



California organizations win top USGBC awards

Sacramento-based Mutual Housing at Spring Lake was recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council Northern California for a range of sustainable activities, including installation of solar panels on the roofs of its apartment communities.

“Its residents have benefited financially, philosophically, and physically from the energy efficient and green operations of its communities,” the USGBC said.

Across the entire Mutual Housing multifamily portfolio, solar panels produce more than 700,000 Kwh hours annually, with most of that energy offsetting residents’ electric bills each month.

In total, Mutual Housing residents save close to \$100,000 per year in electricity costs from the solar generation alone.

Energy Star rated appliances, insulation, and additional green features also assist in lowering utility costs.

Mutual Housing is a partnership of neighborhood residents, business representatives, housing advocates, and local government dedicated to improving

housing opportunities for lower income families.

It exists to create a locally controlled nonprofit to revitalize low-income communities.

Also recognized were Indigo Architects for converting an old Dairy Queen into an innovative new office and studio workspace.

The California Department of General Services (DGS) was given the USGBC’s Impact Award for shaping the state’s green building policies and initiatives.

California was the first government entity in the country, federal, state or local, to require LEED certification of its’ new, as well as existing buildings.

With 142 LEED certified buildings (more than 18 million square feet), DGS continues to drive LEED certification efforts in California.



Mutual Housing at Spring Lake

Mutual Housing California develops housing that is affordable to a diversity of households. Our housing builds strong and stable communities through resident participation and leadership development. For more information, call (916) 453-8400 or visit our website at mutualhousing.com.