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ACTIVITIES



City of Beaumont

Sustainability Best Practices Activities



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About This Document

This document tracks and shares local agency best practice activities completed and counted as part of a city or county's participation in the climate change and sustainability recognition program, the Beacon Program. The Beacon Program is a statewide program recognizing cities and counties that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability.

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Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings		10% Savings	
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	1 out of 10 categories		





Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Completed lighting retrofits of the Beaumont Civic Center (9000 kWh annual savings) and the Beaumont Police Department (26,351 kWh annual savings).	2015

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	1. Promoted sustainability through outdoor lighting by converting the city's street lights from high pressure sodium fixtures to LED or induction fixtures (45,954 kWh savings). 2. Installed a VFD (variable frequency drive) at one of the city's sewer lift stations (375,972 kWh savings).	2015

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
Platinum	1. Used "de-lamping" to more efficiently light the baseball fields at Rangel Park (5,000 kWh annual savings).	2015





Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Beaumont has adopted a voluntary "Green Building Program" modeled after the "California Green Builder Program."	2015

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The city has also adopted a Municipal Green Building policy modeled after LEED that applies to the renovation and new construction of all city facilities. 2. As part of SCE's Local Government Strategic Plan Solicitation, the City of Beaumont is also participating in code compliance training for all building inspectors related to the implementation of Title 24, California's energy efficiency building standards. 	2015



Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Beaumont is currently working through SCE's "Savings by Design" program to implement energy efficiency measures during the waste water treatment plant expansion project that is underway.	2015

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city has participated in a demand response program with Southern California Edison at the waste water treatment plant since 2010.	2015





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Beaumont's waste removal contract requires a recycling container at each home as well as commercial businesses. The city recycled approximately 2,576.73 tons of recyclable material in 2011, contributing to a total waste diversion percentage of nearly 30%.	2015
Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The city adopted a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance in 2010. 2. The city holds quarterly "Community Clean-up" events that allow residents to recycle old tires, motor oil, and other E-waste at no cost. 	2015



Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Beaumont encourages staff to purchase of recycled materials wherever possible, both for construction projects as well as office supplies.	2015





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. City fleet includes several hybrid vehicles. Transit vehicle fleet includes several CNG buses.	2015



Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Beaumont's local transit agency, Pass Transit, a joint-operation between the City of Beaumont and the City of Banning, currently has three CNG buses as well as a CNG refueling station that was constructed as a joint project between the Beaumont, the Beaumont Unified School District, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.	2015





Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Beaumont encourages sustainable land use policies in the city's General Plan by creating recreational space in new developments and preserving open space.	2015

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In addition the city has a Master Trails Plan that includes 27 miles of bike lanes to encourage alternative forms of transportation and active living. 2. Developed Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan that was incorporated into the City's General Plan. 	2015

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Platinum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing a Golf Cart Transportation Plan to allow for NEV transportation in certain areas, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions from gas-burning vehicles 2. Committed Community Development Block Grant funds to install sidewalks and other pedestrian amenities in areas of the city that do not currently have them. 	2015





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city maintains 15 community parks comprising approximately 92 acres of recreational space.	2015
Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The General Plan calls for the preservation of several existing wildlife corridors and open spaces that are home to protected native species. The largest of which are the Potrero Preserve and the Younglove Preserve. 2. The General Plan also specifically calls out promotion of "the maintenance the maintenance of open space" and the "protection of biological resources."	2015



Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Beaumont has been a "local government partner" of Southern California Edison since 2009. This partnership contains a strong component of community involvement, outreach, and education. The city's website shares a variety of information on sustainability resources and many joint-marketing materials have been created to promote energy efficiency rebate programs through SCE.	2015
Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city also offers residents with the opportunity to share their thoughts through a "sustainability survey" that is offered on the city's website. Weekly "Green Tips of the Week" are posted to the city's official Facebook page.	2015



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