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57 MW of Solar Electricity in Sonoma County

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) recently announced that 57 MW of photovoltaic electricity has been installed throughout Sonoma County. With 5,613 photovoltaic sites and 12% photovoltaic capacity per capita, the County is viewed as a leader in solar generation amongst 45 counties and 665 communities in the PG&E service region.

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Photovoltaic (PV) Installations in PG&L Service Territory North Bay / North Const Counties There are 45 Counties & 665 Communities w/PV in the PC&F Service Territory. The rankings below compare all Counties and Communities to each other.

The Energy Independence Program has financed 8.75

MW (over 15%) of the total solar electricity in the County using Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing. Click on the picture or visit our facebook page: www.facebook.com/SCEIP to view solar statistics of counties in the PG&E service territory.

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New Website Design Goes Live

On May 23rd, 2013, the Energy Independence Program launched its new website designed with a fresh look, user-friendly navigation and several new features. People visiting the site can now choose what property type best suits



their interest - residential or commercial. This allows users to find information pertaining to their needs more quickly and easily. Qualified Contractors are able to request tools from the Tool Lending Library directly from the website, streamlining the process and making it more efficient. The Locate Contractors tool now contains advanced search options, allowing

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Statewide Home Energy Rating Incentive Program

Incentives of \$400 are available to offset the cost of a post-upgrade Home Energy Rating.

The California Center for Sustainable Energy is offering a \$400 rebate to homeowners that complete an Energy Upgrade California project, utilize



one the eligible financing products and receive a post-upgrade rating on their home. The rebate is intended to offset the cost of rating performed. PACE financing offered through The Energy Independence Program is one of the eligible financing options for this rebate.

To get your <u>rebate</u>, find a participating contractor to help you define and complete your project. Then connect with a Rater to perform a HERS II Home Energy Rating once your project is complete. Incentives will be available while funds last or until December 31, 2014, whichever occurs first.

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Volunteer for Greentivities Event at the Fair

Want to share your passion for sustainable living with others in a fun environment?

The Energy Independence Program is seeking energetic, creative volunteers to assist with the Greentivities event at the



Sonoma County Fair this summer. This fun, interactive event is designed to promote and educate on ways to recycle, reduce, conserve, and live more sustainably.

Each volunteer will get a free fair pass & parking for each volunteer day, along with an additional entry pass to share, or use later. Volunteering at Greentivities may also qualify for community service hours.

Volunteers should be 16+ years of age, have good communication skills and enjoy working with people. The fair runs July 25 through August 11 from 11am - 10pm daily. Volunteer shifts are 4 hours. Volunteer orientation will be

Contractors' Corner

Energy Independence Program Monthly Contractors' Forum This Month: Changes in California's 2013 Title 24 Building Energy Efficiency Standards

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 **Time:** 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: 2300 County Center Drive, Suite A212 (La Plaza Building A, upstairs conference room), Santa Rosa, California

If you arrive after 5 p.m., please call (707) 565-1361 for entry to the building.

If you would like to attend the forum please register here.



Martyn Dodd of EnergySoft, LLC will discuss residential building envelope, lighting and mechanical requirements affecting existing residential construction under California's 2013 Title-24 Energy Efficiency Standards scheduled to take effect January 1, 2014.

Attend this forum to learn how the latest version of the Standards will affect building design in existing residential construction projects. Mr. Dodd will highlight aspects of the Standards that are new for the 2013 implementation. Changes for the 2013 Standards are the most significant set of changes since the inception of the standards.

PV Design and Installation Class presented by Solar Sonoma County. 9am - 3pm Sundays, June 30th-August 18th. Register <u>here</u>.

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