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Correction to the 2016 California Fire Code for Photovoltaic Power Systems

During the 2016 Intervening Code Cycle, the Office of the State Fire Marshal adopted the language for photovoltaic power systems from the 2018 International Fire Code (IFC) and the 2018 International Residential Building Code into the 2016 California Fire Code (CFC) section 605.11.1 and California Residential Code (CRC) section 324.6. The code changes in the CRC are correct. However, the changes in the CFC contain errata: There are three code sections that should have been deleted but were not.

The SFM requests you delete these sections to eliminate the current conflict in the code requirement in the CFC: 605.11.1.2.3 (Single-ridge roofs), 605.11.1.2.4 (Roofs with hips and valleys) and 605.11.1.2.5 (Allowance for smoke ventilation operations). These errata create a conflict in the code that was not intended.