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SUPERVISORS PASS ORDINANCE TO BUILD LARGEST MUNICIPAL SOLAR PROJECT IN THE UNITED STATES

Legislation sponsored by Supervisor Carmen Chu and Mayor Gavin Newsom brings solar power to the City

Today the San Francisco Board of Supervisors confirmed the City's commitment to greenhouse gas reduction by approving on second reading a contract with Recurrent Energy, to build and maintain a 5 MW solar project on the Sunset Reservoir, located at Ortega Street and 24th Avenue in the Sunset District. The 5 MW of clean solar power generated at the Sunset Reservoir Solar Project will more than triple the City's total municipal solar power generation.

San Francisco based Recurrent Energy, which won the contract in an open bidding process, will install nearly 30,000 solar panels on top of the Sunset Reservoir - the size of 12 football fields. This work will provide over 70 jobs, 50% will go to San Francisco residents and 30% to people from disadvantaged communities.

"I'm proud that my district will soon be home to California's largest solar photovoltaic installation," said Supervisor Carmen Chu, the lead supervisor on the legislation, and whose district includes the 8-square block Sunset Reservoir. "This public-private partnership is a common sense approach that leverages federal tax credits to lower renewable energy costs, significantly expands our green power resources, and puts over 70 people back to work immediately."

Recurrent Energy will begin installation of the solar panels in July and is expected to be completed and online in 2010.