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**YOLO COUNTY RECEIVES PG&E "ENERGY STEWARDSHIP AWARD"**

**WOODLAND, Calif.** – To recognize Yolo County as a leader in energy efficient practices, PG&E presented the County with the utility's "Energy Stewardship Award" today during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Yolo County has implemented a myriad of energy conservation projects that have earned the County over \$850,000 in PG&E rebates and incentives and will save the County more than \$11 million in energy costs over 15 years starting in 2002. Just a few of these projects include:

- A county-wide effort to retrofit lights, HVAC systems, fans, water heaters, motors and much more. This project earned PG&E rebates of more than \$250,000 and will achieve an energy savings of \$6.9 million over 15 years starting in 2002.
- The County participates in PG&E's demand response programs that play an important role in the utility's efforts to ensure reliable service for customers during periods of high energy demand. Participants in these programs earn a financial incentive for agreeing to reduce energy usage during critical peak demand times.
- A county-wide program to save energy and earn PG&E rebates by replacing old, inefficient appliances, such as refrigerators over 20 years old, with more efficient Energy Star appliances.

"From county staff to the Board of Supervisors, Yolo County has demonstrated true leadership in addressing energy efficiency and climate change issues," said James Morante, public affairs manager for PG&E. "Not only have they significantly reduced their energy usage, but they will also save millions of dollars in the process. We're proud to have helped Yolo County meet their energy saving objectives, and we are genuinely excited about building on these successes."

In 2007 PG&E initiated a customer recognition program for businesses and governments that demonstrate exemplary commitment to enhancing energy efficiency, sustainability and environmental stewardship. To date this award has only been given to three other customers

in the greater Sacramento area: IKEA in West Sacramento, Placer County and Amcor Pet Packaging in Fairfield.

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