





June 23, 2020

Elizabeth Blythe, California Division Vice President Ei Companies 1 Civic Center Drive, Suite 300 San Marcos, California 92069

Dear Ms. Blythe:

In response to the solar access tool application dated March 10, 2020, California Energy Commission (CEC) staff have reviewed the application and associated software to determine whether the solar assessment tool was accurate in modeling the effects of shading on solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. In addition, staff conducted demonstration meetings with staff from Ei Companies. CEC staff is satisfied with the capability of the solar assessment from Solmetric Suneye and Scanifly and has determined that it is comparable to measured data in PV system performance.

The Executive Director hereby approves the Solar Assessment Tool by Solmetric Suneye and Scanifly for use as specified in JA11.4(a).

The CEC website will be updated to reflect this change and staff will develop a Blueprint newsletter article to inform the public and local jurisdictions about the approval of the tool.

If you have any questions, please contact Danny Tam at <a href="mailto:danny.tam@energy.ca.gov">danny.tam@energy.ca.gov</a> or 916-654-8435, or Peter Strait at <a href="mailto:peter.strait@energy.ca.gov">peter.strait@energy.ca.gov</a> or 916-654-2817.

Sincerely,

Drew Bohan

**Executive Director**