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CITY OF HAYWARD ADOPTS ZERO NET ENERGY GOAL

(HAYWARD, CA) – City facilities get greener! The Hayward City Council unanimously approved a Resolution establishing a Zero Net Energy Goal for municipal facilities in the City of Hayward. By 2025, the City will strive to achieve Zero Net Energy (ZNE) for its portfolio of facilities.

To meet this goal:

- More City facilities will produce and/or use renewable energy produced on-site.
- More City facilities will produce as much energy on-site as they consume over the course of a year, therefore 'zeroing-out' their consumption.
- Some City facilities, which currently generate excess renewable energy, will offset electricity and natural gas use at other buildings.

City facilities which currently produce renewable energy include the Water Pollution Control Facility, Animal Shelter, Utilities Center, and the Corporation Yard.

This Resolution brings Hayward closer to its greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals. Hayward's goal is to reduce its municipal GHG emissions 20% below 2005 levels by 2020. This new goal also strengthens the Council's existing commitment to Zero Net Energy, which is for all new and significantly retrofitted municipal facilities that begin design after January 1, 2017 to be ZNE.

The City Council report and resulting resolution are available at <http://ow.ly/olt5307IXVn>

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