



City of Grover Beach

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City of Grover Beach Goes Green

GROVER BEACH, CA — The City of Grover Beach is going green with the assistance of PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc. (PacificWest), a qualified Energy Services Company with the U. S. Department of Energy. Grover Beach has obtained \$ 516,000 in grants and low interest loans from the California State Energy Commission to complete a series of energy saving improvements to City facilities this year. Planned improvements include: replacing the heating and air conditioning systems, upgrading lighting fixtures and controls and retrofitting traffic signals. Those improvements will save 168,220 kWh of electricity, 1,695 therms of natural gas, and reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by 129 metric tons annually--the equivalent to planting 3,308 trees and removing 24 automobiles from the road. An additional community benefit will be significant savings for the City's budget.

Grover Beach Mayor John Shoals states, "Partnering with PacificWest, the City was able to design, finance and install equipment upgrades that will reduce energy costs and positively impact the environment." Mayor Shoals also notes, "This is one of the first energy savings projects in the County to use Federal Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and the State's Energy Commission."

"We understand that public agencies are essential partners in achieving California's goals to conserve energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to stimulate the economy. Our firm is committed to delivering ecologically correct standards, while enabling the City of Grover Beach to achieve goals that are both environmentally sustainable and economically competitive," said PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc. Executive Vice President, Patrick A. Weller, LEED AP.

PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc., a small minority-owned business with offices locally, assisted the City in putting together a successful grant application to the Energy Commission in the amount of \$71,000. The remaining \$445,000, also received with the assistance of PacificWest, will come in the form of a low-cost loan bearing an interest rate of 1%. Cost savings generated from the energy improvements will offset the debt service payments on the loan.

For further information, please contact City Manager Bob Perrault at 473-4567.

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