

## **MID's Energy Efficiency Program pays big dividend for Hughson Nut Company**

*Merced, California. March 30, 2009.* The Merced Irrigation District (MID) will hand the Hughson Nut Company a check for over \$31,000 on Tuesday, March 31, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the company's Livingston's plant. The check is for Hughson Nut's participation in MID's energy efficiency rebate program that encourages commercial and industrial electric service customers to think green and look for ways to save energy.

David Carroll, MID's Assistant General Manager for Business Development and Electric Resources said, "Hughson Nut's participation began when their manager of maintenance, Andy Fontana, called us and asked for an energy audit of the company's Livingston facility. The District's energy audits are part of our service to our customers and are without obligation. We make recommendations on how they can save energy."

"The audit showed they could save energy through a number of lighting system efficiencies," said Mr. Carroll. When an electric service customer participates in the energy efficiency program and implements a project, MID also rewards the commitment by rebating part of the cost of the upgrades.

Hughson's staff developed a new lighting plan based on the audit's recommendations, using natural light and replacing standard lighting with energy-saving compact florescent lamps. Motion sensors were installed that turned on lights when needed by personnel.

Mr. Carroll noted that the payback for the investment in new equipment was just 1.7 years and was pleased with the MID rebate check. "The annual savings to Hughson is over \$33,000 a year," he said. "It is a great example of how going green can payoff for companies."

For more information regarding MID electric service's energy efficiency rebate programs go to [www.mercedid.org](http://www.mercedid.org) or call (209) 722-5761, ext. 119.

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