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Green County Website Launched

SAN BERNARDINO –San Bernardino County residents and businesses can learn about meaningful steps they can take to protect the environment and actions the County and others have taken to go "green" when they visit a comprehensive Website (www.greencountysb.com) launched Wednesday.

"We collected information from a number of sources and selected the best 'green' tips and local projects we could find to create a Website that will be both enlightening and useful to residents," said Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane, who proposed a series of policy initiatives dubbed Green County San Bernardino in August 2007.

The program, which was unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors, included waiving County building fees when home or business owners install renewable energy systems or energy-saving air-conditioners or tankless water heaters. In addition, new home developers can get moved to the front of County's final inspection line if the homes meet stringent California Green Builder standards.

The new Website features more information about Green County San Bernardino as well as details on how other local agencies and private businesses are reducing their impacts on the environment through renewable energy and sustainable design.

Visitors will also find a variety of "green" tips including how to find a carpool partner, how to reduce junk mail, and how to conserve water through the use of water-efficient landscaping.