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Riverside Public Utilities is Newest Member of the CA Registry

First organization in Riverside County to join unique program

RIVERSIDE, California – Riverside Public Utilities has joined the California Climate Action Registry (Registry), a distinguished group of organizations demonstrating leadership by voluntarily taking action on climate change. As a member, Riverside Public Utilities will work with the Registry to annually track, report and certify its greenhouse gas emissions, the main drivers of global warming.

Riverside Public Utilities will also report the "carbon intensity" of the power it delivers. This not only provides a basis for consistent comparison across the power industry regardless of entity size, but also greatly enhances the public's ability to compare the climate impact of power companies operating in California and allow for the tracking of carbon intensity performance over time.

"The City of Riverside and Riverside Public Utilities are proactively working to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions," said David H. Wright, General Manager of Riverside Public Utilities. "We presently get 12 percent of our power from renewable energy sources and we have contracted to increase that to 20 percent renewable power by 2009. Combined with the City's and Utilities' fleets of CNG, electric, hybrid and hydrogen powered vehicles; Riverside is definitely leading the way in the Inland Empire to reduce harmful emissions and restore cleaner air," said Wright.

The Registry, created by the California legislature in 2000, helps companies and organizations throughout the United States to track, publicly report and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. The results are certified by independent third-parties to ensure compliance with Registry protocols and standardization across participants and sectors. The Registry has been widely recognized as a gold standard for public reporting of greenhouse gases.

"I am very proud of our city. Under the leadership of Mayor Ron Loveridge, we are making great strides toward our goal of becoming a Clean and Green City. The Public Utilities Department is an innovative partner in that goal" said Terry Wold, Conservation Program Coordinator for the Sierra Club, San Geronio Chapter.

"Riverside has always been a "jewel in the crown" when it comes to environmental action. Joining the Registry is another leadership initiative, and we are pleased that Riverside has committed to voluntarily manage, and ultimately reduce, its greenhouse gas emissions" said Diane Wittenberg, President of the California Climate Action Registry.

Riverside Public Utilities is a consumer-owned water and electric utility that is governed by a Board of nine community volunteers. Established in 1895, Riverside Public Utilities now serves over 102,000 electric and 63,000 water customers within the City of Riverside. www.riversidepublicutilities.com

The California Climate Action Registry is a non-profit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry to protect, encourage, and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions. Over 70 major companies, cities, government agencies and NGOs measure and publicly report their GHG emissions through the Registry. www.climateregistry.org

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