



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **GRID Alternatives Central Valley to Hold Annual Solarthon in Orange Cove on December 2, 2017**

*8 families to receive solar electric systems during this one-day solar installation event  
and fundraiser*

#### **What:**

Rooftops in the Monte Vista neighborhood of Orange Cove will be swarming with volunteers and solar job trainees as nonprofit GRID Alternatives Central Valley hosts its annual Solarthon solar installation event and fundraiser. Eight families will gain access to clean, affordable solar power while job trainees and area high school students receive hands-on solar installation training. The Bank of America Charitable Foundation will also announce a new \$500,000 grant to support GRID's national SolarCorps Fellowship Program, including 5 SolarCorps Fellows who serve here in the Central Valley region.

#### **When: December 2, 7:30am-3:30pm**

- Morning kick-off program: 8:00am
- 8:30am – 11:30am: testing solar panels, pulling wire on the ground, lifting panels to roof, installing panels on roof
- Lunchtime program: 11:30am-12:45pm

#### **Where:** 300 block of Benjamin St, Orange Cove, CA 93646

#### **Who will be there:**

Homeowners excited to start saving with solar; employee volunteers and representatives from corporate sponsors; job trainees; students from local high schools; GRID Alternatives construction staff and leadership.

Lunchtime speakers include:

- Tom Esqueda, Executive Director, GRID Alternatives Central Valley
- Victor Lopez, Mayor, City of Orange Cove
- Rocio Bell, Consumer Executive, Bank of America
- GRID Central Valley SolarCorps Fellows

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#### **Background:**

GRID Alternatives Central Valley is an affiliate of GRID Alternatives, the nation's largest nonprofit solar installer, bringing clean energy technology and job training to underserved communities. GRID Central Valley has installed 1650 solar electric systems for low-income households to-date, with a combined installed capacity of 3MW. For more information, visit [www.gridalternatives.org/cv](http://www.gridalternatives.org/cv)

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