



Airport Solar Dedication Signals Future Energy

At a dedication ceremony held Wednesday, July 16, 2008, Fresno Yosemite International Airport (FYI) became host to the largest solar airport installation in the nation. Mayor Autry, standing with Governor Schwarzenegger’s field office representative Lindsay Barsamian, commented on the significance of the honor, noting “Tomorrow’s leaders must put sound innovative energy policies at the top of the list to achieve significant environmental benefits. Fresno is proud to be leading the way in the fight to transition to alternative forms of energy.”

FYI is the host customer for this 2-megawatt, ground-mounted solar system installed by WorldWater & Solar Technologies of New Jersey. The solar project located on the southeast edge of the airport spans 9.5 acres, or the equivalent of seven football fields. With 11,700 solar ground-mounted solar panels tracking the Valley’s abundant sun, the array is expected to save the airport \$13 million dollars over the next 20 years, an impressive 40% of the power supply required to run the day to day needs of the airport.



WorldWater CEO Dr Frank Smith and Mayor Alan Autry in front of solar panels

Partners in this project include Sharp Solar, which supplied the panels for the project, Xantrex Technology Inc., which provided the inverters, and Solar Power Partners of Mill Valley, CA which will operate and manage the system and will oversee the sale of the solar generated power to the airport through a long-term Power Purchase Agreement, or PPA. The PPA financing structure has enabled the airport to embrace solar energy without any capital expense. In addition, PG&E, the local electric utility will manage the net-metering connection with the grid. PG&E is also the administrator of the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) incentive program.

For more information on this project and the companies involved, go to FYI/Solar Project.

Water Battle Is Taken To The Capitol



On July 23rd and again on August 13th, Mayor Autry led busloads of farmers, farm-workers, and members of the business community to the steps of the State Capitol. Over 1,000 people holding signs “Water is Life” “Water is our Future” and “Water = Jobs” attended a rally in support of the Schwarzenegger-Feinstein water bond to be placed on the November ballot.

Governor Schwarzenegger urged the citizens of California to visit and call their legislators, and let them know that they “want action and not partisan gridlock,” in hopes that the bond proposal will be put on the November ballot.

Mayor Autry stated, “We’ve watched for four decades the place where we come from, the place we call home be left behind, with catastrophic consequences.” With millions of dollars in farm losses and the economic impact of those losses impacting the entire Valley, the time is now for a water bond to be placed on the ballot.



Fresno Police Join Elite Law Enforcement Agencies with Re-Accreditation

Deputy Mayor Jeff Eben, City Manager Andy Souza and members of the City Council joined Chief Jerry Dyer in a ceremony at City Hall honoring the Fresno Police Department's recent re-accreditation through C.A.L.E.A., the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies.

"The only thing harder than earning accreditation, is earning re-accreditation," said Chief Jerry Dyer. "This honor marks the Fresno Police Department as the largest municipal agency in the California not only to receive accreditation, but re-accreditation and makes the Fresno Police Department a benchmark for other agencies around the nation to model."



The C.A.L.E.A. team spent several days in Fresno, inspecting hundreds of department policies, procedures, personnel and facilities.

Deputy Chief Roger Enmark, Lt. David Newton, Sgt. Tim Hahn, Sgt. Brian Rogers, Officer Byron Urton, Officer Paige McQuay, Officer Martin Van Overbeek and Intern Robert Sack were all honored with the Outstanding Achievement Medal for their dedication and hard work to the C.A.L.E.A. re-accreditation process.

Cooling Center Procedure Refined

With the inception of the Cooling Center Program three years ago, the City established a policy that stated set two phases for activating particular services; 1) the 10 cooling center locations and Fresno Area Express (FAX) transport was activated at 105 degrees, and 2) free swimming at PARCS pools was in effect at 110 degrees. To avoid confusion, the program has been modified so that the temperature trigger point for all services will now be 105 degrees as determined by the National Weather Service Forecast office in Hanford.

All PARCS Community Centers are open throughout the summer months. When activated as Cooling Centers they operate with extended hours from Noon until 10pm. Staff and security are at each location during operating hours to accommodate the public. No food service or accommodation for pets is provided.

For more information on the City's Cooling Center operations, residents can visit the city website at www.fresno.gov or call (559) 621-CITY (2489).



Business Matchmaking Event Keeps Contract Dollars with Local Businesses

Repeating a highly successful inaugural, the Economic Development Department offered the 2nd Annual Business Matchmaking Event on August 1st. More than 45 different buying organizations participated in one-on-one meetings from a pool of 130 small businesses, up from 85 that participated last year. A few of the larger agencies that enjoyed the networking opportunity were the Fresno Housing Authority, NASA, Lockheed Martin, AT&T, Chevron, Sempra Energy, and California State Parks.



Exhibit booths, staffed by representatives from over 50 large companies, government entities and non profits, provided networking opportunities, tips and resources for small business representatives. In the twelve minute face to face meetings, small businesses capitalized on presenting their products and services to the local, state, federal, and private buying organizations.

A sampling of buyers surveyed at this year's Business Matchmaking & Networking Event revealed that five of the largest organizations anticipate negotiating over \$3.5 million dollars worth of contracts with up to 61 local businesses as a direct result of this event. By utilizing local contracts, business dollars will be spent entirely within the Valley and enable area smaller businesses to stay and grow locally, supporting Mayor Autry's focus on keeping the economy healthy by retaining revenue and employment in the Central Valley.

At a VIP reception held the evening prior to the full day of networking, City Manager Andy Souza acknowledged and thanked the sponsors partnering with the City. Sponsors included Univision, Central Valley Business Street, PG&E, Department of General Services, State of California Public Utilities Commission, Lockheed Martin, KMJ 580, Bank of Sierra, Specialized Printing, and the Fresno Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

For more information about the Business Matchmaking and Networking, contact Peggy Chiok at Peggy.Chiok@fresno.gov or call 559.621.8360.

And More Solar 'Firsts' For Fresno - Fleet's Solar Power Trailer

The City of Fresno The Fleet Management Division recently received another one-of-its-kind piece of equipment. Odyne delivered a new solar power trailer which was purchased with an EPA grant and is designed to provide remote site electrical power to clean exhaust filters installed on construction equipment. The trailer uses the same battery management technology as our plug-in CNG hybrid refuse truck, but uses solar power to charge the batteries at a site away from a grid connection. This is another one-of-its-kind project.



The unit has a sophisticated control system for the solar panels that automatically retracts them to the stored position if wind speeds become too high. We call it our own version of the "Phoenix Mars Lander." The trailer has 40 KWh of 220 volt AC power (about enough to run a typical house for a day) available and also has 110 volt outlets for small power tools.



City Events

Every Friday— Comcast Movies in the Park

Free movies at Eaton Plaza, adjacent to the historic Water Tower. Activities start at 6pm. The movies start at dusk, approx. 7:30pm-8:15pm

August 13, 2008— Swearing-In Ceremony for Police Officer Recruits

At a ceremony to be held in Council chambers at City Hall at 2pm, fifteen police officer recruits will be sworn-in to active duty with full honors. Family and friends are encouraged to attend the ceremony and the reception to follow in the foyer.

August 22, 2008— The Final VIBE at Sports Town on Kern Street

This popular, free event features food, music and fun for the whole family. 5pm-10pm

August 28, 2008— Incentive Zone Workshop

This workshop introducing businesses to the City's five Incentive Zones will discuss employee tax credits, accelerated depreciation, favorable tax treatment of capital gains, rebates of sales and use taxes on qualifying purchases, reduced entitlement and permitting fees, business license fee waivers, and other benefits. Workshop will be held at the Fresno Chamber of Commerce from 3:30 to 5pm. More information contact Economic Development at 621-8361.



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Federal Communications Commission Urges DTV Conversion

Mayor Autry, in conjunction with the **Federal Communications Commission-Mayors' Digital Television Initiative**, is assisting in communicating the efforts of the FCC to provide consumers with information about the mandatory conversion to Digital Television, effective **February 17, 2009**.

The FCC has identified our region as an area where DTV transition may disproportionately affect certain segments of the population, particularly those residents of the Central Valley who are more likely to have older, analog televisions and who rely exclusively upon free over-the-air television, rather than by subscribing to cable, satellite, or some other paid television service.

Unless viewers with older analog TV sets take action by the transition deadline of **February 17, 2009**, they will no longer be able to use an over-the air antenna to receive the programming of their local television stations. This is especially critical for communicating Public Service Announcements and alerts through the Emergency Broadcast System.

FCC would like residents to be aware of the digital-to-analog converter box coupon program by calling 1-888-388-2009 or visiting www.DTV2009.gov.



Mayor on the Move

- 7/14/08 Dropped by the inaugural Alan Autry Celebrity Golf Tournament that was hosted by United One Productions to benefit "Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life."
- 7/16/08 Participated in a press conference dedicating the solar project at Fresno Yosemite International Airport.
- 7/16/08 Attended a reception to welcome Ms. Dana Thorpe, the new Executive Director of the Fresno Metropolitan Museum, to Fresno.
- 7/21/08 Attended and provided words of welcome during the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Water and Power Oversight Field Hearing on "The Federal Response to the California Drought Emergency."
- 7/22/08 Held a press conference to announce a proposal to put the Independent Police Auditor concept on the November ballot for a public vote.
- 7/22/08 Appeared on the Ray Appleton Show on KMJ to discuss the Independent Police Auditor proposal and touched on several other topics as well.
- 7/22/08 Met with the Fresno Bee Editorial Board to discuss the Independent Police Auditor proposal.
- 7/23/08 Traveled to Sacramento to participate in a press conference at the State Capitol urging legislators to put the Schwarzenegger-Feinstein Water Bond on the November ballot.
- 7/26/08 Traveled to Stockton to speak at a Stockton Leadership Foundation Luncheon to share information about the Mayor's Gang Prevention Initiative and at a CBMC Barbeque in the evening.
- 7/28/08 Participated in a press conference with other Valley Officials to blast state budget proposals to take transportation and local government funding to balance the state budget.
- 7/29/08 Attended the City Council meeting to participate in a Joint Powers Financing Authority item.
- 7/30/08 Attended and spoke at a joint special meeting between the City of Fresno and Fresno Unified School District.
- 7/30/08 Spoke at a special meeting of the City Council that was intended to discuss and vote on the Independent Police Auditor proposal. There was not a quorum at the meeting and no action was taken.

Summer Watering Schedule



Call
559.621.5480



Recycle TIP From City of Fresno Recycling division:

Fix Faucet Leaks

Even a pinhole leak can waste as much as 70 gallons of water in one day! The most common cause of faucet leaks is a worn washer which is relatively easy to repair.

For a "How to Fix a Leak" pamphlet, contact Water Conservation at 621-5480.



City employment