



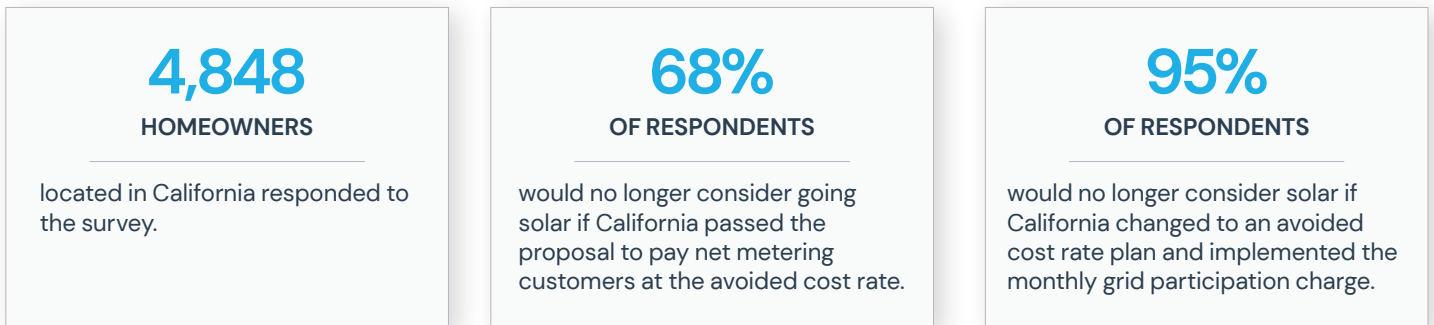
NEM 3.0 Survey:

CPUC PROPOSAL WILL REDUCE THE NUMBER OF NEW SOLAR INSTALLATIONS IN CALIFORNIA BY 95%

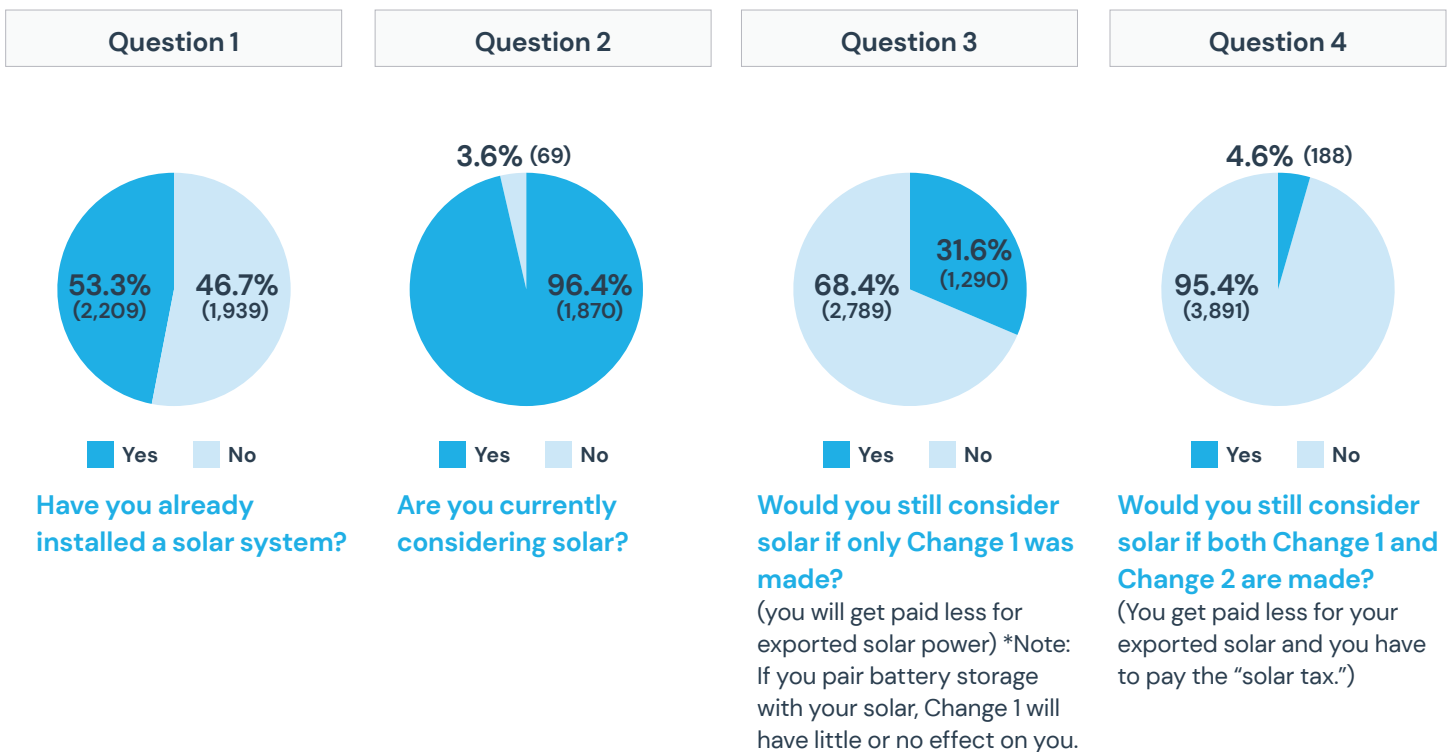
The California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) released a proposed decision on December 13, 2021, that, according to a new survey of solar interested homeowners, will reduce the number of new solar installations in California by 95%.

Summary:

On January 5, 2022, SolarReviews sent a survey to California homeowners who requested solar quotes through the SolarReviews website in the last two years:



Survey Results:



Survey Format:

Question 1 was on its own. If they said “Yes” they went right to Questions 3 and 4 which appeared on the same page. If they said “No” they went to Question 2.

Question 2 was on its own. If they said “Yes” they went right to Questions 3 and 4 which appeared on the same page. If they said “No” then they did not see Question 3 or 4.

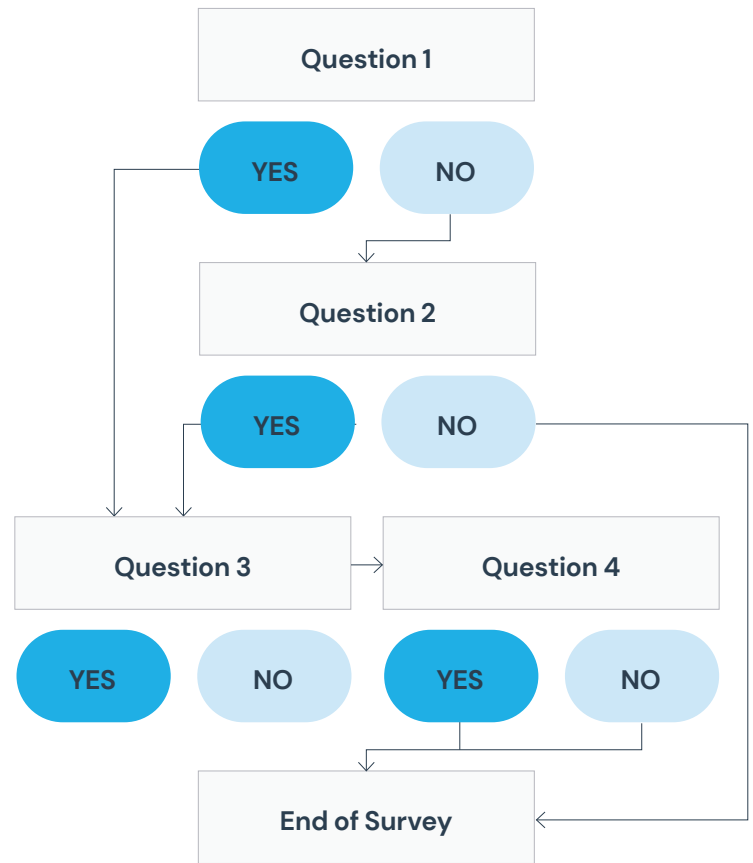
Questions 3 and 4 were on the same page. At the top of the page, the survey said the following:

Proposed Changes

Change 1: Proposal to change net metering to an avoided cost rate plan, reducing the amount paid to homeowners for their excess solar power. On average, homeowners will receive only \$0.04–\$0.05 cents per kWh, versus the original rate of \$0.22–\$0.36 cents.

**Note: If you have battery storage, Change 1 will not be a significant burden, your excess power is stored within the battery.*

Change 2: The introduction of a “solar tax.” All new solar customers will pay \$8 per month per kW of solar installed. Additional flat rate charges up to \$16 per month are applicable based on your utility. Meaning, for an average sized 8kW system, there would be an added fee (“tax”) of between \$64 – \$80 per month.



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