



## Clients in the News

Mutual Housing California's Executive Director, Rachel Iskow, was recently featured in the Sacramento Business Journal for her work on a development for farm workers in Woodland, Mutual Housing at Spring Lake, which is the first certified net-zero (zero-energy) rental housing project in the nation.

Rachel and the Mutual Housing California team were challenged with finding alternatives to gas usage, as well as offsetting electrical usage with solar panels. This meant also ensuring there was enough roof space on the apartments to accommodate all the panels. Developing the first certified net-zero rental housing project in the nation has put Rachel and Mutual Housing California on the map!

Rachel believes this net-zero rental project could be replicated elsewhere, despite the fact that there are two big challenges: decreasing amounts of land zoned for multifamily development in Sacramento, and subsidizing high-quality housing for low-income people, senior citizens, and disabled people. With those challenges in mind, Rachel plans to work with the legislature to create more funding sources for new affordable housing.

Mutual Housing California was founded in 1988 as a partnership between community members, government, housing advocates, neighborhood residents, and businesses, who were driven to create better housing opportunities for lower-income families. Mutual Housing California now owns and operates over 1,000 homes in 18 multifamily communities. Congratulations, Rachel and Mutual Housing California for your successful development and feature in the Sacramento Business Journal.

To learn more please visit: <http://www.mutualhousing.com/>



Rachel Iskow is executive director of Mutual Housing California.

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