

# AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10, BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY CODE

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Assembly Bill 2188 is intended to promote and encourage the installation and use of solar energy systems by limiting obstacles to their use and streamlining the permitting of such systems.

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- AB2188, effective on January, 1, 2015:
  - Promotes installation of small residential rooftop solar energy systems
  - Provides statewide standards for permitting and installation
  - Requires adoption of an ordinance for expedited, streamlined permitting
  - Restricts permit review to health and safety issues, no design review

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## Submittal Requirements

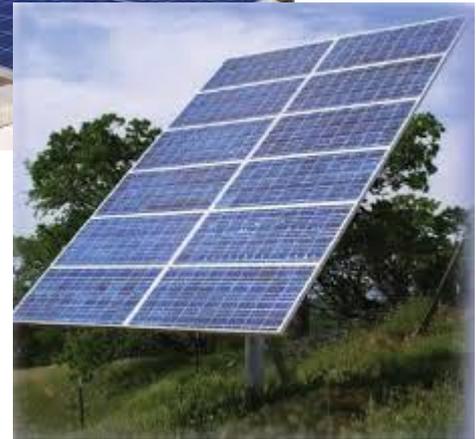
- Qualified roof mounted solar system on single and duplex residential buildings will receive expedited plan check when following is provided:
  - Completed Eligibility Checklist
  - Submittal Requirements Bulletin
  - A completed Standard Electrical Plan
  - Roof plan showing location of Photo Voltaic (PV) system
  - Completed expedited Structural Criteria and required documentation

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## Typical PV Systems



- ▶ Qualified Under 2188



- ▶ Not qualified

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## Other Provisions of AB2188:

- ▶ The County must approve or reject an application within 45 days of submittal.
  - Current 10 business day review time performance objective will continue
- ▶ Must accept electronic submittal
- ▶ All required forms and submittal requirements on the P&D Website
- ▶ Denial of permits is appealable to the County Planning Commission

# Recommendation

- ▶ Approve the introduction of an ordinance (first reading)
- ▶ Continue to the administrative agenda of September 8, 2015 to consider recommendations, as follows:  
Consider the adoption (second reading) of an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Building Regulations, relating to Expedited Permitting Procedures for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems;
- ▶ Adopt a resolution adopting the Eligibility Checklist
- ▶ Determine that this ordinance amendment is categorically exempt from CEQA Section 15061(b)(3)