

Success Story Conejo Valley Unified School District



After enrolling in late 2013, the Conejo Valley Unified School District (CVUSD) worked alongside the SoCalREN Public Agency Program to identify and implement several energy efficiency projects.



Established

1974



Location

County of Ventura



Superintendent Mark W. McLaughlin, Ed.D.



Students

18,900



District Offices Thousand Oaks



Collectively, the projects completed to date have resulted in more than:



\$437,500Annual Cost Savings



55 Jobs Created



3.6 Million kWh Annual Energy Savings



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We have avoided 945 metric tons of CO_2 (GHG reduction),

which is equivalent to taking **202** cars off the road



CVUSD is benefiting from the positive impacts these energy efficiency projects have had on their facilities, as well as the people who inhabit them—including the nearly 19,000 students currently enrolled. By implementing efficiency upgrades, the District models smart energy behaviors while creating a learning environment where students and teachers can thrive.

CVUSD relied on the expertise of SoCalREN to help them identify qualifying measures and secure funding allocated by Proposition 39, a State program to fund energy efficiency improvements in California schools. CVUSD has chosen to pursue an even broader efficiency goal, implementing projects beyond their Proposition 39 allocation. Completed and planned projects throughout the District include:

- A range of mechanical and lighting projects at five different CVUSD campuses
- Central plant replacements at Los Cerritos Middle School and Thousand Oaks High School



At the Middle School, the 45-year-old system is inefficient and unable to meet the comfort needs of students and staff. Most system components will be replaced, including the boilers, chillers, and energy management system (EMS). The end result will be a more efficient system that reduces the need for maintenance and emergency repairs, and more comfortable buildings that provide a better learning environment.

The District has commented that the Program has assisted in ways they never imagined possible.

11 [T]hey have exceeded all my expectations and then some. They have become not only an integral component of our energy management team, but an extremely valuable asset to the school district as well. Their level of expertise and professionalism has been unsurpassed. . . . They have done significant amounts of work on our behalf that has resulted in substantial savings of both energy and money. 11

Rick Freed, Energy Educator/Manager, CVUSD

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