Methane powers wastewater treatment plant

MORENO VALLEY--An innovative 'green' project is saving money by powering a water reclamation plant.

A ceremony Monday marked groundbreaking of the $46 million project. Roxanne Rountree at the Eastern Municipal Water District project site explains that chemical energy is converted to an alternative gas producing electricity.

"It's a better source of methane gas that is used by these fuel cells. At the end of the day, it runs the plant generating 40 percent of its electrical needs."

The wastewater treatment project was funded in part by federal economic recovery funds. (INT)

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