



Press Release

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**Assembly member Tom Torlakson
Announces Energy Efficiency Grant for Hercules**
Street light Modernizations Funded with Federal Stimulus Dollars

SACRAMENTO, CA – Assembly member Tom Torlakson (D-Contra Costa) announced today Hercules will receive a \$135,630 grant from the California Energy Commission to improve the energy efficiency of street lights.

The Energy Commission will administer the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program with funds received from the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

“This grant from the California Energy Commission allows the city of Hercules to replace metal halide street lights with high energy light-emitting diodes (LEDs),” said Torlakson. “By switching to efficient LED technology, Hercules will save almost \$33,000 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 54 tons of carbon dioxide each year.”

The EECBG program will provide more than \$35 million in direct allocations to many of California’s eligible cities and counties. The program also focuses on projects that have a lasting financial impact on the economy while benefiting taxpayers.

For more information on the EECBG and ARRA-funded programs, visit www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/.

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