

# RESIDENTIAL SOLAR REBATE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

### **PURPOSE**

To establish policy guidelines and procedures regarding the application and rebate process for the Rancho Mirage Energy Authority Residential Solar Rebate Program.

# INTRODUCTION

The Residential Solar Rebate Program seeks to encourage the installation of new solar power systems and solar system expansions which will save energy and money, as well as increase the value of your home. RMEA's Residential Solar Rebate Program offers an incentive of a one-time \$500.00 rebate to any residential RMEA customer who installs a new solar system or to those that expand an existing solar system by adding additional solar panels or solar battery storage, with a permit issuance date on or after May 1, 2018. This will result in lower out-of-pocket costs for your investment in upgrading to renewable energy efficient technology and reduce electricity bills.

The following program guidelines act to detail the various aspects of the Program including: eligibility, procedures and termination. Eligibility of rebates shall be determined by City staff in accordance with these guidelines.

# **ELIGIBILITY**

To participate in the Residential Solar Rebate Program, all applicants must be:

- Actively enrolled in RMEA since inception (May 2018), or actively enrolled in RMEA for at least one year;
- The property owner at the time of solar permit issuance or the first purchaser of a newly built home;
- Installing a new residential solar system or expanding an existing solar system (existing solar system installations and expansions with a permit issuance date prior to May 1, 2018 are not eligible.);
- Remain an RMEA Net Energy Metering (NEM) customer.

### **PROCEDURES**

Upon completion of new solar installation or existing system expansion, prospective applicants must submit a Residential Solar Rebate Program Rebate Request form along with supporting documentation. City staff will review all requests, make eligibility determinations at its sole and absolute discretion, and process all eligible rebates which will be mailed to the applicant.

# **TERMINATION**

The City of Rancho Mirage reserves the right to terminate any rights conferred upon a participant under the Residential Solar Rebate Program if a participant is found to be in violation of any conditions set forth in these guidelines.

# APPLICATION AND INFORMATION

If you wish to participate in the Residential Solar Rebate Program or would like additional information, please contact Jessica Pulliam at (760) 324-4511 Ext. 211 or <a href="mailto:jessicap@ranchomirageca.gov">jessicap@ranchomirageca.gov</a>.