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Community Action Agency of Butte County has been in the “Energy Saving” business since 1979, long before most of us worried about energy bills or how “green” we could be. That’s because they have been under contract with PG& E to provide energy saving products and services to low income families for three decades. “We’ve been at this a long time,” says Tom Tenorio, Executive Director of Community Action Agency (CAA) a 501c3 non-profit, “I would venture to say we are the overall “energy efficiency experts” in Butte County.”

There are several programs low income families can qualify for, from a straight discount off their utility bill to weatherization services that include attic insulation, weather stripping, solar water heaters, replacing windows and doors, even new energy saving appliances.

“The irony is, when we call people to let them know, they think we are Telemarketers trying to sell them something and sometimes hang up!” says Tenorio. “Nobody believes there is anything free anymore, it’s a tough call.”

Formerly the “Housing and Weatherization” program of CAA, it is now being marketed under a new name: **SAVEUENERGY**. **With the new name comes a new service: home energy audits for those who do NOT qualify for the low-income program, but need to make their home as energy efficient as possible.**

These homeowners would be charged a fee of \$195.00 for an energy audit that includes the following:

- a) Blower door test
- b) Duct test
- c) Safety tests for gas and propane appliances
- d) Check attic insulation
- e) Energy Conservation Education

Community Action Agency’s programs hopes that the income from this new venture will help support their non-profit programs, which include Esplanade House, Senior Nutrition, and Housing and Community Development.

To find out more about SAVEUENERGY services, call 538-7534 or go to www.buttecaa.com