BUILDING DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL HANDOUT

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Residential Rooftop Photovoltaic Systems Plan Submittal Checklist

Purpose

This standardized permit submittal has been developed for residential (one and two family dwellings and legally permitted accessory buildings) roof mounted PV systems. If the project is located in a historical district, in a homeowner's association, or is a ground mount system, additional requirements for review may be required.

Effective Dates: This document is effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. Submittal based upon adoption and effective date of 2019 California Code of Regulations, Title 24 Part 2.5, and/or local amendments.

Design and Review

- 1. All PV applications will be reviewed at the front counter for completeness. If possible, every attempt will be made to review and approve projects that are residential PV systems "over-the-counter".
- 2. All PV system plans shall specify:
 - Conductor wiring methods and wire type, system and solar panel grounding methods as per inverter and solar panel manufacturer's listings, and PV system DC and AC disconnects.
 - b. Signage [on panel(s), disconnects and transmission line conductors].
 - c. Placement of equipment and modules with associated access and pathways.
 - d. Equipment type, listing, testing agency approvals, etc.
 - e. Module attachment details.
- 3. Printed material shall be resistant to fading per UL 969, and CEC Article 690.

Worksheet Requirements

- 1. General information: Name of applicant, address of project, name of licensed contractor, size of system (DC Rating) being installed.
- 2. Completion of system detail worksheet and site plan. (attached)
- 3. Single line diagram of electrical equipment clearly showing size of main panel, sub panels, PV system equipment, including make, model, size of units, and disconnects.
- 4. Listing information, including mounting attachment to roof, wire type, method of grounding, of PV modules and mounting racks.

1. PV disconnect shall be installed in a readily accessible location and located together when possible. All electrical panel disconnecting means shall be designed to shut off all power (solar and domestic).

Protection of Emergency Responders

The following conditions shall be verified and apply to all roof and ground mount solar PV systems:

- 1. All sharp edges and fastener tips shall be covered or crimped over to eliminate sharp edges. This will minimize risk of injury to emergency responders (or any other individual accessing the roof top).
- 2. All roof surface mounted conduits, pipes, braces, etc. crossing the pathways are to be clearly identified by a red/white reflective tape, or other approved identifying material. Check with the local jurisdiction for the disconnect requirements of these systems.

Access Requirements & Array Configurations

All arrays shall be mounted per the listing installation instructions of the system. Pathways shall be established in the design of the solar installation and clearly indicated on the plans. All roof access pathways shall be located at a structurally supported location on the building, such as over a bearing wall, or beam lines. Arrays shall be located in a manner that provides access pathways for the following conditions:

- 1. Residential buildings with hip roof layouts: Modules shall be located in a manner that provides one 3 ft. wide clear pathway from the eave to the ridge on each roof slope where panels are located.
- 2. Residential buildings with a single ridge: Modules shall be located in a manner that provides two three-foot (3') wide access pathways from the eave to the ridge on each roof slope where arrays are located.

Project shall comply with local codes of the respective jurisdictions. It is recommended that for installations not in conformance with the access requirements contact the Sebastopol Fire Department prior to submitting your application.

SUBMIT AND SIGN THE COM	APLETED CF	HECKLIST WITH YOUR APPLICATION	
PROPERTY OWNER PROJECT LOCATION			
INSTALL	ER'S COMPA	ANY NAME, ADDRESS, & LICENSE NUM	MBER
COMPANY NAME			
BUSINESS ADDRESS			
BUSINESS PHONE		STATE LIC. NO.	
ordinances and state laws and that the project set forth in the 2016 California Code of Region 1.	ct identified about the culations, Title 2		
		ATION - ROOF DESIGN OMPONENTS	
APPROXIMATE AGE OF ROOF: ROOFIN	G TYPE: ☐ COM	MP SHINGLE □ TILE □ SHAKE □ METAL □	OTHER
RAFTER SIZE: X RAFTER	R SPACING	☐ 16" O.C ☐ 24" O.C. ☐ OTHER:	
WORST CASE RAFTER SPAN SUPPORTING ARRAY (FT	·	ARRAY WEIGHT:LB. PER SF., DESIGN BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL MAY B	
PV MODULE RATINGS		INVERTER RATING	
MODULE MANUFACTURER		INVERTER MANUFACTURER	
MODULE MODEL		INVERTER MODEL	
MAX POWER-POINT CURRENT (IMP)	A	MAX DC VOLT RATING	V
MAX POWER-POINT VOLTAGE (VMP)	V	MAX POWER @ 40° C	W
OPEN-CIRCUIT VOLTAGE (Voc)	V	NORMAL AC VOLTAGE	V
SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENT (Isc)	A	MAX AC CURRENT	A
MAX SERIES FUSE (OCPD)	A	MAX OCPD RATING	A
MAXIMUM POWER (PMAX)	W		
MAX VOLTAGE (TYP 600Vpc)	V	SIGN FOR DC DISCONNECT PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER SOUR	
VOC TEMP COEFF		RATED MPP CURRENT	A
IF COEFF SUPPLIED CIRCLE UNITS		RATED MPP VOLTAGE	V
	<u> </u>	MAX SYSTEM VOLTAGE	V
MODULE CONFIGURATION	_	MAX CIRCUIT VOLTAGE	A
NO. MODULES IN SERIES			
NO. OF STRINGS IN PARALLEL		SIGN FOR INVERTER OCPD AND AC DIS (IF USED)	SCONNECT
TOTAL RATED POWER OF SYSTEM (@STC)		AC OUTPUT CURRENT	A
AWU	EC Sec 0.47 (C) (2)	NOMINAL AC VOLTAGE	V

Plan Submittal Checklist

1.	All PV sys	tem plans shall show and/or specify in the following order:
	a.	Basic site plan provided showing location of structure and equipment.
	b.	Array configuration and placement of equipment and modules on roof with dimensioned access and pathways.
	c.	Electrical single line drawing including:
		□ showing size and location of the main electrical panel and sub panels
		□ verify electrical service is in good condition and adequate for new loads
		□ equipment grounding
		□ combiner/junction box location
		☐ the AC / DC disconnect box
		□ conduit size from the array to the power source
		☐ inverter string sizing or micro inverter branch circuit details.
		□ conductor wiring methods and insulation rating, system and solar panel grounding methods as per inverter and solar panel manufacturer's listings, and PV system DC and AC disconnects.
		□ listing information, including mounting, wire type, method of grounding, of PV modules and mounting racks.
	d.	Signage (on panel(s), disconnects and transmission line conductors).
	e.	Provide cut sheets for all PV equipment and mounting systems including, but not limited
		to:
		□ PV modules
		□ rack mounting system
		□ mounting brackets
		☐ grounding hardware
		☐ inverters or micro inverters
		□ panel and rack attachment details
	f.	Equipment type, listing, testing agency approvals, etc.
	g.	Plans must show compliance with any amendments by the local jurisdiction.
	h.	Permanent labels and signage with a red background and white lettering resistant to fading pursuant to UL 969 and California Electrical Code Article 690 and permanently affixed.

^{*}Points 1a. and 1b. may be listed on the same diagram.