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**Green Business Spotlight  
Local Grocer Makes Big Energy Impact**

Whole Foods Market in Redondo Beach is currently spending 25% less on energy than it was in 2009. This comes in the wake of a complete refurbishment of the grocery store's refrigeration, control, and lighting systems. These basic improvements reduce the amount of electricity that is used in the store, lowering its environmental impact overall. Whole Foods already prided itself on being socially responsible, placing 4th on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of Top 25 Green Power Partners. Knowing that there are always ways to become more efficient, managers at the Redondo Beach location got in contact with Sandoval Energy Consulting.

"Providing clients with straightforward projects and technologies that save energy for their facilities is the most important thing to us," says principle consultant Nicholas Sandoval.

California energy rates are high, and as Southern California Edison rates are getting higher, it only makes sense for businesses to bring energy costs to a minimum. However, it is common for businesses to be hesitant about going green, believing it involves costly, drawn-out installation of potential eyesores such as wind turbines and solar panels. The Redondo Beach project is proof that those are mere options among a vast range of energy solutions. Most measures are subtle but no less effective at lowering energy costs. These include replacing outdated refrigeration fans with newer, more efficient models, replacing lighting systems with LEDs, installing anti-sweat heater controls and motion-sensing light controls.

Site manager Jen Ruth states, "In addition to the great savings we see in our utility bills month to month, it is a wonderful feeling knowing that we are able to lower our store's environmental impact."

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