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San Bernardino County Approves Energy Efficiency, Green Building Rules

New county buildings and new and existing homes in San Bernardino County should become much more efficient under [rules approved by the Board of Supervisors in a 4-0 vote on August 28](#). Under the plan, new county buildings must comply with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards; building permit fees are waived for existing homeowners who install solar panels, tankless water heaters, wind turbines and high-efficiency HVAC systems; and, following the example of a similar program established by the City of Riverside in June ([e-News wire, 6/27/07](#)), homebuilders are encouraged to follow California Green Builder guidelines, which require homes to exceed the state's Title 24 building efficiency standards by 15% and trim water consumption by 20,000 gallons annually. Developers who build to California Green Builder specifications would get their plans fast tracked for review, guaranteed timelines and move to the front of the line for field inspections. The new rules apply only to unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County, but county officials say they will urge cities within the county to follow their example.



Read "[San Bernardino County Vows to Protect Environment](#)," By Duane W. Gang, *Riverside Press-Enterprise* (8/28/07)

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Read more: "[Riverside First California City to Offer Home Builders Incentive to Follow California Green Builder Guidelines](#)" (*e-News wire, 6/27/07*)

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