

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2002 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number** Niclas A. West **J0724 Project Title Does a Solar Panel Do Better under Different Conditions?** Abstract **Objectives/Goals** The objective of my project is to deterime what conditions a solar panel will do best in. Methods/Materials 4 different colored plastic sheets identical in size and shape were placed over a solar panel that was collecting light from a lamp. The lightbulb that I used was a 60 watt lightbulb, and also, for the heat variable, I used a 120 watt lightbulb. To get how volts the solar panel produced I hooked a voltage tester up to the solar panel. Results In my project I found that the heated variable produced the most volts. The controlled variable produced the second to the most volts, and the filtered variable produced the least amount of volts. **Conclusions/Discussion** My conclusion is that, the different climates that you put a solar panel in is important if you want to get the maximum voltage out of it. **Summary Statement** My science project is about how different climates affect a solar panel. Help Received Mother, Father, Grandfather