

Bay Area Regional Solar Ordinance Toolkit

**BayREN Forum: Local Mandatory Solar
Ordinance as a Pathway for New
Residential Construction**

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Today's Overview

- Why rooftop solar PV?
- Why use a toolkit?
- Elements of the toolkit
- Next steps



Why rooftop solar, why now?

Solar Briefly Topped 50% of California Electricity in March, Driving Rates Below Zero

[David Z. Morris](#)

Apr 08, 2017

Rooftop solar installations rising but pace of growth falls

By **Ivan Penn**

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Groundbreaking Clean Energy Storage Initiative Passes California Senate

BILL TO CREATE \$1.4 BILLION IN CONSUMER REBATES FOR ENERGY STORAGE ADVANCES TO THE ASSEMBLY

Trump Will Withdraw U.S. From Paris Climate Agreement

By MICHAEL D. SHEAR JUNE 1, 2017



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A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, spanning across the water. The bridge's iconic orange-red towers and suspension cables are prominent against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, a large, light-colored building is visible on the left side of the bridge. The water is a deep blue, and the overall scene is bright and clear.

Why use a regional Toolkit?

- Take advantage of lessons learned from Bay Area local government experiences
- Efficiently use a step-by-step guide to adopt solar reach codes and get them approved by the State
- Use editable time-saving templates



What's in the Toolkit?

Core Elements

- User Guide
- Bay Area Ordinance Template (editable)
- CEC's Cost-effectiveness Template
- Ordinance Adoption and CEC Approval Guide
- Market Outreach Packet

What's in the Toolkit?

User Guide

- State energy code and local reach codes
- Dynamic trends of solar
- Optional enhancements
- Guidance for exceptions





What's in the Toolkit? (cont'd)

Bay Area Ordinance Template (editable)

- Added “Whereas” findings
- Added clarity and text typically used in local government ordinances

Ordinance Adoption and CEC Approval Guide

- Staff report (editable)
- CEQA compliance statements
- Filing checklist

CEC's Cost-effectiveness Template



What's in the Toolkit? (cont'd)

Outreach Materials Packet

- Slide deck
- Q & A
- Community benefits (Making the case for solar PV)
- Additional resources



Next Steps

- Update toolkit with your input
- Work with partners to support efforts at local level
- Present final toolkit to BARC/Air District Boards
- Estimated launch by early-August
- Build on this effort for future solar ordinances



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