Brisbane Completes Lighting Upgrade at Marina with Nearly $215,000 in Federal Funding

The City of Brisbane, located in the northern part of San Mateo County, on November 8, completed the second of two street lighting projects that were paid for with $214,930 in grants and loans supplied by federal stimulus funds. The latest project replaced 45 old high-pressure sodium vapor street lights at the city’s Marina parking lot with light emitting diode (LED) lamps that produce the same amount of illumination as the old lights, but use only half the energy. The project was funded by a $25,000 grant from the US Department of Energy.

The project was part of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Program that delivers lasting financial benefits to California consumers and the economy through energy efficiency. The Marina’s Shared Use Parking Lot is one of the city’s most prominent locations. It serves the Marina, the public fishing pier, the Harbormaster’s Office, and the Sierra Point Yacht Club. Last year Brisbane completed a city-wide project to replace 372 high-pressure sodium vapor street lights with the energy efficient LED models. That project was funded with a low-interest loan of $189,930 from the Energy Conservation Assistance Act (ECAA), which provides low-interest loans for local governments, public schools and hospitals, public care institutions and other agencies for energy efficiency and energy-producing projects. The program is administered by the California Energy Commission.

“The California Energy Commission salutes Brisbane for quickly completing these projects and making use of stimulus funding for energy efficiency,” says Energy Commissioner Karen Douglas. “Together these two lighting retrofits will save Brisbane taxpayers nearly $20,000 each year in energy costs.”

“We’re proud to say that Brisbane was the first city in San Mateo County to complete LED streetlighting retrofits with stimulus funding,” says Brisbane Mayor Cyril G. Bolojoff. “As a result, Brisbane is protecting public safety with appropriately bright lighting while cutting our energy bills. We even reduce maintenance costs because the new streetlights last much longer than the old-style lamps we’ve replaced.”

Between 1979 and June 30, 2011, over $263 million in ECAA loans has been allocated to more than 760 recipients. For more information on the ECAA loan program, visit http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/.

For more information on ARRA funded programs, visit www.energy.ca.gov/recovery.

The California Energy Commission is the state’s primary energy policy and planning agency. Created in 1974 and located in Sacramento, six basic responsibilities guide the Energy Commission as it sets state energy policy: forecasting future energy needs; licensing thermal power plants 50 megawatts or larger; promoting energy efficiency and conservation by setting the state’s appliance and building efficiency standards; supporting public interest energy research that advances energy science and technology through research, development, and demonstration programs; developing renewable energy resources and alternative renewable energy technologies for buildings, industry and transportation; planning for and directing state response to energy emergencies.
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