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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## **City Partners with California Public Utilities Commission to Conserve Energy During August 21<sup>st</sup> Solar Eclipse**

**South Lake Tahoe, CA (August 1, 2017)** – As part of City Council initiative to “Reflect the National Treasure in Which we Live,” the City of South Lake Tahoe is partnering with the California Public Utilities Commission in support of reducing electrical usage on August 21<sup>st</sup> during the solar eclipse as part of the “Do Your Thing for the Sun” campaign.

On August 21, 2017, a partial solar eclipse will travel across California, obscuring between 60 and 76 percent of state from the sun. The reduction in solar radiation will directly affect the output of both large scale photovoltaic (PV) electric power plants and rooftop solar.

Californians can step in to allow our hard-working sun to take a break. Rather than relying on primarily expensive and inefficient natural gas-peaking power plants, California citizens can unplug from the grid so that we can have cleaner air, keep our system reliable, and send a message to the rest of the country that we don’t have to rely on fossil fuels as the only foundation of our electricity.

Californians can participate by taking the [pledge](#) and doing one of the following things;

### **PLEDGE TO DO ONE THING – Residents, businesses, visitors:**

1. Turn air conditioning thermostats up 2 to 5 degrees
2. Shut down at least 3 power strips
3. Avoid charging electric vehicles or bikes/scooters between 9 am and noon on 8/21
4. Turn off unnecessary lights.
5. Avoid charging electronic devices between 9 am and noon on 8/21
6. Unplug appliances not in use during the eclipse (e.g., toasters, microwaves, TV, printer, fax machine, copiers, etc.)
7. Replace your light bulbs with LEDs
8. Keep doors closed to prevent conditioned (cooled) air from escaping
9. Consider taking lunch early at 11 am and leaving the building you work in if you work indoors.

