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**IN THE MATTER OF:***Request for Comments on Proposed  
Guidelines for Residential Solar Permit  
Reporting – SB 379*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE ACCESS  
WORKSHOPRE: Proposed Guidelines for Residential Solar  
Permit Reporting – SB 379**Notice of Staff Workshop on the Proposed  
Guidelines for Residential Solar Permit Reporting – SB 379****December 8, 2022**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Remote Access Only**

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will host a workshop to solicit comments on the proposed *Guidelines for Residential Solar Permit Reporting – SB 379*, which were developed pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 379 (Wiener, Chapter 356, Statutes of 2022) related to compliance reporting requirements for residential solar energy system permitting. SB 379 establishes requirements for most California cities and counties to implement an online, automated permitting platform that verifies code compliance and issues permits in real time for residential solar energy systems, including those paired with energy storage. SB 379 requires the CEC to develop guidelines for cities and counties to report annually on the number of permits issued for residential solar energy systems and other relevant characteristics of those systems.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

**Agenda**

Staff will present an overview of the CEC's proposed *Guidelines for Residential Solar Permit Reporting – SB 379*. The overview will cover SB 379's requirements, compliance schedule, and exemptions. Staff will also present and solicit input on proposals for data reporting, formatting, and the process for annual reporting. There will also be an opportunity for public comment. Draft proposed guidelines will be posted prior to the workshop in the [Docket Log](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01) (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01>) for the [SB 379 webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/residential-solar-permit-reporting-sb-379) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/residential-solar-permit-reporting-sb-379>.

## **Background**

[Senate Bill 379](#) (Wiener) was signed into law in September 2022 and sets requirements for most California cities and counties to implement an online, automated permitting platform such as SolarAPP+. As required by SB 379, the CEC shall set guidelines for cities, counties, and cities and counties to report to the CEC on the number of permits issued for residential solar energy systems and the relevant characteristics of these systems. These guidelines will include information on the reporting process to the CEC.

The bill exempts cities with a population of fewer than 5,000 and counties with a population of fewer than 150,000, including each city within that county. A compliance deadline of September 30, 2023, is established for non-exempt jurisdictions with a population over 50,000, and September 30, 2024, for jurisdictions with a population of 50,000 or less.

## **Attendance Instructions:**

**Remote** participants may join via Zoom by internet or phone.

- **To join via Zoom.** Click on <https://energy.zoom.us/j/96925059304?pwd=YmpYckZhMm1hbJj6aW9zYnR1RkNydz09> or login in at <https://zoom.us/> and enter the Webinar ID 969 2505 9304 and passcode 018437 and follow all prompts.
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## **Public Comment**

**Oral comments** will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press \*9 to "raise your hand" and \*6 to mute/unmute.

**Written comments** may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on January 9, 2023. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by

email. Include docket number 21-SOLAR-01 and Workshop Residential Solar Permit Reporting – SB 379 in the subject line and email to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

The CEC encourages the use of its electronic commenting system. Visit the [e-commenting page](#) for this docket at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/EComment/EComment.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01>. Enter your contact information and a subject title that describes your comment. Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word or Adobe® Acrobat®. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

A paper copy may be mailed to:

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**Availability of Documents:** Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available on the [docket log](#) (<https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=21-SOLAR-01>) for [Residential Solar Permit Reporting – SB 379](#) (<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/residential-solar-permit-reporting-sb-379>).

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**Dated:** November 22, 2022, at Sacramento, California

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