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Yolo County Receives Recognitions for Use of Green Power

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County will be recognized next week at the Green California Summit with a Green California Leadership Award for 5.8 megawatts of ground-mounted, high-efficiency SunPower solar power systems installed at two county-owned sites in 2013, which at current utility rates, are eliminating the county’s annual \$1.4 million electricity bill and generating \$438,000 in annual revenues. The Green California Leadership Awards were established to recognize outstanding environmental achievements in governments who undertake publicly financed and executed projects that provide a measurable benefit to the natural or human environment.

“These solar installations required no upfront capital investment and, not only do they deliver significant savings by eliminating our electricity expense, they also generate 152 percent more electricity than county operations use,” said Terry Vernon, Yolo County General Services Department deputy director. “Also, as part of our partnership with SunPower, we have established an energy academy for K-12 students that provides our young people with educational opportunities in environmental science, renewable energy technology and energy auditing.”

The projects include one array built at the corner of West Beamer and Cottonwood streets in Woodland and one at Grassland Regional Park in Davis. The two new systems are owned by the county and were purchased through low-interest public financing. SunPower also built the county’s first solar power system in 2010, a 1-megawatt, ground-mounted system at the justice center in Woodland.

“Yolo County has demonstrated leadership and vision with this replicable model that is delivering significant savings and will produce clean, reliable energy for years to come,” said Howard Wenger, SunPower president, regions. “SunPower congratulates Yolo County for this well-deserved award and we are proud to be its solar partner.”

Earlier this year, Yolo County was also awarded membership into the 2014 EPA Green Power Leadership club. According to formulas provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Yolo County’s new systems are avoiding 5,600 tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year, equivalent to the emissions displaced by removing over 26,000 cars from California’s roads over the first 25 years of the systems’ operation. Yolo County joins an elite group of Green Power Partners who are demonstrating exemplary environmental leadership.

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About SunPower: SunPower Corp. (NASDAQ: SPWR) designs, manufactures and delivers the highest efficiency, highest reliability solar panels and systems available today. Residential, business, government and utility customers rely on the company’s quarter century of experience and guaranteed performance to provide maximum return on investment throughout the life of the solar system. Headquartered in San Jose, Calif.,

SunPower has offices in North America, Europe, Australia, Africa and Asia. For more information, visit www.sunpower.com.

About the Green California Summit: The 2014 Green California Summit will take place at the Sacramento Convention Center, April 8-9. Now in its eighth year, this unique summit, focusing on public sector sustainability, will highlight the wide range of policies, programs, strategies and technologies that are being implemented to preserve the natural resources of the Golden State.

About EPA Green Power Partnership: As a result of buying green power, EPA Green Power Partners are helping support the development of new renewable generation capacity nationwide while also helping protect the environment. Green Power Partners who purchase a higher percentage of green power than required to become a Partner may be eligible for the Green Power Leadership Club.