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Public Works News Release

Bishop Solar Pre-Commissioning Event

There will be an event at 3 pm on 9 February 2016 to celebrate the completion of the City of Bishop solar project. The brief event will be at the City of Bishop wastewater treatment plant at 980 Poleta Road east of Bishop and will celebrate the completion and the anticipated commissioning of the project.

The \$600,000 project added solar arrays at two city well sites and at the city wastewater (or sewage) treatment plant. Once commissioned - essentially turned on - these arrays will provide most of the power used by the wells and sewage plant, will save the city about \$60,000 per year in electricity costs, and will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by about 470,000 pounds per year. Construction of the project started in November 2015.

One 5,000 square foot solar array was constructed at the city's Well 2 site near the Tri-county Fairgrounds, one 11,000 square foot solar array was constructed at the city's Well 4 site on West Line Street near Mummy Lane, and two arrays with a combined area of about 12,500 square feet was constructed at the sewage treatment plant about 1/2 mile east of the Bishop Creek Canal. The capacity of the project is 205 kilowatt.

The contractor on the project is Performance Contracting Incorporated out of Austin Texas. The consultant on the project is TerraVerde Renewable Partners out of Larkspur, California. The project is supported with renewable energy incentives provided by Southern California Edison. The Eastern Sierra Energy Initiative, a Southern California Edison Local Government Partnership, supports all City of Bishop energy conservation efforts and supported this project.

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