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## **JKB Homes is the First to Take Advantage of TID's Rebate**

*JKB Homes will build 222 high energy-efficient, solar-powered homes*

TURLOCK -- JKB Homes is the first production home builder to receive the "Living Green Certified" stamp of approval from the Turlock Irrigation District (TID). JKB Homes achieved this by integrating solar energy and high energy efficiency measures as a standard option in 222 homes in 3 communities within the District's service area.

Solar photovoltaic (PV) systems will be incorporated into these homes. JKB has partnered with SunPower Corporation (Nasdaq: SPWR), a Silicon Valley-based manufacturer of high-efficiency solar systems, to incorporate a 2 kW to 2.5 kW PV system on every home. The homeowners will save money on their electric bills and less electricity will be needed from the District to serve these homes, especially at peak demand times, like hot summer days, when power is most expensive.

The requirement to achieve the TID "Living Green Certified" stamp is that builders must participate in TID's New Construction Residential Rebate Program. This program provides rebates to builders who achieve a 35 percent reduction in the structure's combined space heating, space cooling and water heating energy and 40 percent reduction in the building's air conditioning energy compared to the current Title 24 Standards. In addition all installed appliances must be ENERGY STAR® rated. The program also requires independent verification that the energy efficiency measures are installed and working properly. The "Living Green Certified" stamp is an assurance to homebuyers that the homes will meet or exceed these program requirements.

Combining solar energy along with several high energy efficiency measures will help customers reduce their gas and electric bills year-round. Builders choose what energy efficiency measures to incorporate in order to achieve the program requirements. JKB has chosen to include upgraded air conditioning and heating equipment, upgraded windows, radiant barriers, tankless water heaters and infiltration testing.

For more information about TID's New Residential Construction Rebate Program, solar and other energy efficiency programs log on to [www.tid.com](http://www.tid.com).

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