



Perris Press Release

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Perris Energy Reduction Achievements Recognized

The City of Perris continues on its innovative path to saving energy and continues receiving accolades for those successes.

Perris Mayor Daryl Busch and Assistant City Manager Ron Carr picked up the latest award this week at the Perris City Council meeting, courtesy of the Western Riverside Council of Governments. WRCOG Executive Director Rick Bishop and Program Manager Barbara Spoonhour presented the City with a plaque for Perris' participation in Southern California Edison's "Energy Leader Partnership Program."

The award recognizes the City's "participation and dedication to being an energy leader in the community," for achieving energy efficiency savings and for conveying to the community "that the City is taking a leadership role in promoting energy efficiency."

Last year, WRCOG and Southern Cal Edison and 11 Riverside County cities—including Perris—partnered on a program to help reduce energy consumption throughout the region. The program included providing suggestions to businesses about how they could reduce energy consumption and costs. A total of 56 Perris businesses participated.

The City has a long-term commitment to energy efficiency.

In 2008, Perris received the Helen Putnam award from the League of California Cities for installing solar panels throughout its campus, which resulted in the savings of 800,000-kilowatt hours of electricity in its first year. Over 20 years, the solar panels are expected to save Perris taxpayers \$2 million.

Solar panels are just one way Perris is taking the lead in energy conservation.

The City Council instituted a program to install energy-efficient lighting, heaters and air-conditioners and programmable thermostats, resulting in the savings of 243,000-kilowatt hours of savings. Perris has installed drought-resistant landscaping at City Hall and a low-flow irrigation system along with planting trees and shrubs to provide cooling and shade.

In July, Perris will initiate a program with WRCOG and Edison to help mobile home owners retrofit their residences with energy-saving devices like low-flow shower heads, faucet aerators and new refrigerators.



Western Riverside Council of Governments Program Manager, is Barbara Spoonhour, Perris Mayor Daryl Busch, Assistant City Manager Ron Carr and WRCOG's Executive Director, Rick Bishop, at this week's award ceremony in Perris City Council Chambers.