Community Benefits

2006 Annual Report
We are pleased to provide you with this Community Benefits Annual Report which contains an overview of how Public Benefit funds were used this year.

We are particularly proud that Riverside is using an increasing share of diversified, renewable “Green Power” sources of energy. Through the use of Public Benefit funds, we now have eight local generation stations that produce 509 kilowatts of photovoltaic (PV) solar power each year with two more on the way.

Riverside is closing in on its goal of 1 megawatt of locally generated PV power.

We hope you continue to take advantage of our conservation programs, and remember…it pays to be a Riverside Public Utilities customer.

Sincerely,

David H. Wright
Public Utilities General Manager

Our Board of Public Utilities meetings are held at 8:15 a.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month at 3901 Orange Street. We welcome you to attend.
Giving Back to the Community

Public Benefit Funds are used for:

- Low-income assistance.
- Renewable energy projects.
- Energy conservation and education.
- Research and development.

2005-2006 Residential Rebate Distribution in Dollars

- $300
- $17,491
- $39,449
- $142,556
- $31,967
- $51,295
- $124,334
- $186,458
- $383,847
- $670,430

PV
Weatherization

2005-2006 Public Benefits Fund Distribution

- $2.19 million Green Power Projects
- $1.64 million Residential Rebates
- $0.63 million Business Rebates

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Many Riverside residents and businesses have taken advantage of our rebate programs. In fact, over the past eight years, we’ve spent $40 million dollars to fund rebates, incentives, school programs and photovoltaic solar projects—all to benefit our community. Some of our most popular programs have been highlighted here. If you haven’t already received a rebate, please join in and start saving!

**Powerful Rebates**

**TREE POWER**
Customers planted over 7,500 trees this year and over 42,000 free shade trees since 2001. That is enough to save as much as 7 million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year when fully grown. Each March, we send you a coupon with your utility bill that you can use for a free tree. In addition, you can receive a rebate for up to five more trees each year.

**ENERGY STAR®**
We’ve given over $6.1 million in rebates for Energy Star® rated appliances to almost 27,000 customers. Energy Star® rated refrigerators, room air conditioners, dishwashers and clothes washers all qualify for cash rebates through our program.

**COOL CASH**
Since 2001, over 2,100 customers have received close to a half million dollars in rebates for installing new or replacement central air conditioning systems in their homes and businesses. These systems must have a SEER rating higher than 14.0 to qualify.

**SHARE**
We’ve assisted over 28,000 neighbors in need, since 1999, with over $4.2 million to help qualified, low-income customers pay their utility bills and deposits. You can also help a neighbor by donating to the SHARE Program on your monthly bill.

**EDUCATION**
Riverside Public Utility’s education program includes interactive participation and important conservation messages about energy and water and has reached over 20,000 students. This program is considered to be a model for other utilities across the state.
Over the past several years we have been building photovoltaic solar power generation stations. We currently have eight generation stations throughout the City that produce enough to power more than 350 homes each year. Two additional projects will be completed soon and planning has begun on a new system for the Orange Terrace Community Center.

**Clean and Green**

Utilities Operations Center 150kW  
La Sierra Metrolink 133kW  
Autumn Ridge Apartments 81kW  
Oak Tree Apartments 46kW  
Shamel, Islander, & Hunt Park Pools 30kW  
Janet Goeske Senior Center 70kW  
City Hall 20kW  
Riverside Airport 20kW

**TOTAL PV POWER = 550kW**

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**SUN POWER**

Use the sun’s energy to generate electricity. If you are planning on installing a PV system on your home, Riverside Public Utilities offers a rebate of **$3 per watt**.

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**Water Power**

Riverside Public Utilities has been working to create new water conservation programs to inspire innovative water-efficient technologies, educate the public in water saving practices, and reduce top commercial consumption within Riverside. These programs were implemented to support the community’s efforts to preserve our natural resources by providing greater incentives and assistance leading towards lower utility costs.
City of Riverside

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Ronald O. Loveridge

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Andy Melendrez Ward 2
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