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City Partners with PG&E for Streetlight Project to Reduce Energy, Upgrade Lighting

The City of Santa Maria and Pacific Gas & Electric Co. are partnering on a Street Light Energy Efficiency Project to retrofit more than 5,300 overhead street lights Citywide with LED fixtures. This will change the yellow light across the City nightscape to a truer color rendition with the whiter LED lights. The project is already under way, and PG&E will complete these installations over the next four weeks.

At 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 13, the news media and the public are invited to celebrate this project with the flip of a switch to light up an LED fixture on South McClelland Street, near the civic center. The event will take place at 516 S. McClelland Street, between the Abel Maldonado Community Youth Center and the Paul Nelson Aquatics Center. On-hand for the ceremony will be PG&E staff, Mayor Patino, and City staff from the Department of Public Works including those who were instrumental in this project.

The community will see a dramatic upgrade in nighttime lighting, realize a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, and the project will result in energy utility savings and reduce maintenance for the City. PG&E crews are doing the retrofit. Decorative street lights and street lights owned by PG&E are not included in the project.

Questions may be directed to the City Manager's Office, at 925-0951 ext. 372.

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