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## California approves over \$350 million in rebates for solar water heating installations

Rocklin, CA Rocklin based [Brower Mechanical](#), the Placer County leader in Solar Electric and Solar Thermal installations, is pleased to announce that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has approved a \$350 million dollar rebate program to encourage state residents and businesses to install solar water heating to save money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Combined with the current 30% Federal Tax Credit, that means savings of up to 60% on the cost of solar domestic water heating installations. The program's goals are to see over 300,000 systems installed over the next 8 years, saving California residents nearly 6 million cubic feet of natural gas and 3 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually, while creating thousands of jobs. Like the credits for installing solar electric systems, incentives decrease in four steps based on program participation, so larger incentives are made available to those who take advantage of the program early.

The bulk of the new program stems from the passage of AB 1470, authored by Assemblyman Huffman. Under the program, commercial and residential property owners will receive substantial rebates for installing certified solar water heating systems. In addition to the existing 30% Federal Tax Credit, owners of single family homes can receive rebates averaging \$1,500. Commercial and multifamily properties are eligible for much larger rebates based on system size and design. Incentives are paid upon system completion.

“Possibly the best aspect of this program is that the heating and use of water is something that impacts every California family and business every day,” states Duane Knickerbocker, Vice President of [Brower Mechanical](#). Duane went on to say that “easing the impact on the environment and the pocketbook at the same time is exciting for all of us”.

The program will run until December 31, 2017, or until the program funds are exhausted. Like the credits for installing solar electric systems, **incentives decrease in four steps based on program participation**, so larger incentives are made available to those who take advantage of the program early.

**[Brower Mechanical](#) is one of the most experienced solar energy contractors in Northern California. For over 20 years Brower Mechanical has been providing Solar Thermal and Solar Electric services including consulting, design, installation, monitoring and maintenance. Duane Knickerbocker can be reached directly at 916-417-2569.**