



## Perris Press Release

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### Perris Achieves "Silver Tier" in Energy Leadership

The City of Perris' commitment to saving energy and scarce global resources continues to earn notice and honors across Southern California.

Southern California Edison representatives have notified the City that has achieved Silver-Tier status in its Energy Leader Partnership Program—the result of energy savings verified by the utility this month.

The Silver-Tier means that Perris has reduced energy consumption by at least 5 percent throughout all its municipal facilities since 2004 and that it also has encouraged businesses throughout the City to conserve.

The business-partnership program saw Perris officials reach out to 56 businesses last year with suggestions about how they could lower their energy consumption and bills.

"The City of Perris has a long-standing commitment to save money and energy," said Perris Mayor Daryl Busch. "We are always looking at creative and innovative ways to save resources. We like to set a good example for our businesses and residents."

Run in conjunction with SCE and the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), the Energy Leader Partnership Program is hailed as a win-win for municipalities and the communities they serve. The program encourages cities to "lead by example" by retrofitting their facilities to achieve energy reductions.

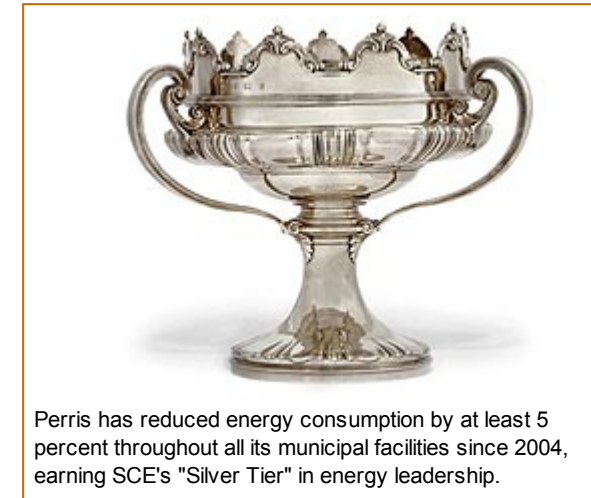
As a member of the partnership, Perris receives incentives or rebates for reducing its energy use. The more it curbs its energy appetite, the more incentives it receives.

The City has a long-term commitment to energy efficiency, which has resulted in millions of hours of kilowatt-savings in recent years.

In 2008, Perris received the Helen Putnam award from the League of California Cities for installing solar panels throughout its campus, which netted 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.

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 initiated 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.



Perris has reduced energy consumption by at least 5 percent throughout all its municipal facilities since 2004, earning SCE's "Silver Tier" in energy leadership.