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Flip the switch on the region's latest green power resource!

Nearly 11 megawatts of solar energy helps power the State Capitol and new Golden 1 Center

Story: A week before the grand opening of the new Golden 1 Center, news media are invited to attend the Ranch Seco Power-on event as dignitaries celebrate operation of the brand new Rancho Seco Solar Power Plant.

Officials with state and federal government, the Sacramento Kings, SMUD, First Solar and plant owner, the D. E. Shaw group, will ceremonially “flip the big switch” on the plant, which will deliver clean electricity to the State Capitol and other downtown state buildings as well as the new Golden 1 Center—making it one of the greenest sports arenas in the world.

Recently, the Department of General Services (DGS) signed on to buy about half the power generated by the plant, agreeing to a 20-year SolarShares® partnership. Last fall, the Kings and SMUD agreed to a 20-year SolarShares partnership to provide Golden 1 Center with approximately 85 percent of its annual electricity needs.

The SMUD commercial SolarShares program is designed to provide business customers with a low-cost, hassle-free solar option to onsite solar panels.

Date/Time: Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. (Please wear closed-toe shoes)

Location: 14440 Twin Cities Rd, Herald, CA 95638.

Visuals: New, operational 11-megawatt Rancho Seco Solar Project sited in the foreground of the iconic cooling towers of the former Rancho Seco Generation Station.

Interviews:

- Secretary Marybel Batjer, Government Operations Agency
- California State Department of General Services Director Daniel C. Kim
- Congresswoman Doris Matsui
- Sacramento Kings Partnerships Director Tabitha Morse
- SMUD Board Director Rene Taylor
- SMUD CEO and GM Arlen Orchard
- First Solar Vice President of Project Development Brian Kunz
- Plant owner D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. Chief Financial Officer John Dalby
- Select subject matter experts

Background: The California Department of General Services, which oversees 79 state-owned properties, including 58 office buildings, recently signed a 20-year SolarShares power contract

for about half of the power from the Ranch Seco Solar Power Plant. The solar-generated electricity will significantly reduce DGS facilities' impact on energy use and the environment, displacing nearly 2,860 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year—the equivalent to taking more than 600 cars off the road. Together with other local renewable generation, DGS will be 100 percent renewable in SMUD's territory.

SMUD is the renewable energy provider for the Golden 1 Center and about 85 percent of the electricity from SolarShares will displace nearly 2,000 metric tons of CO2 emissions per year—the equivalent to taking about 400 cars off the road. In addition to SolarShares, Golden 1 Center also boasts best-in-class energy efficiency features making it one of the most energy-efficient arenas in the world and eligible for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Gold status—the first NBA arena in California and one of the first in the country to achieve this prestigious status.

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