

Sonoma County Efficiency Financing Program Update May 2013 Special Audit Report

Significant Financial and Energy Savings Confirmed

An analysis prepared for the Sonoma County Efficiency Financing Program projects significant financial and energy use savings by program participants. The Foundation for Renewable Energy & Environment, a third-party evaluator, examined all audit reports prepared by the selected Energy Service Companies and concluded notable results for participants. The report calculates that the participants will save an average of 22.7 percent of their annual utility bill in the first year. If the projects include solar, that amount increases to 31 percent. Net interest costs for the projects range from 2.12 to 3.07 percent, greatly helping to increase the range of energy and water improvements available under the financing program.

Nobel Laureate and program consultant Dr. John Byrne confirms, "These results illustrate the win-win for the County's towns and public schools - private markets will invest over \$20 million in their buildings to improve energy and environmental performance, lower operating costs, and create jobs. SCEF avoids tax increases and saves precious budget dollars for educational needs and local economic development."

For more information about the program, please visit www.sonomacountywater.org/scef or call Carolyn Glanton at (707) 524-1182.

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