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**Santa Ana College Awarded Sempra Utilities Grant
** Grant to fund student scholarships, promoting "Green" workforce training****

Santa Ana, CA - Santa Ana College (SAC) has been chosen by the Sempra Energy Foundation to receive one of 10 Sempra Energy/Osher Initiative Grants to be used for student scholarships. The annual \$25,000 grant is designed to promote workforce training in current and emerging "green" jobs.

The grant, specific to community college students, will be awarded to students who study environmental sustainability or are enrolled job training programs in "green" careers. The grant was awarded on May 10 to the Santa Ana College Foundation by the Sempra Energy Foundation, the charitable arm of Sempra Energy. The check presentation took place at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) Board of Trustees.

As the leading providers of workforce training in the state, community colleges are ideal to advance job training and workforce preparation in "green" industries. Santa Ana College, a regional leader in career technical training programs, represents the racial/ethnic composition of California's workforce. The college is recognized for its innovation in career technical education, offering many "green" career training programs ranging from welding and manufacturing technology to automotive/diesel technology. Student demographic data contributed to SAC's selection as a grant recipient. The campus holds the distinction as being one of the leading two-year colleges in the nation to award the greatest number of associate degrees to both Latino and Asian students.

The other grant recipients included: Fullerton College, Citrus College, Glendale Community College, Imperial Valley Community College, Los Angeles Trade Tec, San Diego City Community College, Southwestern Community College (Chula Vista), Riverside Community College, and Taft Community College.

For more information about the Sempra Energy/Osher Initiative Grant or to donate to the Foundation's scholarship programs, visit www.sac.edu/foundation or call 714-564-6091.

About the Santa Ana College and the Rancho Santiago Community College District

Santa Ana College is a community college, part of the Rancho Santiago Community College District. The mission of the Rancho Santiago Community College District (RSCCD) is to respond to the educational needs of an ever-changing community and to provide programs and services that reflect academic excellence. Santa Ana College and Santiago Canyon College are public community colleges of RSCCD, which serve the residents of Anaheim Hills, East Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Santa Ana, Tustin and Villa Park. Both colleges provide education for academic transfer and careers, courses for personal and professional development, customized training for business and industry, and programs to train nurses, firefighters and law enforcement personnel.

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