vac with a bus bar rating of 225 A or less □ Y □ N  
D. The PV system is connected to the load side of the utility distribution equipment □ Y □ N  
E. A Solar PV Standard Plan and supporting documentation is completed and attached □ Y □ N  

## STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

A. A completed Structural Criteria and supporting documentation is attached □ Y □ N  

## FIRE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

A. Clear access pathways provided □ Y □ N  
B. Fire classification solar system is provided □ Y □ N  
C. All required marking and labels are provided □ Y □ N  
D. A diagram of the roof layout of all panels, modules, clear access pathways and approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means and roof access points is completed and attached □ Y □ N  

**Notes:**

1. These criteria are intended for expedited solar permitting process.
2. If any items are checked NO, revise design to fit within Eligibility Checklist, otherwise permit application may go through standard process.
SCOPE: Use this plan ONLY for utility-interactive central/string inverter systems not exceeding a system AC inverter output rating of 10kW on the roof of a one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure. The photovoltaic system must interconnect to the load side of a single-phase AC service panel of nominal 120/240Vac with a bus bar rating of 225A or less. This plan is not intended for bipolar systems, hybrid systems or systems that utilize storage batteries, charge controllers, trackers, more than two inverters or more than one DC combiner (noninverter-integrated) per inverter. Systems must be in compliance with current California Building Standards Codes and local amendments of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Other Articles of the California Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in 690.3.

MANUFACTURER’S SPECIFICATION SHEETS MUST BE PROVIDED for proposed inverter, modules, combiner/junction boxes and racking systems. Installation instructions for bonding and grounding equipment shall be provided, and local AHJs may require additional details. Listed and labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling (CEC 110.3). Equipment intended for use with PV system shall be identified and listed for the application (CEC 690.4[D]).

Job Address: ___________________________________________ Permit #: __________________________
Contractor/Engineer Name: _____________________________ License # and Class: __________
Signature: _____________________________ Date: __________ Phone Number: ________________

Total # of Inverters installed: ________ (If more than one inverter, complete and attach the "Supplemental Calculation Sheets" and the "Load Center Calculations" if a new load center is to be used.)

Inverter 1 AC Output Power Rating: __________________ Watts

Inverter 2 AC Output Power Rating (if applicable): ________________ Watts

Combined Inverter Output Power Rating: __________________ ≤ 10,000 Watts

Location Ambient Temperatures (Check box next to which lowest expected temperature is used):

1) □ Lowest expected ambient temperature for the location (T_L) = Between -1° to -5° C
   □ Lowest expected ambient temperature for the location (T_L) = Between -6° to -10° C
   Average ambient high temperature (T_H) = 47° C
   Note: For a lower T_L or a higher T_H, use the Comprehensive Standard Plan

   □

   □
DC Information:

Module Manufacturer: __________________________ Model: __________________

2) Module $V_{oc}$ (from module nameplate): ____Volts

3) Module $V_{oc}$ (from module nameplate): ____Volts

4) Module DC output power under standard test conditions (STC) = _______ Watts (STC)

5) DC Module Layout

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Identify each source circuit (string) for inverter 1 shown on the roof plan with a Tag (e.g. A,B,C,...)</th>
<th>Number of modules per source circuit for inverter 1</th>
<th>Identify, by tag, which source circuits on the roof are to be paralleled (if none, put N/A)</th>
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Total number of source circuits for inverter 1:

6) Are DC/DC Converters used? □ Yes □ No If No, skip to Step 7. I Yes enter info below.

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<tr>
<th>DC/DC Converter Model #:</th>
<th>DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Voltage: ____Volts Max DC Output Current: ____Volts</th>
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<tr>
<td>Max DC Output Current: ____Amps</td>
<td>DC DC Converter Max DC Input Power: ____Watts</td>
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<td>Max # of DC/DC Converters in an Input Circuit: ____</td>
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7) Maximum System DC Voltage – Use A1 or A2 for systems without DC/DC converters, and B1 or B2 with DC/DC Converters.

□ A1. Module $V_{oc}$ (STEP 2) = ____ x # in series (STEP 5) x 1.12 (if -1 ≤ Tc ≤ -5°C, STEP 1) = ____ V

□ A2. Module $V_{oc}$ (STEP 2) = ____ x # in series (STEP 5) x 1.14 (if -6 ≤ Tc ≤ -10°C, STEP 1) = ____ V

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<th>Table 2. Largest Module $V_{oc}$ for Single-Module DC/DC Converter Configurations (with 80 V AFCI Cap) (CEC 690.7 and 690.11)</th>
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<tr>
<td>DC/DC Converter Max DC Input (Step #6) (Volts)</td>
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<td>34 37 40 43 46 49 52 55 58 61 64 67 70 73 76 79</td>
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Use for DC/DC converters. The value calculated below must be less than DC/DC converter max DC input voltage (STEP 6).

☐ B1. Module V_{oc} (STEP 2) = _______ x # of modules per converter (STEP 6) _______ x 1.12 (if -1 ≤ T_{i} ≤ -5°C, STEP 1) = _______ V
☐ B2. Module V_{oc} (STEP 2) = _______ x # of modules per converter (STEP 6) _______ x 1.14 (if -6 ≤ T_{i} ≤ -10°C, STEP 1) = _______ V

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<th>Table 1. Maximum Number of PV Modules in Series Based on Module Rated V_{oc} for 600 Vdc Rated Equipment (CEC 690.7)</th>
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<td>Max # of Modules for 600 Vdc</td>
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8) Maximum System DC Voltage from DC/DC Converters to Inverter — Only required if Yes in Step 6
   Maximum System DC Voltage = _______ Volts

9) Maximum Source Circuit Current
   Is Module I_{SC} below 9.6 Amps (Step 3)?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  (If No, use Comprehensive Standard Plan)

10) Sizing Source Circuit Conductors
    Source Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #10 AWG copper conductor, 90° C wet (USE-2, PV Wire, XHW-2,
        THWN-2, RHW-2)
    For up to 8 conductors in roof-mounted conduit exposed to sunlight at least ½" from the roof covering (CEC 310)

   Note: For over 8 conductors in the conduit or mounting height of lower than ½" from the roof, use Comprehensive Plan.

11) Are PV source circuits combined prior to the inverter?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
    If No, use Single Line Diagram 1 and proceed to Step 13.
    If Yes, use Single Line Diagram 2 with Single Line Diagram 4 and proceed to Step 12.
    Is source circuit OCPD required?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
    Source circuit OCPD size (if needed): 15 Amps

12) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors - If a combiner box will NOT be used (Step 11), Output Circuit Conductor
    Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor

13) Inverter DC Disconnect
    Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  If Yes, proceed to step 14.
    If No, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated for _______ Amps (DC) and _______ Volts (DC)

14) Inverter Information
    Manufacturer: ____________________________  Model: ____________________________
    Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: _________ Amps
    Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No
    (If No is selected, Comprehensive Standard Plan)
    Grounded or Ungrounded System?  ☐ Grounded  ☐ Ungrounded
AC Information:

15) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and OCPD
   Inverter Output OCPD rating = ______________ Amps (Table 3)
   Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size = ______________ AMG (Table 3)

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<td>Minimum Conductor Size (AWG, 75° C, Copper)</td>
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16) Point of Connection to Utility
   Only load side connections are permitted with this plan. Otherwise, use Comprehensive Standard Plan.
   Is the PV OCPD positioned at the opposite end from input feeder location or main OCPD location? □ Yes □ No
   If Yes, circle the Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at 120% value as determined from Step 15 (or Step S20),
   bus bar Rating, and Main OCPD as shown in Table 4. If No, circle the Max Combined PV System OCPD(s) at
   100% value as determined from Step 15 (or Step S20), bus bar Rating, and Main OCPD as shown in Table 4.
   Per 705.12(D)(2): [Inverter output OCPD size [Step #15 or S20] + Main OCPD Size] ≤ [bus size x (100% or 120%)]

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<th>Bus Bar Rating</th>
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17 & 18 & 19) Labels and Grounding and Bonding
   This content is covered by the labels on the next page and the Single Line Diagram(s). For background
   information, refer to the Comprehensive Standard Plan.
Solar PV Standard Plan – Simplified
Central/String Inverter Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

Markings

CEC Articles 690 and 705 and CRC Section R331 require the following labels or markings be installed at these components of the photovoltaic system:

- **WARNING**
  INVERTER OUTPUT CONNECTION;
  DO NOT RELOCATE THIS OVERCURRENT DEVICE
  CEC 705.12(D)(7)
  [Not required if panelboard is rated not less than sum of ampere ratings of all overcurrent devices supplying it]

- **WARNING**
  ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD. THE DC CONDUCTORS OF THIS PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM ARE UNGROUNDED AND MAY BE ENERGIZED
  CEC 690.35(F)
  [Only required for ungrounded systems]

- **WARNING**
  PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER SOURCE
  CRC R331.2 and CFC 605.11.1
  [Marked on junction/combiner boxes and conduit every 10']

- **WARNING**
  DUAL POWER SOURCES
  SECOND SOURCE IS PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM
  RATED AC OUTPUT CURRENT - ___ AMPS
  AC NORMAL OPERATING VOLTAGE ___ VOLTS
  CEC 690.54 & CEC 705.12(D)(4)

- **WARNING**
  ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD
  IF A GROUND FAULT IS INDICATED,
  NORMALLY GROUNDED CONDUCTORS MAY BE UNGROUNDED AND ENERGIZED
  CEC 690.5(C)
  [Normally already present on listed inverters]

- **WARNING**
  ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD
  DO NOT TOUCH TERMINALS
  TERMINALS ON BOTH LINE AND LOAD SIDES MAY BE ENERGIZED IN THE OPEN POSITION
  CEC 690.17

- **WARNING**
  DUAL POWER SOURCES
  SECOND SOURCE IS PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM
  RATED AC OUTPUT CURRENT - ___ AMPS
  AC NORMAL OPERATING VOLTAGE ___ VOLTS
  CEC 690.54

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Code Abbreviations:
California Electrical Code (CEC)
California Residential Code (CRC)
California Fire Code (CFC)

Informational note: ANSI Z535.4 provides guidelines for the design of safety signs and labels for application to products. A phenolic plaque with contrasting colors between the text and background would meet the intent of the code for permanency. No type size is specified, but 20 point (3/8") should be considered the minimum.

CEC 705.12 requires a permanent plaque or directory denoting all electric power sources on or in the premises.
Solar PV Standard Plan – Simplified
Central/String Inverter System for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

DESCRIPTION
SOLAR PV MODULE / STRING
DC/DC CONVERTERS INSTALLED?   YES / NO     (IF YES, STEPS 6 & 8 REQUIRED)
SOURCE CIRCUIT JUNCTION BOX INSTALLED?   YES / NO
SEPARATE DC DISCONNECT INSTALLED?   YES / NO
INTERNAL INVERTER DC DISCONNECT?   YES / NO
LOAD CENTER INSTALLED?   YES / NO
PV PRODUCTION METER INSTALLED?   YES / NO
SEPARATE AC DISCONNECT INSTALLED?   YES / NO
INTERNAL INVERTER DC DISCONNECT:   YES / NO
CENTRAL INVERTER LOAD CENTER INSTALLED?   YES / NO
PV PRODUCTION METER INSTALLED?   YES / NO
SEPARATE AC DISCONNECT INSTALLED?   YES / NO
CONNECT TO INVERTER #2  [USE LINE DIAGRAM #2]

CHECK A BOX FOR WHETHER SYSTEM IS GROUNDED OR UNGROUNDED:  
[ ] GROUNDED (INCLUDE GEC)  
[ ] UNGROUNDED

FOR UNGROUNDED SYSTEMS:
- DC OCPD MUST DISCONNECT BOTH CONDUCTORS OF EACH SOURCE CIRCUIT
- UNGROUNDED CONDUCTORS MUST BE IDENTIFIED PER 210.5(C). WHITE-FINISHED CONDUCTORS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

SINGLE-LINE DIAGRAM #1 – NO STRINGS COMBINED PRIOR TO INVERTER

CONDUCTOR/CONDUIT SCHEDULE

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PARALLEL DC/DC CONVERTERS ON ONE SOURCE CIRCUIT (FIXED UNIT VOLTAGE DC/DC CONVERTERS)
DC/DC CONVERTERS ARE ALL RUN IN SERIES (FIXED SOURCE CIRCUIT VOLTAGE DC/DC CONVERTERS)
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SINGLE-LINE DIAGRAM #2 – COMBINING STRINGS PRIOR TO INVERTER

CHECK A BOX FOR WHETHER SYSTEM IS GROUNDED OR UNGROUNDED:
☐ GROUNDED (INCLUDE GEC)
☐ UNGROUNDED

FOR UNGROUNDED SYSTEMS:
- DC OCPD MUST DISCONNECT BOTH CONDUCTORS OF EACH SOURCE CIRCUIT
- UNGROUNDED CONDUCTORS MUST BE IDENTIFIED PER 210.5(C). WHITE-FINISHED CONDUCTORS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

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Supplemental Calculation Sheets for Inverter #2
(Only include if **second** inverter is used)

**DC Information:**

| Module Manufacturer: _____________________________ Model: _____________________________ |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| S2) Module $V_{oc}$ (from module nameplate): _____________ Volts |
| S3) Module $I_{sc}$ (from module nameplate): _____________ Amps |
| S4) Module DC output power under standard test conditions (STC) = _____________ Watts |

**S5) DC Module Layout**

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<th>Identify each source circuit (string) for inverter 1 shown on the roof plan with a Tag (e.g. A,B,C,...)</th>
<th>Number of modules per source circuit for inverter 1</th>
<th>Identify, by tag, which source circuits on the roof are to be Paralleled (if none, put N/A)</th>
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Total number of source circuits for inverter 1

**S6) Are DC/DC Converters used?**  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  If No, skip to Step S7. If Yes, enter info below.

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<th>DC/DC Converter Model #: _____________________________</th>
<th>DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Voltage: _________ Volts Max DC Output Current: _________ Volts DC/DC Converter Max DC Input Power: _________ Watts</th>
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<td>Max DC Output Current: _____________ Amps</td>
<td>Max # of DC/DC Converters in an Input Circuit: ___</td>
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**S7) Maximum System DC Voltage** - Use A1 or A2 for systems without DC/DC converters, and B1 or B2 with DC/DC Converters.

- ☐ A1. Module $V_{oc}$ (STEP S2) = _________ x # in series (STEP S5) x 1.12 (if -1 ≤ $T_c$ ≤ -5°C, STEP S1) = _________ V
- ☐ A2. Module $V_{oc}$ (STEP S2) = _________ x # in series (STEP S5) x 1.14 (if -6 ≤ $T_c$ ≤ -10°C, STEP S1) = _________ V

| Table 1. Maximum Number of PV Modules in Series Based on Module Rated $V_{oc}$ for 600 Vdc Rated Equipment (CEC 690.7) |
| Max. Rated Module $V_{oc}$ (*1.12) (Volts) | 29.76 | 31.51 | 33.48 | 35.71 | 38.27 | 41.21 | 44.64 | 48.70 | 53.57 | 59.52 | 66.96 | 76.53 | 89.29 |
| Max. Rated Module $V_{oc}$ (*1.14) (Volts) | 29.24 | 30.96 | 32.89 | 35.09 | 37.59 | 40.49 | 43.86 | 47.85 | 52.63 | 58.48 | 65.79 | 75.19 | 87.72 |
| Max # of Modules for 600 Vdc | 18 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 |
Use for DC/DC converters. The value calculated below must be less than DC/DC converter max DC input voltage (STEP S6).

- B1. Module \( V_{oc} \) (STEP S2) = \( \_ \times \# \) of modules per converter (STEP S6) \( \times 1.12 \) (if \(-1 \leq T_s \leq -5^\circ C\), STEP S1) = \( \_ \)
- B2. Module \( V_{oc} \) (STEP S2) = \( \_ \# \) of modules per converter (STEP S6) \( \times 1.14 \) (if \(-6 \leq T_s \leq -10^\circ C\), STEP S1) = \( \_ \)

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<th>Table 2. Largest Module ( V_{oc} ) for Single-Module DC/DC Converter Configurations (with 80 V AFCI Cap) (CEC 690.7 and 690.11)</th>
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<td>DC/DC Converter Max DC Input (Step 6) (Volts)</td>
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S8) Maximum System DC Voltage from DC/DC Converters to Inverter – Only required if Yes in S6

Maximum System DC Voltage = \( \_ \) Volts

S9) Maximum Source Circuit Current

Is Module \( I_{sc} \) below 9.6 Amps (Step S3)? □ Yes □ No (If No, use Comprehensive Standard Plan)

S10) Sizing Source Circuit Conductors

Source Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #10 AWG copper conductor, 90° C wet (USE-2, PV Wire, XHHW-2, THWN-2, RW-2)

For up to 8 conductors in roof-mounted conduit exposed to sunlight at least \( \frac{3}{4} \)’ from the roof covering (CEC 310)

Note: For over 8 conductors in the conduit or mounting height of lower than \( \frac{3}{4} \)’ from the roof, use Comprehensive Plan.

S11) Are PV source circuits combined prior to the inverter? □ Yes □ No

If No, use Single Line Diagram 1 and proceed to Step S13.

If Yes, use Single Line Diagram 2 with Single Line Diagram 4 and proceed to Step S12.

Is source circuit OCPD required? □ Yes □ No

Source circuit OCPD size (if needed): 15 Amps

S12) Sizing PV Output Circuit Conductors — If a combiner box will NOT be used (Step S11),

Output Circuit Conductor Size = Min. #6 AWG copper conductor

S13) Inverter DC Disconnect

Does the inverter have an integrated DC disconnect? □ Yes □ No

If Yes, proceed to Step S14.

If No, the external DC disconnect to be installed is rated for \( \_ \) Amps (DC) and \( \_ \) Volts (DC)

S14) Inverter Information

Manufacturer: \( \_ \) Model: \( \_ \)

Max. Continuous AC Output Current Rating: \( \_ \) Amps

Integrated DC Arc-Fault Circuit Protection? □ Yes □ No (If no is selected, Comprehensive Standard Plan Grounded or Ungrounded System? □ Grounded □ Ungrounded

AC Information:

S15) Sizing Inverter Output Circuit Conductors and OCPD

Inverter Output OCPD rating = \( \_ \) Amps (Table 3)

Inverter Output Circuit Conductor Size = \( \_ \) AWG (Table 3)

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Load Center Calculations
(Omit if a load center will not be installed for PV OCPDs)

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<th>S20) Load Center Output:</th>
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<td>Calculate the sum of the maximum AC outputs from each inverter.</td>
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<td>Inverter #1 Max Continuous AC Output Current Rating [STEP S14] ________ × 1.25 = ________ Amps</td>
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<td>Total inverter currents connected to load center (sum of above) = ________ Amps</td>
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<td>The sum of the ampere ratings of overcurrent devices in circuits supplying power to a bus bar or conductor shall not exceed 120 percent of the rating of the bus bar or conductor.</td>
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**DESCRIPTION**

**SOLAR PV MODULE / STRING**

DC/DC CONVERTERS INSTALLED? YES / NO (IF YES, STEPS 6 & 8 REQUIRED)

**SOURCE CIRCUIT JUNCTION BOX INSTALLED?** YES / NO

**INTERNAL INVERTER DC DISCONNECT INSTALLED?** YES / NO

**CENTRAL INVERTER**

**SEPARATE AC DISCONNECT INSTALLED**? YES / NO

**TO LOAD CENTER ON LINE DIAGRAM**

**TAG DESCRIPTION AND CONDUCTOR TYPE**

**CONDUCTOR/CONDUIT SCHEDULE**

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**SINGLE-LINE DIAGRAM #3 – ADDITIONAL INVERTER FOR DIAGRAM #1**

**INVERTER # 2**

**PARALLEL DC/DC CONVERTERS ON ONE SOURCE CIRCUIT (FIXED UNIT VOLTAGE DC/DC CONVERTERS)**

**DC/DC CONVERTERS ARE ALL RUN IN SERIES (FIXED SOURCE CIRCUIT VOLTAGE DC/DC CONVERTERS)**

IF DC/DC CONVERTERS ARE USED, CHECK THE BOX BELOW THE CORRESPONDING CONFIGURATION.
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INVERTER # 2

CHECK A BOX FOR WHETHER SYSTEM IS GROUNDED OR UNGROUNDED:

[ ] GROUNDED (INCLUDE GEC)
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SINGLE-LINE DIAGRAM #4 – ADDITIONAL INVERTER FOR DIAGRAM #2

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IF DC/DC CONVERTERS ARE USED, THEY ARE RUN IN SERIES (FIXED SOURCE CIRCUIT VOLTAGE DC/DC CONVERTERS)
SOLAR PV STANDARD PLAN

Roof Layout Diagram for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

Items required: roof layout of all panels, modules, clear access pathways and approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means and roof access points.
SCOPE: Use this plan ONLY for systems using utility-interactive Microinverters or AC Modules (ACM) not exceeding a combined system AC inverter output rating of 10 kW, with a maximum of 3 branch circuits, one PV module per inverter and with PV module ISC maximum of 10-A DC, installed on a roof of a one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure. The photovoltaic system must interconnect to a single-phase AC service panel of 120/240 Vac with service panel bus bar rating of 225 A or less. This plan is not intended for bipolar systems, hybrid systems or systems that utilize storage batteries, charge controllers or trackers. Systems must be in compliance with current California Building Standards Codes and local amendments of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Other articles of the California Electrical Code (CEC) shall apply as specified in section 690.3.

MANUFACTURER’S SPECIFICATION SHEETS MUST BE PROVIDED for proposed inverters, modules, combiner/junction boxes and racking systems. Installation instructions for bonding and grounding equipment shall be provided and local AHJs may require additional details. Listed and labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling (CEC 110.3). Equipment intended for use with PV system shall be identified and listed for the application CEC 690.4(D).

Applicant and Site Information

Job Address: ___________________________ Permit #: ____________________

Contractor/Engineer Name: ______________________ License # and Class: ________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________ Phone Number: __________

1. General Requirements and System Information

☐ Microinverter

☐ AC Module (ACM)

Number of PV modules installed: ________

Number of Microinverters installed: ________

Number of ACMs Installed ________

Note: Listed Alternating-Current Module (ACM) is defined in CEC 690.2 and installed per EC 690.6

1.1 Number of Branch Circuits, 1, 2 or 3: ______

1.2 Actual number of Microinverters or ACMs per branch circuit: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

1.3 Total AC system power rating = (Total Number of Microinverters or ACMs) * (AC inverter power output) = ________ Watts

1.4 Lowest expected ambient temperature for this plan in Table 1: For -1° to -5° C use 1.12 or for -6° to -10° C use 1.14 correction factors.
1.5 Average ambient high temperature for this plan: = +47° C
Note: For lower expected ambient or higher average ambient high temperatures, use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

2. **Microinverter or ACM Information and Ratings**

Microinverters with ungrounded DC inputs shall be installed in accordance with CEC 690.35. Microinverter or ACM Manufacturer: __________
Model: __________

2.1 Rated (continuous) AC output power: __________ Watts

2.2 Nominal AC voltage rating: __________ Volts

2.3 Rated (continuous) AC output current: __________ Amps

*If installing ACMs, skip [STEPS 2.4]*

2.4 Maximum DC input voltage rating: __________ Volts (limited to 79 V, otherwise use the Comprehensive Standard Plan)

2.5 Maximum AC output overcurrent protection device (OCPD) __________ Amps

2.6 Maximum number of microinverters or ACMs per branch circuit: __________

3. **PV Module Information**

*(If installing ACMs, skip to [STEP 4]*)

PV Module Manufacturer: __________________________________________________________
Model: ________________________________________________________________________

Module DC output power under standard test conditions (STC) = __________ Watts

3.1 Module \( V_{OC} \) at STC (from module nameplate): __________ Volts

3.2 Module \( I_{SC} \) at STC (from module nameplate): __________ Amps

3.3 Adjusted PV Module DC voltage at minimum temperature = [Table 1] ___________
[cannot exceed Step 2.4]*

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**Table 1. Module \( V_{OC} \) at STC Based on Inverter Maximum DC Input Voltage Derived from CEC 690.7**

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4. Branch Circuit Output Information

Fill in [Table 3] to describe the branch circuit inverter output conductor and OCPD size. Use [Table 2] for determining the OCPD and Minimum Conductor size.

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*CEC 690.8 and 210.19 (A)(1) factored in Table 2, conductors are copper, insulation must be 90° C wet-rated. Table 2 values are based on maximum ambient temperature of 69° C, which includes 22° C adder, exposed to direct sunlight, mounted > 0.5 inches above rooftop, ≤ 6 current carrying conductors (3 circuits) in a circular raceway. Otherwise use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

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<td>Selected Branch and Inverter Output OCPD [Table 2]</td>
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5. Solar Load Center (if used)

5.1 Solar Load Center is to have a bus bar rating not less than 100 Amps. Otherwise use Comprehensive Standard Plan.

5.2 Circuit Power see [STEP 1] = ___________ Watts

5.3 Circuit Current = (Circuit Power) / (AC voltage) = ___________ Amps

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**CEC 690.8 and 210.19 (A)(1) factored in Table 4, conductors are copper, insulation must be 90° C wet-rated. Table 4 values are based on maximum ambient temperature of 47° C (no rooftop temperature adder in this calculation), ≤ 3 current carrying conductors in a circular raceway. Otherwise use Comprehensive Standard Plan.
6. **Point of Connection to Utility:**

6.1 Load Side Connection only! Otherwise use the Comprehensive Standard Plan

6.2 Is the PV OCPD positioned at the opposite end from input feeder location or main OCPD location?

☐ Yes ☐ No (If No, then use 100% row in Table 5)

6.3 Per 705.12(D)(2): (Combined inverter output OCPD size + Main OCPD size) ≤ [bus bar size × (100% or 120%)]

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†This plan limits the maximum system size to less than 10 kW, therefore the OCPD size is limited to 60 A. Reduction of Main Breaker is not permitted with this plan.

7. **Grounding and Bonding**

Check one of the boxes for whether system is grounded or ungrounded:

☐ Grounded ☐ Ungrounded

For Microinverters with a grounded DC input, systems must follow the requirements of GEC CEC 690.47 and EGC (CEC 690.43).

For ACM systems and Microinverters with ungrounded a DC input follow the EGC requirements of (CEC 690.43).
8. **Markings**

Informational note: ANSI Z535.4 provides guidelines for the design of safety signs and labels for application to products. A phenolic plaque with contrasting colors between the text and background would meet the intent of the code for permanency. No type size is specified, but 20 point (3/8") should be considered the minimum.

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![Diagram of electrical system with warning signs and labels]

**NOTE:** CEC 705.10 requires a permanent plaque or directory denoting all electric power sources on or in the premises.
9. Single-Inverter Line Diagram

Solar PV Standard Plan — Simplified
Central/String Inverter Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings

**Equipment Schedule**

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<td>Main Electrical Service Panel</td>
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**Single-Line Diagram for Microinverters or ACMs**

Check a box for dc system grounding: □ Grounded, □ Ungrounded
For ungrounded dc power systems, EGC is required
For grounded dc power systems, GEC & EGC are required
Refer to CEC 250.120 for EGC installation & Table 250.122 for sizing

**Conductor, Cable and Conduit Schedule**

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SOLAR PV STANDARD PLAN - SIMPLIFIED
Microinverter and ACM Systems for One- and Two-Family Dwellings
ROOF LAYOUT PLAN

Items required: roof layout of all panels, modules, clear access pathways and approximate locations of electrical disconnecting means and roof access points.
Use of this document

This document includes a one-page list of structural criteria for over-the-counter or online approval, as well as attached tables and figures that supplement the criteria and explain their use.

This document applies to flush-mounted solar arrays installed on the roofs of wood-framed one- and two family dwellings. “Flush-mounted” means the modules are installed parallel to, and relatively close to, the roof surface (see the “Solar Array Check” section of the Structural Criteria for specific qualifying requirements). This list is intended to be a simple pre-installation check to gain reasonable assurance that the design of the solar array complies with the structural provisions of the 2013 California Building Code (CBC) and 2013 California Residential Code (CRC). It is not intended to provide post-installation inspection criteria.
STRUCTURAL CRITERIA FOR RESIDENTIAL FLUSH-MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAYS

1. ROOF CHECKS

A. Visual Review/Contractor’s Site Audit of Existing Conditions:
   1) Is the roof a single roof without a reroof overlay? □ Y □ N
   2) Does the roof structure appear structurally sound, without signs of alterations or significant structural deterioration or sagging, as illustrated in Figure 1? □ Y □ N
   3) Is the elevation of the site under 2,000 feet? □ Y □ N
   4) Is the dwelling farther than 200 yards from the ocean or a large coastal bay? □ Y □ N

B. Roof Structure Data:
   1) Measured roof slope (e.g. 6:12):
   2) Measured rafter spacing (center-to-center):
   3) Type of roof framing (rafter or manufactured truss): □ Rafter □ Truss
   4) Measured rafter size (e.g. 13/4 x 3 3/4, not 2x4): _______ x _______ inch
   5) Measured rafter horizontal span (see Figure 4):
   6) Horizontal rafter span per Table 2:
   7) Is measured horizontal rafter span less than Table 2 span? □ Y □ N □ Truss

2. SOLAR ARRAY CHECKS

A. Flush-mounted Solar Array:
   1) Is the plane of the modules (panels) parallel to the plane of the roof? □ Y □ N
   2) Is there a 2" to 10" gap between underside of module and the roof surface? □ Y □ N
   3) Modules do not overhang any roof edges (ridges, hops, gable ends, eaves)? □ Y □ N

B. Do the modules plus support components weigh no more than:
   4 psf for photovoltaic arrays or 5 psf for solar thermal arrays? □ Y □ N

C. Does the array cover no more than half of the total roof area (all roof planes)? □ Y □ N

D. Are solar support component manufacturer’s project-specific completed worksheets, tables with relevant cells circled, or web-based calculator results attached? □ Y □ N

E. Is a roof plan of the module and anchor layout attached? (see Figure 2) □ Y □ N

F. Downward Load Check (Anchor Layout Check):
   1) Proposed anchor horizontal spacing (see Figure 2):
   2) Horizontal anchor spacing per Table 1:
   3) Is proposed anchor horizontal spacing less than Table 1 spacing? □ Y □ N

G. Wind Uplift Check (Anchor Fastener Check):
   1) Anchor fastener data (see Figure 3):
      a. Diameter of lag screw, hanger bolt or self-drilling screw:
      b. Embedment depth of rafter:
      c. Number of screws per anchor (typically one):
      d. Are 5/16” diameter lag screws with 2.5” embedment into the rafter used, OR is the anchor LA County approved for such application? □ Y □ N

3. SUMMARY

A. All items above are checked YES. No additional calculations are required.
B. One or more items are checked NO. Attach project-specific drawings and calculations stamped and signed by a California-licensed Civil or Structural Engineer.

Job Address: ___________________________________________ Permit #: _____________________
Contractor/Installer: _____________________________ License # & Class: _____________________
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________ Phone #: _____________________
Table 1. Maximum Horizontal Anchor Spacing

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<td>(4 psf max)</td>
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Solar support component manufacturer’s guidelines may be relied upon to ensure the array above the roof is properly designed, but manufacturer’s guidelines typically do NOT check to ensure that the roof itself can support the concentrated loads from the solar array. Table 1 assumes that the roof complied with the building code in effect at the time of construction, and places limits on anchor horizontal spacing to ensure that a roof structure is not overloaded under either downward loads or wind uplift loads. Note 4 below lists the basic assumptions upon which this table is based.

Table 1 Notes:
1. Anchors are also known as “stand-offs”, “feet”, “mounts” or “points of attachment”. Horizontal anchor spacing is also known as “cross-slope” or “east-west” anchor spacing (see Figure 2).
2. If anchors are staggered from row-to-row going up the roof, the anchor spacing may be twice that shown above, but no greater than 6’-0”.
3. For manufactured plated wood trusses at slopes of flat to 6:12, the horizontal anchor spacing shall not exceed 4’-0” and anchors in adjacent rows shall be staggered.
4. This table is based on the following assumptions:
   - The roof structure conformed to building code requirements at the time it was built.
   - The attached list of criteria are met.
   - Mean roof height is not greater than 40 feet.
   - Roof sheathing is at least 7/16” thick oriented strand board or plywood. 1x skip sheathing is acceptable.
   - If the dwelling is in Wind Exposure B (typical urban, suburban or wooded areas farther than 500 yards from large open fields), no more than one of the following conditions apply:
     - The dwelling is located in a special wind region with design wind speed between 115 and 130 mph per ASCE 7-10, or
     - The dwelling is located on the top half of a tall hill, provided average slope steeper is less than 15%.
   - If the dwelling is In Wind Exposure C (within 500 yards of large open fields or grasslands), all of the following conditions apply:
     - Design wind speed is 110 mph or less (not in a Special Wind Region), and
     - The dwelling is not located on the top half of a tall hill.
   - The solar array displaces roof live loads (temporary construction loads) that the roof was originally designed to carry.
   - The Structural Technical Appendix provides additional information about analysis assumptions.
### Table 2. Roof Rafter Maximum Horizontal Span (feet - inches)

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Beyond a visual review by the Contractor checking for unusual sagging or deterioration, some CBOs may want additional assurance that the roof structure complies with structural building code requirements. Table 2 is an optional table some CBOs may elect to use to provide additional assurance by requiring a check of existing roof rafter spans, and supports optional criteria 1.B.5 and 1.B.6. For post-1960 construction, these span tables match the rafter span tables found in the 2013 California Building and Residential codes. For pre-1960 construction, the rafter span tables are based on structural calculations with lumber sizes and wood species & grade appropriate for older construction. Note 5 below lists the basic assumptions upon which this table is based.

Table 2 Notes:
1. See Figure 4 for definition of roof rafter maximum horizontal span.
2. “Non-tile Roof ” = asphalt shingle, wood shingle & wood shake, with an assumed roof assembly weight of 10 psf.
3. “Tile Roof ” = clay tile or cement tile, with an assumed roof assembly weight of 20psf.
4. Unaltered manufactured plated-wood trusses may be assumed to be code compliant and meet intent of Table 2.

- This table is based on the following assumptions:
  - pan/deflection ratio is equal to or greater than 180.
  - For post-1960 construction, wood species and grade is Douglas Fir-Larch No. 2.
  - For pre-1960 construction, wood species and grade is Douglas Fir-Larch No. 1.
  - Other wood species and/or grade are also acceptable if allowable bending stress is equal or greater to that listed above.
Figure 1. Roof Visual Structural Review (Contractor’s Site Audit) of Existing Conditions.

The site auditor should verify the following:

1. No visually apparent disallowed rafter holes, notches and truss modifications as shown above.
2. No visually apparent structural decay or un-repaired fire damage.
3. Roof sag, measured in inches, is not more than the rafter or ridge beam length in feet divided by 20.

Rafters that fail the above criteria should not be used to support solar arrays unless they are first strengthened.
Figure 2. Sample Solar Panel Array and Anchor Layout Diagram (Roof Plan).

Figure 3. Typical Anchor with Lag Screw Attachment.
Figure 4. Definition of Rafter Horizontal Span.
THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR REFERENCE ONLY.

Regional and Site Assumptions

This document is based on the following regional and site assumptions:

- The dwelling is located in a ZERO snow load area (see Map 1 and BCM 1608, Article 1).
- The dwelling is not in Wind Exposure D (within 200 yards of the ocean or a large coastal bay).
- If in Wind Exposure B (urban, suburban or wooded areas), the dwelling may be located: in a Special Wind Region (see Map 2 BCM 1609.1.1, Article 1) with design wind speeds between 110 and 130 mph, or on a tall hill, provided average slope is no steeper than 15%.
- If in Wind Exposure C (within 500 yards of large open fields or grasslands), the dwelling is:
  - in a standard 110 mph design wind speed region, and
  - not on a hill with a grade steeper than 5%.

Additional Requirements

- Regional and Site Checks
  - In a mixed snow load area, with zero snow load only at lower elevations, consider asking “is the dwelling lower than elevation _____ feet?”
  - In a coastal region, consider asking “is the dwelling farther than 200 yards from the ocean or a large coastal bay?” to verify the dwelling is not in Wind Exposure D.
  - In a Special Wind Region with design wind speeds between 115 and 130 mph, consider verifying that the dwelling is in Wind Exposure B by asking “is the dwelling in an urban, suburban or wooded area, and not within 500 yards of open fields and grasslands?”
  - In a Special Wind Region with design wind speeds between 115 and 130 mph, consider verifying that there are no significant topographic wind speed-up effects by asking “is the dwelling in a relatively flat area (grade less than 5%) and not within 500 yards of the crest of a tall hill?”
- Roof Check
  - With evidence of structurally deficient one- and two-family housing stock or poor structural code compliance history, the rafter span check option is added in the criteria.
The Structural Toolkit and CRC Wind Speeds

The 2013 CRC contains an inconsistency related to wind speeds. Despite referencing ASCE 7-10 as its standard, the 2013 CRC’s text and tables use outdated ASCE 7-05 wind speeds. Under the old ASCE 7-05 / CBC 2010, the basic design wind speed in most regions of the state was 85 mph (max. 3 second gust in 50 years). Under ASCE 7-10 / CBC 2013, the design wind speed has increased to 110 mph (max. 3 second gust in 700 years). Despite the different definitions of wind speed, design wind pressures remain essentially unchanged.

Because the Toolkit’s structural document is intended to be forward looking, all wind speeds in the Toolkit document are based on the ASCE 7-10. This is clearly stated in the caption to the state wind speed map, and in the Table 1 footnotes. This anticipates an obvious and expected correction to the CRC; otherwise the Toolkit would become immediately outdated when the CRC is amended to change the base design wind speed from 85 mph to 110 mph 2013 CRC text (ASCE 7-05) wind speeds equivalent to the 2013 CRC and CBC Reference Standard (ASCE 7-10) are shown below. See ASCE 7-10 Table C26.5-6 for additional information.

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Structural Technical Appendix

This toolkit document is supported by a Structural Technical Appendix that describes the technical analysis behind these criteria, which are based on structural engineering principles and the California Building and Residential Codes. The Technical Appendix also provides some additional guidance to address nonconforming items, such as when an anchor layout is not based on a solar support component manufacturer’s guidelines, or when a coastal site is located within 200 yards of the ocean (Exposure D).

http://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/Solar_Structural_Technical_Appendix.pdf

Probability of Code Compliance

The Structural Technical Appendix includes a section that examines the probabilities associated with the assumptions behind Table 1 that allows six feet cross-slope anchor spacing in some circumstances. That statistical analysis estimates that the probability of code noncompliance for six feet anchor spacing is only 2 in a thousand installations (0.2%). Note that probability of structural failure is orders of magnitude lower than the probability of code noncompliance.
Map 1. California Ground Snow Load Map (Ref: ASCE 7-10).

The numbers in parentheses represent the upper elevation limits in feet for the ground snow load in psf listed below the elevation. Example: (2400) ZERO in the South San Francisco bay area indicates that zero ground snow loads occur from sea level up to an elevation of 2400 feet. CS indicates “Case Studies” where extreme local variations in ground snow loads occur. Non-zero snow load areas and Case Study (CS) areas are excluded from the use of this structural toolkit document. See the Technical Appendix for additional information.
Map 2. California Design Wind Speed Map (Ref: ASCE 7-10).

The number outside the parentheses represents the design wind speed in mph. Typical design wind speed is 110 mph. The grey shaded areas on the map indicate “special wind regions” where higher wind speeds may apply. When the project is in a grey shaded area, contact the local building department for the design wind speed.
(For Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic Systems Qualified For Expedited Permitting Process)

All California Building Code (CBC), California Electrical Code (CEC), California Fire Code (CFC), and California Residential Code (CRC) references are to the current Codes with County of Los Angeles local amendments, unless otherwise noted.

Field Inspection Guide for Rooftop Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems

During the field inspection, photographic or video evidence of the items listed below may be required. In addition, photographic or video evidence of 10% (or a minimum of two) of the attachment points of the PV panels to the roof shall be submitted. Images shall be readily identifiable to the installation project. See example photograph Appendix A.

All installations shall be in accordance with the approved plans. At the time of inspection installer shall provide:

a. the means to safely access and inspect construction on the roof
b. knowledgeable personnel on site familiar with the installed system
c. access to the inside of the house to inspect for required carbon monoxide and smoke alarms

Make sure all PV system AC/DC disconnects and circuit breakers are in the open position and verify or request the following.

1. Array mounting system and structural connections according to the approved plan.  
   See example photograph Appendix B.

2. Roof-mounted PV systems have the required fire classification (CBC 1505.9 or CRC R902.4).  
   See example photograph Appendix C.

3. Grounding/bonding of rack and modules according to the manufacturer’s installation instructions that are approved and listed.  
   See example photograph Appendix D.

4. If applicable, the conduit installation in the attic with 18” minimum clearance from the roof assembly (provide attic access for inspection).  
   See example photograph Appendix E.
5. All work done in a neat and workmanlike manner (CEC 110.12).

6. PV module model number, quantity and location according to the approved plan.

7. Firefighter access according to approved plan.

8. Roof penetrations flashed/sealed according to the approved plan. Also check for plumbing vents under modules. Provide proper slope in rerouted pipes, if applicable.

   See example photograph Appendix B.

9. Exposed array conductors properly secured, supported and routed to prevent physical damage.

10. Conduit installation according to CRC R331.3 and CEC 690.4(F).

11. Conductors, cables and conduit types, sizes, markings, and temperature ratings according to the approved plan.

12. Equipment installed, listed and labeled according to the approved plan (e.g., PV modules, DC/DC converters (power optimizer), combiners, inverters, disconnects, load centers and electrical service equipment).

13. For ungrounded inverters, installation complies with CEC 690.35 requirements.

14. For grid-connected systems, inverter is labeled as "utility interactive."

15. Disconnects according to the approved plan and properly located as required by the CEC.

16. Overcurrent devices are the type and size according to the approved plan.

17. Inverter output circuit breaker is located at opposite end of bus from utility supply at load center and/or service panelboard (not required if the sum of the inverter and utility supply circuit breakers is less than or equal to the panelboard bus rating).

18. PV system markings, labels and signs according to the approved plan.

19. Connection of the PV system to the grounding electrode system according to the approved plan.

20. Access and working space for operation and maintenance of PV equipment such as inverters, disconnecting means and panelboards (not required for PV modules) (CEC 110.26).
This information bulletin is published to guide applicants through a streamlined permitting process for solar domestic water heating (SDWH) projects 30 kWth (462 square foot) in size or smaller. This bulletin provides information about submittal requirements for plan review, required fees, and inspections.

1. Approval Requirements

Building, plumbing and depending on the configuration of the proposed system, electrical permits shall be required to install a SDWH system with a maximum thermal output of 30 kWth or less.

2. Submittal Requirements

a) Completed permit application form. This permit application can be downloaded at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content.


c) A completed Solar Domestic Water Heating Standard Plan. The standard plan may be used for proposed solar installations 30 kWth in size or smaller and can be downloaded at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content.

b) A roof plan showing roof layout and solar collector with attachment details.

e) System schematic, including major components.

f) Equipment cut sheets including collectors, controller, storage tank/heat exchanger (if applicable).

h) Completed expedited Structural Criteria along with required documentation. Structural Criteria can be downloaded at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content.

3. Plan Review

Permit applications can be submitted electronically through the following website: https://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/bsop or to the local office having jurisdiction for the project, see http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/ServiceLocator/.

4. Fees

Plan check and permit fees are a set amount and can be found in our fee schedule at: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/index.cfm?p=fees.
5. **Inspections**

Once all permits to construct the solar installation have been issued and the system has been installed, it must be inspected before final approval is granted. On-site inspections can be scheduled by contacting the local office by telephone. For contact information see our website at: http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/index.cfm?p=offices.

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 The inspection checklist provides an overview of common points of inspection and the applicant should be prepared to show compliance with these points.

6. **Departmental Contact Information**

For additional information regarding this permit process, please consult our departmental website at http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content or contact the local office having jurisdiction for the project.
This information bulletin is published to guide applicants through a streamlined permitting process for solar pool heating (SPH) projects 30 kWth (462 square foot) in size or smaller. This bulletin provides information about submittal requirements for plan review, required fees, and inspections.

1. **Approval Requirements**

   Building, plumbing and depending on the configuration of the proposed system, electrical and/or mechanical permits shall be required to install a SPH system with a maximum thermal output of 30 kWth or less.

1. **Submittal Requirements**

   a) Completed permit application form. This permit application can be downloaded at [http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content).


   c) A completed Solar Pool Heating Standard Plan. The standard plan may be used for proposed solar installations 30 kWth in size or smaller and can be downloaded at [http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content).

   d) A roof plan showing roof layout and solar collectors with attachment details.

   e) Standard one-line plumbing diagram of system showing and labeling major components.

   f) Equipment cut sheets including collectors, controller, motorized valve (if applicable).

   g) Completed expedited Structural Criteria along with required documentation. Structural Criteria can be downloaded at [http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content).

   h) Completed Form A, Form B, or Form C Affidavit. Forms A, B, and C can be downloaded at [http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/bsd/content).

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. System size is 30 kWth (462 square feet of collector) or less ☐ Y ☐ N
B. The solar array is roof-mounted on one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure ☐ Y ☐ N
C. The solar collector arrays will not exceed the maximum legal building height ☐ Y ☐ N
D. Solar collectors are certified by an accredited listing agency ☐ Y ☐ N
E. Solar domestic water heating system is certified by an accredited listing agency ☐ Y ☐ N
F. Permit application is completed and attached ☐ Y ☐ N
G. Stem schematic is included ☐ Y ☐ N
H. List of major components to match system schematic ☐ Y ☐ N
I. Heat transfer fluid is either water or a nontoxic fluid ☐ Y ☐ N

PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS

A. Adequate extreme temperature protection is provided ☐ Y ☐ N

STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

A. A completed Structural Criteria and supporting documentation is attached ☐ Y ☐ N

Notes:
1. These criteria are intended for streamlined solar permitting process.
2. If any items are checked NO, revise design to fit within Eligibility Checklist, otherwise permit application may go through standard process.
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PLUMBING REQUIREMENTS

A. Adequate extreme temperature protection is provided (if applicable) □ Y □ N
B. Standard one-line plumbing diagram is provided with components showing solar interface with existing plumbing □ Y □ N

STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS

A. A completed Structural Criteria and supporting documentation is attached □ Y □ N

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MANUFACTURER’S SPECIFICATION SHEETS MUST BE PROVIDED for proposed collector, controller, pump, storage tank/heat exchanger/ heat transfer fluid (if applicable) and mounting systems. Equipment intended for use with SDWH system shall be identified and listed for the application.

Job Address: ________________________________ Permit #: ________________________
Contractor/Engineer Name: ______________________ License # and Class: _____________
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______ Phone Number: ________________
Email: _______________________________________________________
Total # of Collectors Installed ___________ Total Area of Collectors _______________
Collector Certification Number (include certifying agency) _________________
System Certification Number (include certifying agency) _________________
Max Height Above Roof _________________ Height Above Ground __________________

Major Components (for SDWH systems)

Solar Tank Make/Model _________ Gallons _____ Insulation R-______ Pressurized? ________
Heat Exchanger Make/Model _______ Number of Walls _____ Heat Exchange Fluid ________
Solar Control Make/Model _________________________________
Solar Pump/Circulator Make/Model ______________________________
Expansion Tank Make/Model ______________ Appropriately Sized for Use? ______________
Mounting Hardware Make/Model or Type _______________________

Do all the above data match substantially the data used for certification? ____________
SCOPE: Use this plan ONLY for solar pool heating (SPH) systems not exceeding a thermal output rating of 30 kWth on the roof of a one- or two-family dwelling or accessory structure and used for residential solar pool heating. Systems must be in compliance with current California Building Standards Code, Title 24 and local amendments of the authority having jurisdiction (AHJ). Other articles of the California Plumbing Code (CPC) or California Mechanical Code (CMC) or other health and safety codes shall apply.

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Diverting Valve Make/Model ____________________________
Mounting Hardware Make/Model or Type __________________
Use of this document

This document includes a one-page list of structural criteria for over-the-counter or online approval, as well as attached tables and figures that supplement the criteria and explain their use.

This document applies to flush-mounted solar arrays installed on the roofs of wood-framed one- and two family dwellings. “Flush-mounted” means the modules are installed parallel to, and relatively close to, the roof surface (see the “Solar Array Check” section of the Structural Criteria for specific qualifying requirements). This list is intended to be a simple pre-installation check to gain reasonable assurance that the design of the solar array complies with the structural provisions of the 2013 California Building Code (CBC) and 2013 California Residential Code (CRC). It is not intended to provide post-installation inspection criteria.
STRUCTURAL CRITERIA FOR RESIDENTIAL FLUSH-MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAYS

1. ROOF CHECKS

A. Visual Review/Contractor’s Site Audit of Existing Conditions:
   1) Is the roof a single roof without a reroof overlay? □ Y □ N
   2) Does the roof structure appear structurally sound, without signs of alterations or significant structural deterioration or sagging, as illustrated in Figure 1? □ Y □ N
   3) Is the elevation of the site under 2,000 feet? □ Y □ N
   4) Is the dwelling farther than 200 yards from the ocean or a large coastal bay? □ Y □ N

B. Roof Structure Data:
   1) Measured roof slope (e.g. 6:12): ____________:12
   2) Measured rafter spacing (center-to-center): ___________ inch
   3) Type of roof framing (rafter or manufactured truss): □ Rafter □ Truss
   4) Measured rafter size (e.g. 13/4 x 33/4, not 2x4): ___________ x ___________ inch
   5) Measured rafter horizontal span (see Figure 4): __________' - __________" ft-in
   6) Horizontal rafter span per Table 2: __________' - __________" ft-in
   7) Is measured horizontal rafter span less than Table 2 span? □ Y □ N □ Truss

2. SOLAR ARRAY CHECKS

A. Flush-mounted Solar Array:
   1) Is the plane of the modules (panels) parallel to the plane of the roof? □ Y □ N
   2) Is there a 2" to 10" gap between underside of module and the roof surface? □ Y □ N
   3) Modules do not overhang any roof edges (ridges, hops, gable ends, eaves)? □ Y □ N

B. Do the modules plus support components weigh no more than:
   4 psf for photovoltaic arrays or 5 psf for solar thermal arrays? □ Y □ N

C. Does the array cover no more than half of the total roof area (all roof planes)? □ Y □ N

D. Are solar support component manufacturer’s project-specific completed worksheets, tables with relevant cells circled, or web-based calculator results attached? □ Y □ N

E. Is a roof plan of the module and anchor layout attached? (see Figure 2) □ Y □ N

F. Downward Load Check (Anchor Layout Check):
   1) Proposed anchor horizontal spacing (see Figure 2): __________ x __________ inch
   2) Horizontal anchor spacing per Table 1: __________' - __________" ft-in
   3) Is proposed anchor horizontal spacing less than Table 1 spacing? □ Y □ N

G. Wind Uplift Check (Anchor Fastener Check):
   1) Anchor fastener data (see Figure 3):
      a. Diameter of lag screw, hanger bolt or self-drilling screw: __________ inch
      b. Embedment depth of rafter: __________ inch
      c. Number of screws per anchor (typically one):
      d. Are 5/16" diameter lag screws with 2.5" embedment into the rafter used, OR is the anchor LA County approved for such application? □ Y □ N

3. SUMMARY

A. All items above are checked YES. No additional calculations are required.
B. One or more items are checked NO. Attach project-specific drawings and calculations stamped and signed by a California-licensed Civil or Structural Engineer.

Job Address: ____________________________ Permit #: __________________
Contractor/Installer: ____________________________ License # & Class: ______________
Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________ Phone #: __________________
Table 1. Maximum Horizontal Anchor Spacing

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<td>27° to 45°</td>
<td>1'-4&quot;</td>
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<td>13:12 to 24:12</td>
<td>46° to 63°</td>
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Solar support component manufacturer’s guidelines may be relied upon to ensure the array above the roof is properly designed, but manufacturer’s guidelines typically do NOT check to ensure that the roof itself can support the concentrated loads from the solar array. Table 1 assumes that the roof complied with the building code in effect at the time of construction, and places limits on anchor horizontal spacing to ensure that a roof structure is not overloaded under either downward loads or wind uplift loads. Note 4 below lists the basic assumptions upon which this table is based.

Table 1 Notes:
1. Anchors are also known as “stand-offs”, “feet”, “mounts” or “points of attachment”. Horizontal anchor spacing is also known as “cross-slope” or “east-west” anchor spacing (see Figure 2).
2. If anchors are staggered from row-to-row going up the roof, the anchor spacing may be twice that shown above, but no greater than 6'-0".
3. For manufactured plated wood trusses at slopes of flat to 6:12, the horizontal anchor spacing shall not exceed 4'-0" and anchors in adjacent rows shall be staggered.
4. This table is based on the following assumptions:
   - The roof structure conformed to building code requirements at the time it was built.
   - The attached list of criteria are met.
   - Mean roof height is not greater than 40 feet.
   - Roof sheathing is at least 7/16" thick oriented strand board or plywood. 1x skip sheathing is acceptable.
   - If the dwelling is in Wind Exposure B (typical urban, suburban or wooded areas farther than 500 yards from large open fields), no more than one of the following conditions apply:
     - The dwelling is located in a special wind region with design wind speed between 115 and 130 mph per ASCE 7-10, or
     - The dwelling is located on the top half of a tall hill, provided average slope steeper is less than 15%.
   - If the dwelling is In Wind Exposure C (within 500 yards of large open fields or grasslands), all of the following conditions apply:
     - Design wind speed is 110 mph or less (not in a Special Wind Region), and
     - The dwelling is not located on the top half of a tall hill.
   - The solar array displaces roof live loads (temporary construction loads) that the roof was originally designed to carry.
   - The Structural Technical Appendix provides additional information about analysis assumptions.
### Table 2. Roof Rafter Maximum Horizontal Span (feet - inches) ¹

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¹ Beyond a visual review by the Contractor checking for unusual sagging or deterioration, some CBOs may want additional assurance that the roof structure complies with structural building code requirements. Table 2 is an optional table some CBOs may elect to use to provide additional assurance by requiring a check of existing roof rafter spans, and supports optional criteria 1.B.5 and 1.B.6. For post-1960 construction, these span tables match the rafter span tables found in the 2013 California Building and Residential codes. For pre-1960 construction, the rafter span tables are based on structural calculations with lumber sizes and wood species & grade appropriate for older construction. Note 5 below lists the basic assumptions upon which this table is based.

Table 2 Notes:
1. See Figure 4 for definition of roof rafter maximum horizontal span.
2. “Non-tile Roof " = asphalt shingle, wood shingle & wood shake, with an assumed roof assembly weight of 10 psf.
3. “Tile Roof " = clay tile or cement tile, with an assumed roof assembly weight of 20psf
4. Unaltered manufactured plated-wood trusses may be assumed to be code compliant and meet intent of Table 2.

- This table is based on the following assumptions:
- pan/deflection ratio is equal to or greater than 180.
- For post-1960 construction, wood species and grade is Douglas Fir-Larch No. 2.
- For pre-1960 construction, wood species and grade is Douglas Fir-Larch No. 1.
- Other wood species and/or grade are also acceptable if allowable bending stress is equal or greater to that listed above.
Figure 1. Roof Visual Structural Review (Contractor’s Site Audit) of Existing Conditions.
The site auditor should verify the following:

1. No visually apparent disallowed rafter holes, notches and truss modifications as shown above.
2. No visually apparent structural decay or un-repaired fire damage.
3. Roof sag, measured in inches, is not more than the rafter or ridge beam length in feet divided by 20.

Rafters that fail the above criteria should not be used to support solar arrays unless they are first strengthened.
Figure 2. Sample Solar Panel Array and Anchor Layout Diagram (Roof Plan).

Figure 3. Typical Anchor with Lag Screw Attachment.
Figure 4. Definition of Rafter Horizontal Span.
Regional and Site Assumptions

This document is based on the following regional and site assumptions:

- The dwelling is located in a ZERO snow load area (see Map 1 and BCM 1608, Article 1).
- The dwelling is not in Wind Exposure D (within 200 yards of the ocean or a large coastal bay).
- If in Wind Exposure B (urban, suburban or wooded areas), the dwelling may be located: in a Special Wind Region (see Map 2 BCM 1609.1.1, Article 1) with design wind speeds between 110 and 130 mph, or on a tall hill, provided average slope is no steeper than 15%.
- If in Wind Exposure C (within 500 yards of large open fields or grasslands), the dwelling is:
  - in a standard 110 mph design wind speed region, and
  - not on a hill with a grade steeper than 5%.

Additional Requirements

- Regional and Site Checks
  - In a mixed snow load area, with zero snow load only at lower elevations, consider asking “is the dwelling lower than elevation ______ feet?”
  - In a coastal region, consider asking “is the dwelling farther than 200 yards from the ocean or a large coastal bay?” to verify the dwelling is not in Wind Exposure D.
  - In a Special Wind Region with design wind speeds between 115 and 130 mph, consider verifying that the dwelling is in Wind Exposure B by asking “is the dwelling in an urban, suburban or wooded area, and not within 500 yards of open fields and grasslands?”
  - In a Special Wind Region with design wind speeds between 115 and 130 mph, consider verifying that there are no significant topographic wind speed-up effects by asking “is the dwelling in a relatively flat area (grade less than 5%) and not within 500 yards of the crest of a tall hill?”

- Roof Check
  - With evidence of structurally deficient one- and two-family housing stock or poor structural code compliance history, the rafter span check option is added in the criteria.
The Structural Toolkit and CRC Wind Speeds

The 2013 CRC contains an inconsistency related to wind speeds. Despite referencing ASCE 7-10 as its standard, the 2013 CRC’s text and tables use outdated ASCE 7-05 wind speeds. Under the old ASCE 7-05 / CBC 2010, the basic design wind speed in most regions of the state was 85 mph (max. 3 second gust in 50 years). Under ASCE 7-10 / CBC 2013, the design wind speed has increased to 110 mph (max. 3 second gust in 700 years). Despite the different definitions of wind speed, design wind pressures remain essentially unchanged.

Because the Toolkit’s structural document is intended to be forward looking, all wind speeds in the Toolkit document are based on the ASCE 7-10. This is clearly stated in the caption to the state wind speed map, and in the Table 1 footnotes. This anticipates an obvious and expected correction to the CRC; otherwise the Toolkit would become immediately outdated when the CRC is amended to change the base design wind speed from 85 mph to 110 mph 2013 CRC text (ASCE 7-05) wind speeds equivalent to the 2013 CRC and CBC Reference Standard (ASCE 7-10) are shown below. See ASCE 7-10 Table C26.5-6 for additional information.

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Structural Technical Appendix

This toolkit document is supported by a Structural Technical Appendix that describes the technical analysis behind these criteria, which are based on structural engineering principles and the California Building and Residential Codes. The Technical Appendix also provides some additional guidance to address nonconforming items, such as when an anchor layout is not based on a solar support component manufacturer’s guidelines, or when a coastal site is located within 200 yards of the ocean (Exposure D).

http://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/Solar_Structural_Technical_Appendix.pdf

Probability of Code Compliance

The Structural Technical Appendix includes a section that examines the probabilities associated with the assumptions behind Table 1 that allows six feet cross-slope anchor spacing in some circumstances. That statistical analysis estimates that the probability of code noncompliance for six feet anchor spacing is only 2 in a thousand installations (0.2%). Note that probability of structural failure is orders of magnitude lower than the probability of code noncompliance.
Map 1. California Ground Snow Load Map (Ref: ASCE 7-10).

The numbers in parentheses represent the upper elevation limits in feet for the ground snow load in psf listed below the elevation. Example: (2400) ZERO in the South San Francisco bay area indicates that zero ground snow loads occur from sea level up to an elevation of 2400 feet. CS indicates “Case Studies” where extreme local variations in ground snow loads occur. Non-zero snow load areas and Case Study (CS) areas are excluded from the use of this structural toolkit document. See the Technical Appendix for additional information.
The number outside the parentheses represents the design wind speed in mph. Typical design wind speed is 110 mph. The grey shaded areas on the map indicate “special wind regions” where higher wind speeds may apply. When the project is in a grey shaded area, contact the local building department for the design wind speed.
This document is a field inspection guide for solar domestic water heating (SDWH) systems. These inspection references detail most of the issues that relate to SDWH systems during the inspection process.

All California Electrical Code (CEC), California Residential Code (CRC), California Building Code (CBC), California Mechanical Code (CMC) and California Plumbing Code (CPC) references are to the 2013 versions unless otherwise noted.

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<td>V. Pan installed under tank (as required)</td>
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<td>VI. Tank installed on level surface</td>
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<td>VII. Tank supported for seismic loads</td>
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<td>VIII. All valves, fittings and solders are rated for portable systems and meeting CA lead law requirements</td>
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<td>IX. Unions installed within 12” of tank connections for all piping to and from tank and heat exchangers</td>
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<td>X. Single-wall heat exchanger installed with a label</td>
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This document is a field inspection guide for solar domestic pool heating (SPH) systems. These inspection references detail most of the issues that relate to SPH systems during the inspection process.

All California Electrical Code (CEC), California Residential Code (CRC), California Building Code (CBC), California Mechanical Code (CMC) and California Plumbing Code (CPC) references are to the 2013 versions unless otherwise noted.

### SOLAR POOL HEATING SYSTEM ELIGIBILITY

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<td>I. Roof penetrations/attachments are properly flashed</td>
<td>CBC Chap. 15, CRC Chap. 9</td>
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<td>I. Piping properly supported</td>
<td>CPC 313.0</td>
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<td>II. Vacuum relief valve installed (if required by manufacturer)</td>
<td>See local ordinance.</td>
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<td>III. Drain valves installed if the system is not self-draining</td>
<td>CPC 312.6</td>
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<td>IV. Penetrations through structural members as per code</td>
<td>CPC 312.2</td>
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<td>V. Penetrations through fire-resistant assemblies installed per code</td>
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<td>VI. System has adequate freeze protection</td>
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<td>I. Control and pump properly installed and bolted to pad</td>
<td>CEC 430 (IX), 690.17</td>
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<td>II. Conductors between control and power source properly installed</td>
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<td>IV. Solar collector sensors protected from sun and weather</td>
<td>CEC 310.8 B, D(1), D(2)</td>
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<td>V. Control relay rated higher than load for each output</td>
<td>CEC 430.83</td>
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PV Installation Projects
(Example Photographs)
PV Roof Mounting System
(Example Photographs)
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<td>Max. Load Pa (IEC)</td>
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<td>Max. Series Fuse</td>
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*Standard Test Condition: 1.000W/m², AM 1.5 Spectrum, Cell temperature 25°C

Conforms to UL STD No.1703
Field wiring stranded copper only 12AWG/4mm² insulated for 90°C min
Module Fire Performance: Type 2
System Fire Class Rating: See installation instructions for installation requirements to achieve a specified system fire class rating with this product.

**WARNING**

Risk of electric shock
DO NOT connect or disconnect plug contacts while a system is under load current. DO NOT approach the damaged or broken module, unless you are an expert. Otherwise, it may result in a hazardous situation or a serious injury.

Risk of fires and burns
DO NOT contact with electrically active parts.
Refer to installation and operation manual before installing, operation or servicing this unit.
Conduit Clearance in Attic
(Example Photograph)

PV conduit in attic area
minimum 18 inches below roof

Wall

Roof trusses
AFFIDAVIT FOR EXPEDITED PERMITTING OF SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Date: __________________

Project Address: ________________________________

________________________________

APN: __________________________

Property Owner’s Declaration

I, ________________________________, legal owner of the above mentioned property, certify and declare under penalty of perjury, that I am aware that the proposed solar energy system at this site shall be installed only on a structure built with the appropriate permits and approvals. I am aware that if the County of Los Angeles determines that the solar energy system has been installed on an unpermitted structure as required by the Building Code, the Building Official shall order that the solar energy system and the structure be removed within 45 days or permits be obtained to bring the structure into compliance with current codes, within 45 days. I am aware that failure to comply with any order issued by the Building Official shall result in code enforcement action and a Notice of Violation may be recorded against the property title.

The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for any costs and I shall indemnify the County from and against any and all claims and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, in connection with any requested action and/or liability related to the required removal a solar energy installation system.

Property Owner’s Information

Name: ________________________________

Address: ________________________________

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Telephone Number: ________________________________

Signature: ________________________________
Solar Company Representative’s Declaration

I, ______________________ (print full name), the legal representative of the solar energy system installation company ______________________ (print company name), certify and declare under penalty of perjury that I am aware that the proposed solar energy system at this site shall be installed only on a structure built with the appropriate permits and approvals. We have reviewed the site and all available public records relating to building permits and approvals to verify that the installation will be placed on a permitted structure. In the event that the solar energy system is determined to have been installed on an unpermitted structure, ______________________ (print company name) will be responsible for the relocation or removal of the system.

The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for any costs and I shall indemnify the County from and against any and all claims and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, in connection with any requested action and/or liability related to the required removal a solar energy installation system.

Solar Company Information

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________

Company Representative: ____________________________

Telephone Number: ____________________________
Signature: ____________________________
AFFIDAVIT FOR EXPEDITED PERMITTING OF SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Date: ______________________
Project Address: ______________________

APN: ____________________

Owner Builder Declaration

I, ___________________________ (print full name), legal owner of the above mentioned property, certify and declare under penalty of perjury that I am aware that the proposed solar energy system at this site shall be installed only on a structure built with the appropriate permits and approvals. I have reviewed all available public records relating to building permits and approvals to verify that the installation will be placed on a permitted structure. I am aware that if the County of Los Angeles determines that the solar energy system has been installed on an unpermitted structure, the Building Official shall order that the solar energy system and the structure be removed within 45 days or permits be obtained to bring the structure into compliance with current codes, within 45 days. I am aware that failure to comply with any order issued by the Building Official shall result in code enforcement action and a Notice of Violation may be recorded against the property title.

The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for any costs and I shall indemnify the County from and against any and all claims and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, in connection with any requested action and/or liability related to the required removal a solar energy installation.

Name: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________

Telephone Number: ________________________
Signature: ___________________________
AFFIDAVIT FOR EXPEDITED PERMITTING OF SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM INSTALLATION

Date: __________________
Project Address: ________________________________

APN: _________ - _______ - _______

Solar Company Representative’s Declaration

I, ________________________ (print full name), the representative of the solar energy system installation company ______________________ (print company name), certify and declare that the proposed solar energy system at this site shall be installed only on a structure built with the appropriate permits and approvals, and I am not aware of any deficiency in required permits or approvals for the structure on which the solar energy system is being installed. We have reviewed the site and the building permits to verify that the installation will be placed on a permitted structure.

In the event that the solar energy system is determined to have been installed on an unpermitted structure which lacks required permits or inspection approvals, ______________________ (print company name) will be responsible for the relocation or removal of the solar energy system upon County issuance of a correction or violation notice.

The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for any costs and/or claims and expenses, including attorney’s fees, in connection with any requested action and/or liability related to the required removal a solar energy installation system.

Solar Company Information

Name of solar company: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________

Name of Authorized Company Representative: ________________________________
Telephone No.: ________________________________

Signature of Authorized Company Representative: ________________________________