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Supervisors Protect Taxpayers' Pocketbooks and the Environment

Stockton, CA – The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors approved a long-term plan for energy efficiency and electric savings in County-owned buildings which will save approximately \$142 million over the next 25 years. The projects include solar installation at twelve County facilities including the Sheriff's Office, the new District Attorney's office, Stockton Metropolitan Airport, and San Joaquin General Hospital. The improvements are slated to cost approximately \$28.8 million in fiscal year 2023-2024, about half of which will be returned to the County in the form of a State or Federal rebate.

"Rising energy prices represent an on-going cost and opportunity for savings," commented Board Chairman Robert Rickman. "This Board is committed to innovation and efficiency. This project pays for itself in just five years, which represents twenty-five years of savings on energy costs for our taxpayers."

The three-year plan approved by the Board on Tuesday also includes HVAC upgrades at 10 County facilities and lighting and other projects at 18 additional facilities over the next two fiscal years at a total cost of \$46.7 million. All the projects approved will be subject to a marketplace solicitation process which will allow local providers and businesses an opportunity to compete for these projects. The recommended projects will reduce the County's greenhouse gas emissions by approximately 6,360 tons annually.

"The twelve projects slated for this year represent an opportunity for local builders and contractors to compete for County business," continued Chairman Rickman. "We recognize the good work of our local businesses and workers and welcome an opportunity to partner with them to make San Joaquin County stronger and greener."

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The Board of Supervisors is the governing body of San Joaquin County and serves more than 779,000 residents. The Board establishes County policies, passes local ordinances, approves the budget, sets local tax rates, supports community programs and provides many other essential services.