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Memo

To: Solar Photovoltaic Installers and Mechanical Contractors

From: Dan Kavarian, Interim Building Official 

Date: June 20, 2012

Re: Required Service Changes for New Solar or Any Other New Appliance Installations

Effective immediately the City of Napa Building Division will require a service upgrade for any Solar Photovoltaic or Any New Appliance installation (i.e. furnace/ac) where the main service is a Zinsco manufactured meter main. Due to complications from these service panels in the past and the difficulties acquiring new breakers for future circuits, we have come to the conclusion that we will no longer support the use of these panels in this type of application. At time of plan submittal the manufacturer of the service main must be shown on the plans and approved prior to permit issuance. If there is an existing Zinsco meter main, you will then be asked to contact PG&E to obtain a service planning request. All service upgrades must have PG&E approval and be tagged by us prior to reconnect. Your permit will not receive a final inspection if this is an outstanding issue. Any service upgrades done without PG&E approval will be "RED TAGGED" and the project will be put on hold. If the inspector performs an inspection on your project and a Zinsco meter main is in place and is not identified on the plans, the job will also be stopped and a "RED TAG" will be issued and you will be held responsible for all penalties charged.