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Open House: SLV Water to showcase new solar project

San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) invites the public to an open house Friday, August 26, at 3:00 p.m. at the Kirby Street water treatment plant in downtown Felton, to showcase a major new solar installation.

“In 2007, the District resolved to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 20% by the year 2020,” said SLVWD Board member Fred McPherson, “and we immediately began considering solar as an efficient first step toward reaching this goal.”

Solar makes sense, because purchased electricity is SLVWD’s primary source of GHG emissions. Electricity is used to treat drinking water, and to power well pumping and water distribution.

Last October, the SLVWD Board gave the go-ahead to install solar panels at three of SLVWD’s drinking water treatment facilities and one small wastewater treatment plant. Combined, the solar panels will produce approximately 170,000 kwh/year, or approximately 28% of the electricity used by the four facilities. All of the solar panels were up and running in July 2011.

District-wide, the solar panels are projected to reduce GHG emissions from all sources by 6.4% from 2008 levels. SLVWD has voluntarily reported its GHG emissions annually since 2006 to the Climate Registry.

More information about the SLVWD’s GHG emissions reporting is available on the District’s website: <http://www.slvwd.com>.

Pictured below are the solar panels at the Kirby Street water treatment plant in Felton, where the open house will take place. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.



San Lorenzo Valley Water District's new solar installation at the Kirby Street water treatment plant in Felton, to be showcased at an open house Friday, August 26 at 3:00 p.m.

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