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The City of Grover Beach Pursues Energy Improvements at City Facilities with PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc.

GROVER BEACH – The City of Grover Beach has entered into an Energy Solutions Agreement with PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc., to improve energy efficiency at City facilities. This public private partnership will rely upon federal and state funding programs, including energy rebates and incentives. The City plans to apply for \$71,057 in Energy Efficiency Block Grant (EECBG) awards made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and will also pursue loans and grants with the California Energy Commission's Energy Efficiency Financing Program and State Energy Program (SEP) project funds.

Grover Beach Mayor John Shoals stated: *"We understand that public agencies are vital partners in achieving California's goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Local governments have significant influence over activities that contribute to greenhouse gas emissions through their planning and permitting processes, community outreach and educational efforts, as well as the operation of municipal facilities. The City Council's decision to modernize our public buildings and infrastructure demonstrates leadership, environmental stewardship, and fiscal responsibility. I am very pleased with the Council's action."*

The use of the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds must also meet the goal of job creation/retention and economic stimulus. PacificWest has committed to job creation by identifying qualified local entities for subcontracting opportunities. *"The program will create up to 18 jobs for local electrical and mechanical subcontractors"* said PacificWest's Executive Vice President Patrick A. Weller, LEED AP.

Mayor Shoals continued, *"Our goal is to implement a program that has budget reduction and infrastructure modernization elements that permit a combination of cost effectiveness and long-term sustainability for the City's public buildings. Our partnership with PacificWest will foster a sustainable solution for the City of Grover Beach."*

The project will save approximately 251,296 kWh of electricity, 1,837 therms of natural gas, and reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 190 metric tons annually. The CO₂ reductions are equivalent to planting 4,872 trees and removing 35 cars from the road. It will also save the City hundreds of thousands of dollars over a twenty- (20) year term, creating a positive cash flow to the City's budget.

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