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Alameda County leads Bay Area in total watts of solar installations

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Alameda County has received a "City Solar Award" from the Northern California Solar Energy Association for having more total watts of solar installations than any other county in the Bay Area.

Alameda County produces 18.1 megawatts of energy through its various installations, including a 1.18 megawatt installation at Santa Rita Jail and an 880 kilowatt system at the Juvenile Justice Center. The county also has a one megawatt fuel cell cogeneration plant plus energy efficiency projects that save taxpayers an estimated additional \$6 million per year.

The "City Solar Award" recognizes cities and counties, including residents, businesses and municipal governments, for the total amount of solar installations within their borders.

For more information about Alameda County government's energy program, visit www.acgov.org/gsa/energy.htm.

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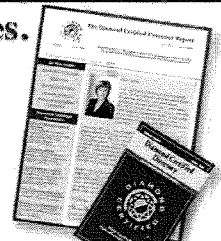
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