

Federal money helps Placer County reduce energy consumption

Placer County is saving money and reducing energy use thanks to federal stimulus funds.

The county installed energy efficient lights at several county-owned buildings. More than 2,700 interior lighting fixtures were replaced with energy-saving fluorescent bulbs and ballasts. Lighting occupancy sensors were installed to turn off lights when offices are not in use.

In addition, more than 30 energy efficient building mechanical units were installed. These units included split and packaged heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, boilers, and chillers.

The project completed last year with a \$591,000 grant, is expected to save Placer County 686,761 kilowatt hours or nearly \$100,000 in energy costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 274 tons annually.

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