

INTRODUCTION

US Solar is proposing a 4.5MWac community solar project on an approximately 53-acre main parcel with two adjacent parcels approximately 3 & 32-acres respectively, being used solely for site access. The proposed project premises is currently being used for agricultural purposes, as are the surrounding parcels. The proposed project premises is situated on relatively flat land with a small knoll rising out of the northeast corner of the main parcel. The project premises appear to drain primarily to the south and west with a small depression located in the center of the main parcel.

The site will be accessed from the south via the two adjacent parcels listed previously from a new site entrance off of the bend in Francis Road. A new previous access road consisting of crushed limestone aggregate (CA-7 or equivalent) will be constructed to allow fire and maintenance access to the proposed site. The solar panels will be aligned N/S and track the sun throughout the day for increased efficiency, for more information regarding the specifications of the proposed equipment please see attachment 6_Solar Equipment Specifications.

PROPOSED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

As discussed in the technical meeting for USS Rhea Solar LLC, stormwater detention is required for projects with over 25,000 sq ft of new impervious area added to the site's existing condition and for areas of disturbance over 3 acres.

Using the Minnesota method to calculate hydrologically disconnected surfaces we found that the total BMP volume for the site is approximately 21961 cu ft.

H = 7.45 ft
W = 3.72 ft
Y = 12.2 ft
amax = 60 degrees or 1.0472 radians
amin = 0 degrees or 0 radians

$$Z = (\cos(\alpha_{\max})H + \cos(\alpha_{\min})H) / 2$$

$$Z = 7.45 \text{ ft}$$

Imp Area (Y + Z) * W = 27.7 sq ft
Perv Area Z * W = 73.1 sq ft

15575 (modules) * 1.41 (cu ft, Water Quality Volume per panel) = total BMP Volume Required =
21960.75 cu ft or 0.5 ac-ft

Proposed BMPs will be sized and designed in accordance with the final engineered plans that will be submitted for a building permit.

DRAINAGE & EROSION

As stated previously the proposed project premises drain primarily to the south and to the west. Because of the location of the site and the historic land use of these parcels it is likely that there is drain tile on the proposed project premises or in the immediate vicinity. A formal drain tile survey of the proposed project premises will be commissioned by US Solar as it will be required for final engineering and the building permit.

The final engineering plans submitted for the building permit will include sufficient erosion and sedimentation control strategies in compliance with all applicable local, county, and state regulations. US Solar will submit a Notice of Intent to receive support under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES).

WETLANDS

According to data from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetland Inventory (NWI) there are not any wetlands on the proposed project site.

FLOODPLAINS

According to data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) there is a small area in the northwestern corner of the main parcel on the proposed project site that overlaps with an existing Zone A (1% Chance of Annual Flooding). As shown on the site plan the floodplain is being avoided entirely and will not be disturbed by the proposed community solar energy system.

This spreadsheet makes calculations for an individual solar panel.

Enter values in blue cells																			
Soil	D		select from dropdown; determine soil on site																
I/P ratio	0.379		calculated																
Term	Value	Units																	
Pervious area	73.10	square feet	user entered; determine on site																
Impervious area (area of solar panel)	27.71	square feet	user entered; determine on site																
Runoff depth from pervious areas	7.20	inches	default = 4.4 for A soil, 5.7 for B, 6.1 for C, 7.2 for D																
Redirected runoff depth from solar panel (called average annual runoff depth)	9.00	inches	determine from plot called Average annual runoff depth																
Runoff depth from solar panel	22.50	inches	default = 22.5 inches																
Performance goal	1.00	inches																	
SUMMARY																			
Pre-disconnection																			
Runoff from impervious	52	ft3	calculated																
Runoff from pervious	44	ft3	calculated																
Total runoff	96	ft3	calculated																
Post-disconnection																			
Total runoff	76	ft3	calculated																
Total runoff reduced	20	ft3	calculated																
Runoff from pervious	44	ft3	calculated																
Runoff from impervious	32	ft3	calculated																
Adjusted impervious	16.934	square feet	calculated																
Performance Goal Summary																			
Performance goal	2.31	ft3	calculated																
BMP volume credit (BMP _{volume credit})	0.90	ft3	calculated																
% of performance goal achieved	38.9	%	calculated																
Remaining water quality volume to be treated (per panel)	1.41	ft3	calculated																
Pervious area = (Y + Z) * W; where W is the width of the solar panel and Z is the average horizontal distance of the panel																			
Impervious area = Z * W; where W is the width of the solar panel and Z is the average horizontal distance of the panel																			



