

Mutual Housing receives federal funds for Woodland development



Mutual Housing California recently received two grants from NeighborWorks America, totaling \$339,500.

A \$233,750 capital grant and a \$105,750 expendable grant will allow the Sacramento nonprofit to continue developing new property in Woodland, rehabilitate older properties in South Sacramento and acquire a new property in Stockton.

Mutual Housing at Spring Lake in Woodland will be located at the southeast corner of Pioneer Avenue and Farmer's Central Road. The location is less than a half-mile south of Pioneer High School, directly across the street from Woodland Community College.



An artist's depiction of Mutual Housing at Spring Lake.

Rendering courtesy of Kuchman Architects
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Spring Lake is one of the first zero-net energy developments for agricultural workers in the nation. Energy-efficient design will bring energy use down to bare minimum for the very low-income residents and a photovoltaic system at the 62-apartment and townhouse complex is expected to supply it.

"I am pleased that this grant will help bring solar energy systems to developments in Yolo County and that they are manufactured in America," said Congressman John Garamendi, D-Walnut Grove.

"California is leading the way in solar power and energy-efficient design that is the wave of the future."

As a state legislator, Garamendi authored the first ever state clean energy tax credit. Garamendi is the author of H.R. 1524, the bipartisan Make It In America: Create Clean Energy Manufacturing Jobs in America Act.

The act would require that clean energy goods and equipment used in projects purchased or paid for by federal taxpayer dollars contain 85 percent American-made content. The photovoltaic system installed at Spring Lake will be made in America.

For the funding of the South Sacramento rehabilitation of Greenway, Glen Ellen and Los Robles, Mutual Housing also expects to receive \$2.6 million from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit allocation and tax-exempt bond funding.

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“Restoring our older properties helps the residents and helps the economy by creating jobs,” said Mutual Housing California CEO Rachel Iskow.

With the grants, Mutual Housing also plans to expand the nonprofit’s green operations for national green certification from NeighborWorks America and to develop a program called “culture of college” for the nonprofit’s residents, nearly half of whom are children.

Founded in 1988, Mutual Housing California develops and operates well-designed rental housing for the diversity of the region’s households. The communities have 3,000 residents.