

# 2008 Community Benefits Annual Report

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS of Public Benefits Programs

Riverside Public Utilities is proud to have offered 10 years of Public Benefit Programs. Our programs have provided customers with millions of dollars worth of incentives and rebates for making their homes and businesses more energy and water efficient.

### Solar

Riverside is a leading solar Utility in the nation. More than 143 kilowatts of solar energy projects were installed last year, raising the City's total to 790.59 kW.

### Tree Power

Customers planted over 9,625 shade trees this year utilizing our Tree Power shade tree program. Since 2001, the program has planted over 68,000 trees.

### Education

Riverside's award winning education program includes interactive classroom participation and important conservation messages about energy and water. This program reached 2,572 students last year, and has educated 35,572 students since its inception.

### Energy Star

We've given back more than \$5.8 million to customers who purchased energy-efficient Energy Star rated appliances, doors, and windows. We are currently offering up to \$200 cash back for purchasing new qualified refrigerators!

### Air Conditioning

Over \$1.3 million dollars in rebates were provided to 3,000 residential and business customers who have taken advantage of our program. Our rebate incentives now offer 10% of the total project cost to install new cooling systems - up to \$750.

### SHARE

Since 1999 nearly 40,000 neighbors in need have been assisted by this program at a cost of over \$5.5 million.

## A Message from the General Manager

*Conservation is a key element that allows Riverside Public Utilities to offer high quality, reliable energy and water services at the lowest possible rates to benefit the community.*

*Through our Public Benefit Programs, each year funds are used to make school presentations, educate the community on energy conservation, promote recycled water use, construct renewable energy projects, and provide valuable incentive and rebate programs for our customers.*

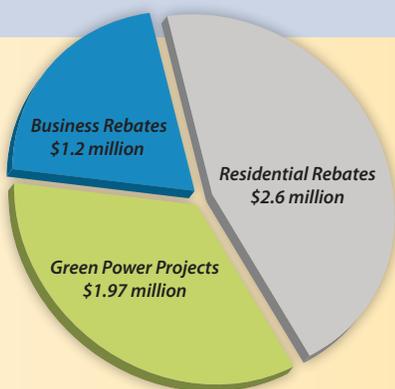
*We are proud to be your utility provider, and we will continue to utilize Riverside's public benefit funds to maintain your utility and our valuable energy and water resources today and for many years to come.*

Sincerely,

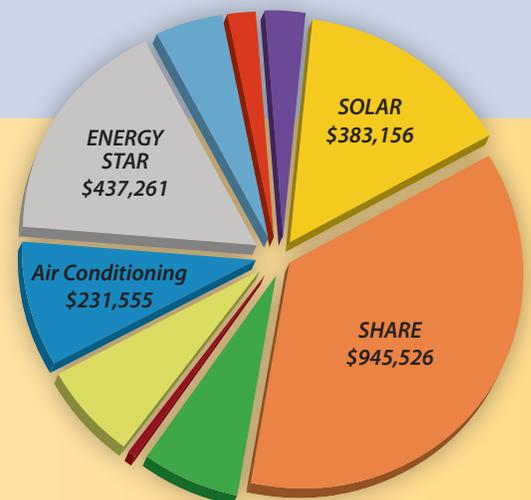


David H. Wright

Public Utilities General Manager



**2007-2008 Public Benefits Fund Distribution**



**2007-2008 Residential Rebate Distribution in Dollars**