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Housing Authority Receives \$934,000 in Solar Panel Rebate

Solar Panels Benefit Residents in Barstow Property

(San Bernardino, CA) The Sunrise Vista apartments in Barstow, a 156 unit complex owned by the Housing Authority, recently received a \$933,638 rebate from Southern California Edison's Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing (MASH) incentive program for the solar panels installed at the site. The Housing Authority worked with Heliopower to design, develop, engineer, and construct a 293 kilowatt roof-mounted solar facility.

The panels have been operational since December 2012 and the community is already seeing the immediate benefits. About 68% of its production is benefiting residents and 32% is offsetting common area energy load. The solar panels are also offsetting over 468,000 kilowatt hours annually, reducing each resident's energy bills by \$260 and reducing common area energy expenses by almost 100% or \$24,000 each year.

This project has been one of many renewable energy upgrades the Housing Authority is pursuing to show its' commitment to implementing green initiatives to increase sustainability and save energy. "We are pleased to have been able to incorporate the solar panels as part of the larger renovation efforts at this apartment complex because this is a huge endeavor that is benefiting mostly the residents," states Daniel Nackerman, HACSB's President/CEO.

Heliopower's VP of Business Development Thomas Millhoff said "The Housing Authority leads the nation in implementing solar, energy efficiency, xeriscaping and other sustainable projects. Using grants, incentives and structured financing they've reduced property operating costs and passed the savings on to tenants. Heliopower is proud to have collaborated on over 30 such sustainability projects, and to have helped the Housing Authority's execute its motto of *Building Communities, Changing Lives*".



Above, solar panels a top the property roof tops.

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About HACSB

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the nation's most progressive housing authorities. As the largest provider of affordable housing in the County, we proudly serve in excess of 30,000 people, most of whom are seniors, disabled individuals, and children. We also work on providing our families with the resources, skills, and motivation to achieve their personal goals. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com.

About HelioPower

HelioPower's mission is to reduce the cost of energy for our clients. We employ a diversified approach to providing renewable energy technologies and load reduction expertise. Because needs can vary greatly among energy consumers, HelioPower is committed to helping our clients understand their unique energy challenges as well as delivering a highly customized array of services and products to address any energy objective. Our specialized professionals with decades of combined experience are retained to serve best within their respective areas of expertise through our well-defined service lines.