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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Citizen Advisory Committees and Interested Parties

**FROM:** Stephanie Cormier, Principal Planner

**DATE:** August 5, 2022

**RE:** Proposed Amendments to Zoning Regulations  
Article 11: Energy and Telecommunications Development Standards

The Planning Division is proposing to amend certain Sections of the Zoning Regulations in Chapter 2 of Title 8, Yolo County Code of Ordinances. Specifically, staff has prepared a public review draft of proposed changes that affect Article 11: Energy and Telecommunications Development Standards with respect to Section 8-2.1102 (Wireless Telecommunication Facilities), Section 8-2.1104 (Small and Medium Solar Energy Systems) and Section 8-2.1105 (Large and Very Large Solar Energy Systems). Staff is proposing to combine the Solar Energy Systems ordinances into one Section (8-2.1104) and will add a new Section 8-2.1105 for Energy Storage Systems.

The primary purposes of the proposed zoning amendments are to update regulations to facilitate permit streamlining, clarify terminology, reduce regulatory hurdles, and identify new uses. Changes proposed to Section 8-2.1102 redefine telecommunication facilities tower heights and provide for a more efficient process for permitting collocation and minor changes to the base structure and tower at permitted facilities. Sections 8-2.1104 and 8-2.1105 have been substantially revised and combined into one Section 8-2.1104 to more accurately define 'accessory' or onsite serving solar energy uses and to make the distinction between accessory solar uses and 'utility' (larger scale) solar uses.

Staff is also proposing to add a new section to Article 11 that addresses energy storage systems, which can be coupled with renewable energy systems or installed as stand-alone facilities.

The public review draft of proposed changes to Article 11 can be viewed online and downloaded at the following link: [Current Projects | Yolo County](#). The draft has been prepared with changes shown in legislative font using ~~strike through~~ for text proposed to be eliminated or replaced and underline to identify proposed new text. In some cases, text has been modified or retained but moved to a new location or subsection.

You are being invited to comment prior to the draft being brought to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Each active Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

will have an opportunity for review and comment when the item is placed as an Action Item on the agenda. All comments will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their consideration. A public hearing with the Planning Commission for their recommendation is tentatively scheduled for the September 8, 2022, meeting.

We are requesting that this first round of comments be submitted by August 31, 2022; however, all comments will be accepted up until final action is taken by the Board of Supervisors, including prior to and at the public hearings with the Planning Commission and Board.

For reference, Article 11 of Chapter 2, Title 8, can be accessed at the following links:

- [Zoning Code | Yolo County](#)
- [Article 11: Energy and Telecommunications Development Standards \(amlegal.com\)](#)

Comments submitted by individuals can be sent to the following locations:

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For questions, please contact me at (530) 666-8041. Your participation in the public comment process is greatly appreciated.