

# SANTA MONICA, CA

#### SOLSMART COMMUNITY PROFILE

A community's processes and programs can make or break the solar value proposition for its residents and businesses. At a community's request, SolSmart supports officials in building capacity through a suite of voluntary actions that can support market growth. SolSmart empowers communities to become designated at the Bronze, Silver, or Gold level via no-cost technical assistance based on best management practices in areas identified as community priorities. This community profile highlights several important solar-relevant metrics and opportunities for solar market growth.

## CALIFORNIA HAS 75,598 SOLAR WORKERS

# SOLAR JOBS BY METRO AREA

Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, CA

21,263

15,631

8,402

#### **SOLAR INDUSTRY**



2,336

SOLAR COMPANIES
IN CALIFORNIA

15

SOLAR COMPANIES IN SANTA MONICA

In 2015, California ranked

- 1 in the nation in solar jobs, ahead of Massachusetts; and
- 5 in solar jobs per capita, behind New York and ahead of Texas.

In 2015, there were over 208,000 American solar workers, a growth of more than 20% each year for the third year in a row.

#### **ECONOMICS OF 200 SYSTEMS**



\$4,066 ECONOMIC OUTPUT



35 TOTAL JOBS

Creating a solar-friendly environment can contribute to local economic development and job creation for Santa Monica's residents. The TABLE ABOVE shows the projected economic development and job creation potential generated by about 200 typical residential systems of 5 kW each.

#### **IMPROVING PROJECT FINANCIALS**



\$7,041

MORE SAVINGS



5.8 YEARS

FASTER PAYBACK

As a part of the Department of Energy SunShot Initiative, SolSmart will help communities make progress toward the SunShot target of \$1.50 per Watt. The TABLE ABOVE shows the projected improvement in savings and payback period for a 5kW project in Santa Monica, were it to hit the SunShot price target.

CONTEXT

SOLAR



# SANTA MONICA, CA

#### **SOLSMART COMMUNITY PROFILE**



#### TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY

**CALIFORNIA** 

12,687 MW

**United States** 

27,400 MW

#### **DISTRIBUTED GENERATION**

**CALIFORNIA** 

41%

**United States** 

42%

- Solar is forecast to rank 1<sup>st</sup> for capacity additions in 2016, outpacing additions of all other energy technologies.
- There are over 960,000 solar energy systems installed in the United States.

#### AVOIDED



**EQUAL TO PLANTING 5.5** FOOTBALL FIELDS OF TREES

OR NOT DRIVING

**194,000** MILES

Estimated avoided carbon dioxide equivalent, based on a 5 kW PV system over 20 years

# **DVISORS**

#### **SOLSMART**

- Program-funded temporary staff that work on-location in communities to help achieve designation.
- Advisors' engagements last up to six months.
- The next application period will begin in January 2017!





### **SANTA MONICA'S SOLAR RESOURCE**

# **SANTA MONICA'S SMALL BUILDING STOCK**

SUITABLE FOR PV

PERCENT OF SMALL BLDGS

PV CAPACITY POTENTIAL

no data BLDGS

%

MW

kWh

6,741 kWh

63%

**MORE SUN THAN** BERLIN, GERMANY, A WORLD LEADER IN

78%

SOLAR AS MUCH SUN AS YUMA, ARIZONA,

SUNNIEST CITY IN THE USA

**ENERGY GENERATION POTENTIAL** MEAN HOUSEHOLD USE YR (CA)

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