

San Diego County's Energy Program Manager Wins Regional Award

Tuesday, December 21, 2010



Peter Livingston, the County's Energy Program Manager, has been named the Western Region Energy Engineer of the Year by the Association of Energy Engineers. He was honored at the trade association's annual conference in Washington DC on Dec. 7.

Livingston, who joined the County about two years ago, has headed several conservation and sustainability efforts that have cut the County's utility costs, protected the environment and improved the quality of life for people at work and home.

In 2009, Livingston created the County's first comprehensive and regional Strategic Energy Plan, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors the same year. The 3-year plan outlines resource and cost-saving initiatives for County government and the region's communities. At the County, the plan includes increasing energy efficiency and renewable energy use for facilities and the vehicle fleet and strengthening green building standards for new construction. In the community, the plan calls for incentives for households that cut energy consumption and updated building codes that encourage energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy sources.

Over the last year, under Livingston's leadership, energy use at the County dropped about 1.1 percent, saving over \$600,000. Water use dropped 13 percent, saving \$800,000.

Livingston, a 26-year engineer, has been instrumental in securing \$5.1 million in U.S. Department of Energy grant funding and \$2.5 million in San Diego Gas & Electric Partnership funding to develop and expand energy programs and projects.