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TO: City and County Building Officials
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Manufactured Home Dealers
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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.

¹ California Health and Safety Code section 18007.

² Title 24, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle B, Chapter XX, Part 3280.

³ California Health and Safety Code section 18008.

⁴ Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Part 6, sections 110.10 and 150.1(c)(14)—The code provides exceptions for compliance.

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.

⁵ California 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.

⁶ A homeowner may voluntarily elect to install solar on manufactured homes/mobilehomes which triggers applicable Department laws and regulations.