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## **ASSEMBLYMAN NESTANDE ANNOUNCES \$700,000 TO INSTALL SOLAR TECHNOLOGY AT INDIAN WELLS CIVIC CENTER**

*City to Save \$55,000 Annually With New Solar Panels*

SACRAMENTO – Assemblyman Brian Nestande, R-Palm Desert, today announced that Indian Wells (Riverside County) will receive a \$715,000 low-interest loan to improve the energy efficiency of the city's civic center.

*"Indian Wells boasts 350 days of sunshine a year, making the desert community an ideal location for solar energy," said Nestande. "When these solar panels are installed at the Civic Center, they should generate enough electricity to meet all of the facility's needs, saving the city approximately \$55,000 a year on utility bills. The city can repay the Energy Commission's one percent loan in only 13 years, just from the energy savings the solar panels will generate.*

The California Energy Commission approved the low-interest loan of \$715,000 to the City of Indian Wells, using America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funds. The loan is part of a financing package that will allow the city to install seven photovoltaic (PV) systems at the Civic Center complex.

Four solar arrays will be mounted on rooftops at the complex, while another two PV systems will be installed on carports and a final unit will be placed on the ground. The seven PV panels can generate 197 kilowatts of electricity.

Total cost for the solar project is approximately \$1.7 million. In addition to today's \$715,000 loan from the Energy Commission, the City will receive a \$607,000 rebate from the California Solar Initiative. Indian Wells will supply the remaining \$389,000 from city funds.

*Assemblyman Nestande proudly serves the communities of Canyon Lake, Indian Wells, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Murrieta, Palm Desert, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, Temecula, Perris, Wildomar, Winchester, Menifee, Hemet, Anza, Aguanga, Idyllwild, Bermuda Dunes, Mountain Center and Woodcrest.*