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Aerial view of the solar panel installation at East Valley Division 15. East Valley Division 15 and West Valley Division 8 in the San Fernando Valley are the sites of the largest solar power installation of any transportation agency in the United States and the 20th largest green energy-producing installation ever built in the United States.



Metro to Mark First Anniversary of Solar Panel Installation

- Project at divisions 8 and 15 are transit industry’s largest

By DAVE SOTERO

(May 19, 2006) Metro will mark the one-year anniversary, May 26, of the installation of the transit industry’s biggest solar power project – nearly 1,700 panels placed atop four buildings at East Valley Division 15 and West Valley Division 8.



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The Solar Panel project demonstrates Metro's commitment to "green power" and demonstrates how a major agency can take advantage of state incentive programs to implement renewable energy solutions in Los Angeles County.

The event is scheduled from 10 am to 11 am at Division 15 in Sun Valley.