

Luxury Townhome Community Adds Energy Savings to List of Amenities

Property Information

- **Rancho Vista Apartments:** 125 units
- **Energy Savings:** 172,359 kWh/year | 3,127 therms/year
- These energy savings are equivalent to removing the greenhouse gas emissions from 343,448 miles driven by an average passenger vehicle.

For the families who live inside the gates at Rancho Vista Apartments in Ontario, luxury, convenience, and savings come standard. Since it was constructed in 1984, the property has offered renters amenities like resort-style pools, fitness centers, and a kids' park. Now, the community's residents can also reap the rewards of energy-efficient living.

When she heard about SoCalREN's Multifamily Program, property manager Lora Grijalva says she knew it could help reduce energy costs, improve comfort, and increase tenant retention. Even better, the energy-saving upgrades came with financial incentives to help offset installation costs.

By participating in SoCalREN's energy efficiency program, Rancho Vista Apartments was able to complete upgrades across the community's 125 units. In each two-bedroom townhome, contractors replaced outdated indoor and outdoor lighting with energy-saving LEDs. They also installed water-saving faucet aerators and efficient-flow showerheads in each unit.

"Participation was easy," says Grijalva. "From the energy assessments to product installation, crews went through and completed all the upgrades in about two weeks' time."



“Since we made upgrades through SoCalREN’s Multifamily Program, we’ve had fewer maintenance issues and lower utility bills each month. I would advise any property to participate.”

*—Lora Grijalva
Property Manager
Rancho Visa Apartments*

According to Grijalva, the process was seamless. Her team simply notified residents about when the contractors would be installing the improvements, then accompanied contractors through each unit during installation.

“Some residents were home and some were not,” she says. “But there were no interruptions to our daily activities. The crews were great.”

Grijalva says safety and savings have improved since the installations. Residents enjoy brighter lighting around the facilities at night. Plus, daily maintenance time has been reduced and the energy efficiency improvements are estimated to cut annual energy costs by 13.7%.

“We’ve heard nothing but positive feedback from residents,” Grijalva says, “and we’re saving money all across the board.”

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