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BIA Home Tour spotlights South Placer projects

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South Placer will feature 26 stops out of 66 entries in the Building Industry Association of Superior California's 40th Annual Home Tour Aug. 6-14.

Sponsored by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and Sacramento Savings Bank, the home tour will feature custom homes and new home communities in Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Sutter and El Dorado counties. South Placer projects are located in Roseville, Rocklin, Loomis, and Granite Bay.

"The homes featured on this year's tour offer the latest in energy efficiency," said Merv Carson, chairman of the home tour committee and president of MJ Carson Homes Inc. "We will show the homebuying public that a new home may substantially lower energy bills because of the new technology used by home builders."

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Heights, Rocklin, is featured on this year's tour. Offering a glimpse of the 21st century, McCune's entry in the BIA Tour was built to test tomorrow's automation while showing builders how today's technologies and techniques can dramatically reduce energy use and enhance the environment. The home's automation system allows the resident to operate heating and cooling, security, entertainment and lighting systems by touch screen, infrared remote, and touchtone phone.

The E-3 home (energy-efficient environment) was sponsored by the BIASC, the California Energy Commission, and PG&E as an experimental home that combined futuristic home automation with the ut-

most in energy-efficient technologies and techniques. It was completed in 1992 and was used by PG&E as a test home, including actual use for a year by a live-in family, before being offered for sale.

The home is located at 5341 Humboldt Drive. It is priced at \$449,000 and contains 2,990 square feet of living space with four bedrooms and 3½ baths. The home is being marketed by Bob Malugani of Lyon & Associates, Roseville, telephone 782-0525.

Also featured is PG&E's Act-2 home in McKim Homes' Brookside at Stanford Ranch. The Act-2 home was designed by PG&E and the Davis Energy Group of Davis to surpass the state's building energy stan-

dards by more than 60 percent. It also includes a warranty guaranteeing the cost of heating and cooling at \$240 a year, or \$20 a month, for a period of two years. The warranty does not cover the cost of energy used by appliances.

The 1,700-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bath home is located across from the Brookfield model homes on Charter Road at Wyckford Boulevard, off Park Drive, in Stanford Ranch. Its \$175,000 price tag includes a high-efficient, energy-saving washer, dryer and refrigerator — appliances usually not included in the price of a new home.

Many of the homes on the tour are flagged as PG&E California Comfort Homes and/or

SMUD Advantage Homes.

Several activities are planned to reflect the energy-efficiency theme of the tour. SMUD and PG&E are sponsoring a treasure hunt offering prizes to those who visit their efficiency program homes. Several energy-efficiency demonstrations will be offered at homes entered on the tour. And the tour gives potential homebuyers and the curious a chance to see luxurious new custom homes that are not usually open for public perusal.

The self-guided tour is free and open to the public. All homes on the tour will be open daily from noon-6 p.m. For information on where to get a Home Tour map call the BIASC at 575-1430.