



Willdan presents a \$226k rebate check to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors on behalf of PG&E. Following is the press release.

Energy-efficiency project paying off for S.J. General

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With a rebate check from Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and estimated savings on energy bills, the \$451,000 efficiency project is set to pay for itself in about two years.

On Tuesday, the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors officially accepted the \$226,000 rebate check for the project.

"It's always wonderful when we can achieve efficiencies and energy savings," board Chairman Bob Elliott said at Tuesday's meeting.

The project stems back to a November 2012 contract award to Willdan Energy Solutions to improve the county hospital's energy efficiency. The project included improving and upgrading controls for heating, ventilation and air conditioning, as well as adding new sensors and devices to measure air flow. Completed in June, the project cost \$451,197.

The rebate from PG&E reflects half that cost. The \$225,598 was written on an oversized novelty check brought to the county supervisors' meeting Tuesday.

Hospital Chief Executive Officer David Culberson said he had a normal-sized check to actually deposit.

The savings go beyond the rebate, he said, as seen in the months since the project was completed. "It's a 6 percent saving on our electric bill for now and forever."

The county estimates the savings will amount to about \$132,000 a year. Culberson said the hospital's annual electric bill is about \$2.2 million.