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Thank you for participating in Santa Clara Green Power. Collectively you purchased 63,114 MWh of renewable energy and contributed to the avoidance of over 37,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere in 2009 - that's the carbon dioxide emissions equivalent of removing over 7,000 cars from the road for one year!* Your support helps reduce the need for non-renewable energy sources and helped make Santa Clara the EPA's #1 Green Power Community!

Our Latest Business Member: Aviat Networks

Please welcome Aviat Networks, our latest business purchaser of Santa Clara Green Power. Aviat recently opened their LEED-Gold Certified Santa Clara headquarters. Purchasing green power is one of many steps Aviat has taken to green their operations, including leading the Exploratory Group on Green, the task force for the Green Initiative of the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS), to decrease the carbon footprint and increase the energy efficiency at telecom sites.

Santa Clara is the #1 Green Power Community!

Thanks to your partcipation, Santa Clara is the #1 ranked EPA Green Power Community . That means that our Santa Clara local government, businesses, and residents collectively buy more renewable energy than any other community in the U.S.! To read more about Green Power Communities check out the EPA's website.

Santa Clara University Purchases 30,000 MWhs of Green Power

Santa Clara University has increased their committment to green power for the third year in a row by agreeing to increase their purchase to 30,000 MWh of renewable energy annually.

SVP Energy Innovator Award Winners!

Silicon Valley Power (SVP) held its third annual Energy Innovator competition to recognize companies implementing extraordinary measures to reduce energy

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Santa Clara Green Power Top Renewable Suppliers

The top three renewable energy suppliers for Santa Clara Green Power in 2009 were Alite Wind in California, Fossil Gulch Wind Park in Idaho, and Elkhorn Wind in Oregon. The rest of Santa Clara Green Power's renewable supply came from a variety of solar and wind facilities in California and around the west.

Half of New Generating Capacity in the U.S. Came from Renewables in 2009

For the second year in a row, the UN-supported organization, Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21), found that more renewable power capacity was added than conventional power capacity (coal, gas, nuclear) in the United States. To learn more about renewable energy trends in the U.S. and around the world, check out REN21's *Renewables 2010 Global Status Report*.

California Adds Half of All U.S. Grid-Tied Solar in 2009

According to The Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA), California added 220 megawatts of grid-tied solar in 2009. California is now the leader in U.S. grid-tied solar with a culumative capacity of 1,102 MW. To read SEIA's U.S. Solar Industry Year in Review (2009), click here.

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consumption and/or utilize “green” power and renewable energy resources. The following three Santa Clara businesses and Santa Clara University won Energy Innovator Awards for their efforts in 2009.

- **Green Power Champion:** Santa Clara University. Awarded to the company with the most innovative and successful approach to its overall commitment to green power purchases and other renewable energy programs.
- **Environmental Innovator:** Agilent Technologies, Inc. Awarded for all-around efforts to support energy efficiency and renewable energy. Agilent Technologies installed a 1-megawatt solar system on its headquarters in Santa Clara.
- **Energy Efficiency Partner (large business):** Bay Area Internet Solutions. Awarded to a large business for outstanding implementation of energy efficiency programs and the application of SVP rebates programs. Bay Area Internet Solutions built a new state of the art data center.
- **Energy Efficiency Partner (small business):** El Camino Self Storage**.** Awarded to a small business for outstanding implementation of energy efficiency programs and the application of SVP rebates programs. El Camino Self Storage installed high effiency lighting with motion sensors.

Smart Meters coming to Santa Clara

SVP will begin a carefully-planned rollout of smart meters for business customers in 2011 following extensive testing for accuracy and safety by both the manufacturer and SVP. In 2012, the SVP Meter Connect program will notify residents of plans to replace mechanical electric meters with modern smart meters and technology. To read more about SVP's plans, click here.

*Please visit the EPA's Clean Energy website for more information on the methodology used to calculate these environmental equivalencies.

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