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**San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant #1 in
Energy Production on EPA's Top 20 List**

San José- The San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant has been recognized by the EPA Green Power Partnership in its list of Top 20 organizations that produce green electricity on site.

This marks another achievement for San José in terms of green-friendly technology and practices. In 2007, the San José City Council adopted Mayor Reed's Green Vision, a 15-year plan aimed at using Clean Technology and sustainable practices to solve environmental problems and boost the local economy.

"San José continues to lead the way in renewable energy generation and environmental protection," said Mayor Reed. "Having the San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant ranked number one in green energy production from the EPA is considerable recognition of our efforts in this area."

The City of San José is a part of the EPA's Green Power Partnership, which is made up of over 1,100 companies, organizations, and local and federal government institutions. The San José/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant ranks 4th in terms of total green electricity generation and 1st for onsite percentage of total green electricity usage. 56% of the Water Pollution Control Plant's electricity is derived from green energy generated onsite.

John Stufflebean, Director of Environmental Services, looks forward to even more breakthroughs in the plant's use of renewable energy. "Due to the fact that the plant discharges into the ecologically sensitive South San Francisco Bay, energy intensive advanced treatment is required," he said. "We expect the continuing efforts to derive even more energy from biomass and the implementation of other green energy production on Plantlands to enable the plan to ultimately be energy self-sufficient."

Green power comes from renewable sources, such as solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, biogas, and low-impact hydropower. One of the 10 goals of Mayor Reed's Green Vision is that eventually, 100% of the electricity used in San José will come from clean, renewable sources.