

2008 report from the President



"Choosing quality of life"

To friends, donors and colleagues of Smart Growth Advocates (SGA):

2008 was a year filled with exciting projects completed, as well as those begun which will be carried forward into 2009. Our initiatives have proven to be successful in achieving the issues our organization works to resolve, from educating children on renewable energy to implementing tangible, sustainable projects.

SGA are proud to have made the impacts listed below, with expenditures and administrative expenses of less than \$3,000. I gauge our organization's effectiveness an A+.

Our benchmarks are high; but our accomplishments speak for themselves. SGA continues to be committed to "choosing quality of life" in both word and deed.

Best,



Vickie Massam, President

P.S. Our best wishes for a totally Happy reNewable 2009.

2008 Impact of SGA

- ✓ SGA brought a 1.1 MW solar photovoltaic installation to Colorado State University-Pueblo, in collaboration with BP Solar and Black Hills Energy. This solar installation is one of the largest for a U.S. university and demonstrates the effectiveness of private/public partnerships. The system is operational and will be dedicated January 13, 2009.
- ✓ With Energy Outreach, CDPHE, Aquila and Xcel Energy, SGA's matched donation provided a family in Pueblo with a \$1,200 energy efficient gas furnace and other improvements which made their home more comfortable and energy efficient.
- ✓ Sponsored SunEdison's **Pueblo Solar City Tour** to educate leaders on solar photovoltaic purchases, financing and project development.
- ✓ Intervenor before the Public Utilities Commission for Black Hills 2008 Resource plan to promote increased implementation of renewable energy on Black Hills' system.
- ✓ Sponsor of the *Virtual Energy Forum*, a wired and renewable energy conference.
- ✓ Sponsor and presenter at the Colorado Renewable Energy Conference, Pueblo
- ✓ Published article in Thai magazine *Twin Palms* "Accidental Activism"
- ✓ The "*Diesel Bus Retrofit*" project, part of the Xcel Settlement agreement was completed with fanfare. This project directly benefits the ~8,700 school children who ride buses to school. CU Boulder provided heretofore unavailable data analysis and reporting on retrofit technologies.
- ✓ "Greening of Fowler" initiative will likely result in the first U.S. city run totally on renewable energy. Our most ambitious project to date. Published in the Colorado Municipal League "*Powering a Community*" by Jeanne Fenter, Vickie Massam and Wayne Snider.
- ✓ SGA continues to relieve the burdens of government by seeking out cutting edge renewable energy companies to bring high tech jobs to Pueblo.
- ✓ Algae to biofuels and wind turbine development projects are ongoing.
- ✓ Anerobic digester project underway employing groundbreaking testing protocol developed in collaboration with Colorado State University – Pueblo and Cornell University.

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