

MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT PREVENTION DIVISION

PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM SIGNAGE WORDING

To assist us with Fire Department Emergency Operations, please review the required wording from the National Electrical Code 690. In addition to signing and marking requirements of the California Building Code and the California Residential Code, the following signing and marking is required:

MAIN PANEL EXTERIOR MARKING. A placard is required to be permanently affixed to the main service disconnect panel. The placard shall be red in color with white capital letters at least ½" in height and in a non-serif font, to read "SOLAR DISCONNECT INSIDE PANEL" The placard shall be constructed of weather-resistant, durable plastic with engraved letters, or other approved material.

CIRCUIT DISCONNECTING MEANS MARKING. A permanent label is to be affixed adjacent to the circuit breaker controlling the inverter or other photovoltaic system electrical controller. The label shall have contrasting color, capital letters at least 3/8" in height and in a non-serif font, to read "SOLAR DISCONNECT" The label shall be constructed of durable adhesive material or other approved material.

SECONDARY POWER SOURCES. Where photovoltaic systems are interconnected to battery systems, generator backup systems, or other secondary power systems, additional signage acceptable to the fire code official shall be required indicating the location of the secondary power source shutoff switch.

INSTALLER INFORMATION. Signage acceptable to the fire code official indicating the name and emergency telephone number of the installing contractor shall be required to be installed adjacent to the main disconnect.

For additional information, please contact: **Monterey County Regional Fire District** (831) 455-1828