**County of San Diego Helps San Diego Be Solar Inspired!**

County Supervisor Dave Roberts presents San Diego Renewable Energy Society Board Chair Steve Johnston with a check for $15,000 to help fund and promote the San Diego Renewable Energy Society’s presentation of the 13th Annual San Diego Solar Tour.

Inspired by immediate-past County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price via the County of San Diego’s Neighborhood Reinvestment Program, this year’s tour will showcase a “Sweet Solar 16” of unique solar applications in the residential, educational multi-family and commercial space.

Slated for September 20-21 (the eve of the Autumn Equinox), this year’s San Diego Solar Tour will feature self-guided professional, educational and family tracks that offer home owners, property owners, business owners, representatives of public agencies, educators and the public-at-large the opportunity to talk with fellow property owners and solar experts County-wide about the innovative solutions they are employing to 1) improve property values, 2) slash utility bills, 3) fuel their vehicles, 4) recoup their tax dollars via tax credits and state rebates, 5) create green jobs and 6) assert their energy independence -- all while sustaining San Diego's sublime quality of life.

**The commercial leg of the tour** is slated for **Friday, September 20, 2013** from 1 pm to 5 pm.

**The residential leg of the tour** is slated for **Saturday, September 21, 2013**  from 10 am to 2 pm at sites across the County.

Applications are now being accepted for host sites for this year’s tour. Both tours will showcase educational tracks at key learning centers and tier-one educational institutions.

**Those selected to be showcased among San Diego’s Sweet Solar 16 will be announced in a weekly tour site ‘reveal’ beginning June 21st, during the Summer Solstice.**

Sponsorships are available. SD RES is a 501C3 non-profit whose mission is to promote the education, adoption and advancement of renewable energy solutions while creating green jobs that facilitate its use in homes, educational institutions and commercial facilities across the region. Traditionally, a whopping 72% of those who take the tour consider themselves ready to purchase energy efficiency or renewable energy solutions.  For more information, please call 858-220-3317 or eMail SolarTour@sdres.org.

San Diego’s 13th Solar Tour is part of the ASES National Solar Tour, world’s largest grassroots solar event.