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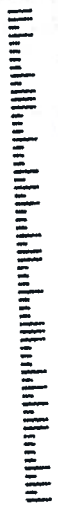
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Open Energy Corp.'s SolarSave Roofing Tiles are a standard feature of condos at the Sunset Cove development in San Diego, Calif.

The use of solar energy as a standard feature in new housing developments is becoming mainstream in California. According to industry experts, the trend is driven by the slowing market for new homes and a customer preference for the reduced energy bills and reduced greenhouse gas emissions afforded by renewable energy systems. Below is a small sampling of projects:

Sunset Cove, San Diego, Calif. | Each of the 77 condos in William Lyon Homes' Sunset Cove development will feature a 1-kilowatt solar photovoltaic (PV) system featuring SolarSave Roofing Tiles by Open Energy Corp. Installation began in February and will continue as homes are sold. www.lyonhomes.com, www.openenergy.com

Apple Ranch, Calaveras County, Calif. | Nova Designs + Builds' 75-home Apple Ranch retirement and vacation community will feature solar water-heating and radiant floor-heating systems by TrendSetter Solar Products Inc., as well as PV and other renewable energy components. TrendSetter will supply the solar water systems over the next five years. www.novadesignsbuils.com, www.trendsetterindustries.com

Lennar Homes Community, Roseville, Calif. | A 650-home community in Roseville, Calif. — built by Lennar Corp. — will use SunPower Corp.'s roof-integrated SunTile solar electric systems. Homeowners are expected to save 40–60 percent on their monthly electric bills. SunPower expects the project to be completed in 2008. www.lennar.com, www.sunpowercorp.com ●



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