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A burning donation

Burning Man group donates solar array to Pershing General Hospital

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LOVELOCK — Volunteers from Burning Man are installing photovoltaic solar panels at Pershing General Hospital. The solar array will generate 60,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per year for the hospital. Black Rock Solar is a nonprofit project of Black Rock City, LLC, which produces the annual Burning Man event.

The project is being funded in part by a \$150,000 rebate from Sierra Pacific Power Company's Solar Generations program, which made it possible for the Burning Man organization to provide the project to the hospital at no cost.

"This is an opportunity for Burning Man to give back to the communities that have supported the event, and to increase awareness of alternative energy. Doing this also promotes the core principles of Burning Man, which includes acts of unconditional gift giving," said Matt Mynttinen, project manager for Black Rock Solar.

Representatives of Pershing County, hospital staff, Black Rock Solar and Sierra Pacific Power celebrated the completion of the project with a ribbon cutting ceremony at the hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Mynttinen said the solar project was set in motion when Black Rock City wanted to use solar to power part of their event this year. The theme was the "Green Man." A long time burner associated with the group put them in touch with MMA Renewable



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Left to right, John Hargrove, manager SolarGenerations of Sierra Pacific Power Co., Black Rock Solar Project Manager Matt Mynttinen and hospital Administrator Matt Rees during the presentation ceremony on Nov. 20.

Ventures for the work at the Burning Man event in the Black Rock desert.

Black Rock City officials realized that

with the help of MMA, Sierra Pacific Power and the volunteers of Burners without Borders and the Black Rock City

Department of Public Works, they could provide low cost, and in some cases, free

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 solar energy to help people who needed it, Mynttinen said.

"Burning Man has done a lot for us. This will save the hospital thousands of dollars annually on energy costs. That is money that can be spent on more and better services to the community," said Matt Rees, PGH administrator.

In addition to the solar array, Burning Man has donated money used for the Memory Garden and the Kare for Kids program at the

hospital.

The hospital is also talking with Black Rock Solar about putting in another array for the clinic across the street from the hospital. "We are also pleased because this is a green project so we are helping protect the environment," Rees said.

"The Black Rock Solar group is taking a very unique and innovative approach toward bringing solar energy to many of the communities in which they are

involved. We are very excited to be a part of this great effort," said John Hargrove, manager of the SolarGenerations program of Sierra Pacific Power.

For more information about how to apply for and participate in SolarGenerations programs for residential and small businesses log onto their Web site at solargenerations.com

The completed project is expected to be operational by Nov. 21.