

**AUBURN WATER DISTRICT**  
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RE: AWD Solar Array RFP Questions

1. *We just want to confirm if the town would be the off-taker for the PV output. Or is there a community solar program you'd want to consider.*

**AWD:** The District does not require the development of a community solar program or the dedication of the solar array output to any specific end use customers. The District will not be entering into an Alternative On-Bill Credit purchase agreement with the Developer or be involved with developing a community solar program for the RFP

2. *Does the current zoning at the site indicate the need for a conditional use permit? Or is large solar a permitted use within the zoning district?*

**AWD:** Per the Auburn Zoning By-laws, large ground-mounted solar energy systems are permitted for the AWD parcels but would be required to the approval process. There are no references to 'conditional use permit' in the Zoning By-laws

3. *The RFP states that "the Selected Developer and all sub-contractors must possess all valid certifications and/or licenses as required by federal, state, and local laws.". Can the District specify the names of these certifications?*

**AWD:** This statement is directed primarily at the tradespeople installing the system (e.g. electricians, plumbers) but also applies if Selected Developer has in-house services applicable to the project that require a certification and/or license (e.g. licensed engineer).

4. *Would the District potentially extend the lease to a 40-year useful life?*

**AWD:** The District would consider extending the lease term for an additional two 5-year terms. If the Developer wishes to submit a 40-year lease estimate, in addition to the existing 30-year lease option in the RFP, they are free to do so.