



Press Release

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Calimesa, CA - The Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG) through its Western Riverside Energy Leader Partnership (Partnership), will be receiving \$2.4 million award (subject to negotiations) from Southern California Edison (SCE) to pursue innovative energy efficiency solutions in the 11 participating jurisdictions of Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Norco, Perris, Menifee, Murrieta, San Jacinto, Temecula, and Wildomar. The City of Calimesa will receive \$153,704 of the award.

Under the award from Southern California Edison, WRCOG will work with participating cities to:

- Develop sample strategies cities can use to encourage developers to go beyond current energy efficiency requirements;
- Host workshops with elected officials and government staff to educate them on energy efficiency opportunities;
- Purchase software for cities to allow certain permits related to energy efficient upgrades to be filed on-line, which would provide time and cost savings;
- Develop an energy action plan that describes energy use reduction and alternative energy goals and outlines specific strategies to meet the goals; and
- Development of an Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to offset the cost of making energy efficiency improvements in city facilities.

"I am delighted that the City of Calimesa has partnered with the WRCOG and SCE in striving to reduce energy consumption," said Randy Anstine, City Manager for the City of Calimesa. "This program is a very positive step in not only achieving energy reduction, but also demonstrating to our community just how easy it is to take steps in reducing energy consumption."

About the Western Riverside Energy Partnership Program

The Western Riverside Energy Leader Partnership is a collaborative effort between WRCOG and SCE. Participating jurisdictions include the cities of Calimesa, Canyon Lake, Hemet, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Murrieta, Norco, Perris, San Jacinto, Temecula and Wildomar. Through the Partnership, SCE will provide a number of incentives to local jurisdictions, businesses, and residents to "lead by example" by becoming models of energy efficiency. Retrofitting municipally owned buildings with energy-efficient technologies is a key component of the Partnership program.

For more information about the Western Riverside Council of Governments, the Western Riverside Energy Leader Partnership or the various programs administered by the Agency, please visit www.wrcog.ca.us.