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Lottery Energy Savings Provide California Public Schools a Different Kind of 'Green' Every Earth Day

SACRAMENTO – Heading into Earth Day weekend, the California Lottery is pleased to announce it has just received another prestigious Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for one of its new and remodeled regional offices. This particular one is located in

Chatsworth (Los Angeles County).

Recognized by the United States Green Building Council, LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for high-performing green buildings such as those operated by the Lottery.

LEED-certified buildings save money, improve efficiency, lower carbon emissions and create healthier work environments for employees.

"We're proud of our sustainability efforts that are helping make this a better earth," Lottery Director Alva V. Johnson said. "The energysaving features of our buildings also help reduce operating costs, which allows us to

send even more money to California public

schools."

Recently, eight Lottery properties, including the Lottery headquarters building in Sacramento, have received distinguished ENERGY STAR certification from the U.S. EPA in recognition for meeting stringent performance standards.

A majority of Lottery properties are also classified as Zero Net Energy (ZNE) facilities. ZNE means the building is designed

to produce as much on-site energy in a year as it consumes. Lottery achieves this with rooftop solar panels which, at some locations, help offset energy consumption by 100 percent.

As part of its sustainability efforts, the Lottery has also installed 47 electric vehicle charging stations spread out over nine different locations to help support its growing fleet of EVs.



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The California Lottery's mission is to provide supplemental funding to California public schools, including kindergarten and grades 1-12, community colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and other California public educational entities. The funds the Lottery transferred to public education totaled approximately \$2 billion for fiscal year 2021-22, which amounted to a modest percentage of education's overall budget. However, this funding is largely discretionary, meaning schools can use this for important, yet unfunded instructional programs they would otherwise not afford. During the same period, the Lottery generated more than \$8.8 billion in sales, more than 95% of which went back to the community in the form of prize payments, retailer commissions and bonuses, and contributions to education. If you feel you have a gambling problem or know someone who does, you can get free confidential help by calling the California Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER.

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