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VALLEJO RECEIVES CHECK FOR \$1.1 MILLION FOR SOLAR PROJECTS

VALLEJO — The City of Vallejo was the welcome recipient of a rebate check in the amount of \$1,159,861 from PG&E for two photovoltaic (PV) systems that are the latest completed additions to the city's innovative solar power projects.

The check was presented to the Vallejo City Council at Tuesday night's council meeting.

In addition to the rebates already paid – for PV projects completed at the city's JFK Library, City Hall and Corporation Yard - the City of Vallejo has applied for an \$834,000 rebate for its Columbus Parkway Pumping Station PV system. The City of Vallejo's total PG&E solar rebates will be in excess of \$ 2.1 million for the four projects.

The four systems generate about 540 kilowatts – enough energy to run about 500 average homes. The solar-generated electricity project is good for the environment, too. The CO2 avoided from these installations will have the same impact on the environment equal to planting approximately 300 acres of trees.

“Vallejo has made a commitment to solar power for several reasons,” said Vallejo Mayor Anthony Intintoli, Jr. “It's good for the environment, it reduces our energy costs, and it provides a reliable, renewable source of energy for years to come.”

“Pacific Gas and Electric Company has helped several local governments install PV systems, which saves taxpayer dollars and highlights environmental stewardship of the communities,” said Anlin Ting-Mason, vice president of internet and energy program services at the utility. “We commend Vallejo city officials for their foresight.”

Along with its solar panel systems, the City is in the process of converting its fleet of vehicles from traditional gas-burning engines to environmentally friendlier hybrid vehicles. The City purchased eight Toyota Hybrid vehicles last year.

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company is providing the financial incentive for the PV systems through a program that allows customers installing on-site electric generation to obtain rebates to help offset the upfront costs. Eligible systems include solar, wind, fuel cell, micro turbine or internal combustion engine systems. The program, titled the Self-Generation Incentive Program, is primarily designed for business-sized systems, which help to meet some, or all, of a facility's power needs. The California Energy Commission offers a similar program targeted to residential customers who install renewable generation sources, such as solar and wind.

