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SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT			
FIRE PREVENTION STANDARD			
STANDARD TITLE:	Photovoltaic Energy Systems		
STANDARD NUMBER:	35	EFFECTIVE DATE:	10/31/25 REVISION DATE:

SCOPE

This standard is designed as a guideline to determine when a roof configuration can be determined to be similar to the of a Group R-3 occupancy and is pursuant to Section 1205.3 of the 2022 California Fire Code.

SPECIFICATIONS

A building may be considered for the exception of Section 1205.3 when it meets the following specifications as its roof structure could be determined as similar to that of a Group R-3 occupancy. If these specifications are met, Sections 1205.2.1.1 through 1205.2.1.3 are a suitable alternative.

1. Solar photovoltaic panels are proposed on the non-frontage side of the building
2. Solar photovoltaic panels are not proposed on the roof along aerial access.
3. The slope of the roof does not inhibit firefighting ventilation operations.

If any condition is not met, the exception in Section 1205.3 does not apply.