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NEW WEBSITE TRACKS PROGRESS TOWARD STATE'S SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

SACRAMENTO – In celebration of Earth Day, California has launched a new website to show state progress towards reducing its environmental footprint by greening the state's buildings, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing water use.

The site – www.greenbuildings.ca.gov – provides a status report on each state agency and department's progress toward meeting the bold sustainability goals outlined in Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s 2012 [executive order on green buildings](#).

"It is essential that we in state government lead by example in greening our buildings in order to promote a greener future for all Californians," said DGS acting director Esteban Almanza.

The site shows that water used at state-owned buildings has already been reduced by more than 20 percent. These savings were achieved by reducing outdoor irrigation, as well as upgrades to plumbing fixtures, removal of ornamental turf and other conservation measures.

The site also shows that energy reductions in state-owned buildings are on track to exceed the governor's goals. These savings have resulted from retrofits of lighting and mechanical systems for improved efficiency, installation of onsite renewable energy and energy conservation measures.

In addition to water and energy use, the site also tracks solar power production at state facilities, greenhouse gas emissions and total number of buildings earning LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

The website, which was developed by the California Department of Technology, is part of an ongoing effort to promote transparency, open data and lead by example. See the website at www.greenbuildings.ca.gov.

For more than two years, California has been dealing with the effects of drought. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov.

Every Californian should take steps to conserve water. Find out how at SaveOurWater.com.

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