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City Renews Funding for Home Energy Link Program

WILLITS, CA – At the July 11 City Council meeting, the Renewable Energy Development Institute presented its report of the first year of “HELP,” the local Home Energy Link Program that provides weatherization and energy efficiency improvements to income-eligible households. When the City’s budget was adopted later that evening, renewed funding was included for REDI to continue providing these services to the Redevelopment Agency in Fiscal Year 2007/08.

Janet Orth, REDI Board President, told the Council how HELP was making progress to meet goals such as reduction of energy use and greenhouse gas emissions, local economic development, and housing rehabilitation. Over 300 surveys were conducted, 75 energy assessments were performed, and 60 households were weatherized.

She introduced the HELP staff team, and Sara O'Brien, REDI Program Manager, related some of her experiences assisting people in need, at times even in crisis, with their energy bills and obtaining rebates for them.

Mayor Tami Jorgensen expressed her pleasure with the first-year results, quipping that she would get out her drill and join the HELP team.

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