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## Solar project dedicated

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AUBURN – Placer County has dedicated its latest solar- energy project for government buildings – a \$2.4 million photovoltaic system that stretches over 2 acres and powers the juvenile detention facility.

The project, dedicated Thursday, is one of four solar-power systems installed at county government facilities in recent years, capable of producing a maximum of 584 kilowatts of renewable electricity.

Each system has a life span of 25 to 30 years and will take the county between 13 and 14 years to pay off.

The estimated value of the power generated through the county's various photovoltaic systems is \$8 million over their life span, according to Jim Durfee, county director of facility services.

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