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FROM: 
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SUBJECT: 
California Energy Code Photovoltaic (Solar) Requirements and Manufactured Housing/Mobilehomes

This Information Bulletin is issued to clarify the impact of California photovoltaic (solar or PV) system requirements, effective January 1, 2020, on manufactured homes¹, constructed to the Manufactured Home and Construction Safety Standards², and mobilehomes³.

Beginning January 1, 2020, the 2019 California Energy Code contains mandatory requirements for solar ready buildings, including newly constructed residential buildings⁴. Manufactured homes, approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and mobilehomes are exempt from California building standards⁵, including the California Energy Code solar mandate⁶.

Please contact Mitchel Baker, Codes and Standards Administrator III, at (916) 263-3221 or Mitchel.Baker@hcd.ca.gov with any questions.

¹California Health and Safety Code section 18007. 
²Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle B, Chapter XX, Part 3280. 
³California Health and Safety Code section 18008. 
⁴Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 6, sections 110.10 and 150.1(c)(14)—The code provides exceptions for compliance. 
⁵California Health and Safety Code section 18909(g)—Exception applies if technical requirements are incorporated by reference in the Department’s regulations, Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations. 
⁶A homeowner may voluntarily elect to install solar on manufactured homes/mobilehomes which triggers applicable Department laws and regulations.