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METRO WASTEWATER SAVES MONEY - GENERATES MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY *Councilmember Frye Dedicates Photovoltaic Array*

San Diego – City of San Diego Councilmember Donna Frye led the dedication of the City’s first cadmium telluride photovoltaic system at the Metropolitan Wastewater Department on March 19 at the Metro Operation Complex (MOC), 9191 Kearny Villa Court.

The installation of this system marks the City’s third facility to be fitted with a solar array and is the first to use the cadmium telluride technology. The MOC building’s photovoltaic system features state-of-the-art, thin-film collectors; generates 32 kilowatts per day of clean, renewable energy; and supports Mayor Dick Mayor’s goal of pursuing energy independence. “Metropolitan Wastewater’s photovoltaic system will save the City \$10,000 each year and hundreds of thousands of dollars over the life of the system,” noted Councilmember Frye, a leading proponent of Green Power.

The new photovoltaic system is funded in part by the California Public Utilities Commission. The \$145,800 grant will be administered through the San Diego Regional Energy Office.

The Metropolitan Wastewater Department (MWWD) serves over 2.2 million people in a 450 square mile service area. Three of its four treatment plants are energy self-sufficient and are able to sell excess energy they generate to the electric grid.

For more information on MWWD’s Energy Efficiency Program, visit www.sandiego.gov/mwwd.

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Councilmember Donna Frye at the dedication of Metro Wastewater's new Photovoltaic Solar array.