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Overview

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The 2022 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Energy Code) has battery storage system requirements for newly constructed nonresidential buildings that require a solar photovoltaic (solar PV) system (2022 Nonresidential Solar PV Fact Sheet). The solar PV requirements apply to buildings where at.

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A coalition of clean energy, consumer protection and environmental groups filed a motion on July 25 seeking a preliminary injunction to halt enforcement of a new California rule that would severely restrict solar contractors from installing and servicing battery storage systems. The rule, approved.

In a study on battery energy storage last year, the California Independent System Operator (“CAISO”) estimated that California is projected to need 50



gigawatts of energy storage by 2045 to meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals. See CAISO Report on Energy Storage. To date, installed storage. Can a community shared solar system be used as a battery storage system?

If approved by the commission, community shared solar systems, other community shared renewable systems, community shared battery storage systems, or combination of these systems can be used to comply partially, or totally, with the PV System, and Battery Storage System Requirements of Sections 140.0 (c), 150.1 (a)3, or 170.0 (a)3 of Title 24.

Can a battery storage system be used as a standalone system?

A battery storage system can be installed as a standalone system for additional compliance credit, when not required prescriptively. Also, a battery system larger than the prescriptive requirement can be used to tradeoff for a smaller solar PV system. Are There Exceptions?

Yes.

Does a battery storage system need a rated usable energy capacity?

No. For compliance with the Energy Code the rated usable energy capacity of the battery storage system in kWh must be used for Equation 140.10-B - PDF. The usable capacity is the battery energy storage capacity in kWh that a manufacturer allows to be used for charging and discharging.

Is the battery storage system self-certified?

Yes. The battery storage system is self-certified by the manufacturer to the CEC to meet the JA12 qualifications - PDF to comply with applicable prescriptive and performance requirements in the Energy Code. For more information, please visit the manufacturer certifications of building equipment Battery and Energy Storage Systems webpage.

Are battery storage projects a fire hazard?

Finally, as fire safety concerns associated with lithium-ion technology batteries continue to be addressed, permitting hurdles for battery storage projects should ease. An update to the California Fire Code to address electrical energy storage systems is anticipated in July 2025 (with a draft to fire departments in May 2025).

Are battery & energy storage systems CEC certified?



A list of certified batteries is available on the CEC website. covered by warranty or 70% of nameplate capacity under 10-year warranty. Do battery & energy storage systems need to be certified to the CEC to meet Reference Joint Appendix JA12 requirements?

Yes.



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California's New SARA Requirements for PV Systems & Battery Storage

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In order to meet these goals, California must be able to successfully store solar and wind energy generated only when the sun is shining, and the wind is blowing.



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