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SOLAR INSTALLATIONS BEGIN AT COUNTY FACILITIES

With the commencement of work to install a series of solar arrays at County facilities, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors is expanding its commitment to responsible stewardship of the environment and taxpayer dollars.

Construction begins this week on what will eventually be eight solar arrays at County facilities, including the County Governmental Center and Simpkins Family Swim Center. Funded through Clean Renewable Energy Bonds, the \$7.4 million project will save the County several factors more in energy costs over the expected life of the arrays, while offsetting 637 tonnes of carbon emissions annually.

"This project will reduce County government's carbon footprint even further, while providing jobs and freeing up millions of dollars over the next twenty years for other needed projects and services," Supervisor Ryan Coonerty said. "I couldn't be happier to see this day arrive."

With one exception, all projects should be completed by May. Parking at County facilities will be minimally impacted during construction, but the projects will result in no loss of public parking. The type and location of projects are as follows:

- County Governmental Building (rooftop arrays)
- 1080 and 1400 Emeline (rooftop and carport arrays)
- Center for Public Safety (rooftop and carport arrays)
- Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter (rooftop arrays)
- Simpkins Family Swim Center (carport arrays)
- Public Works Brommer Yard (carport arrays)
- Rountree Detention Facility (ground mount, construction begins 2018)