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ACTIVITIES



City of Coronado

Sustainability Best Practice Activities



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California communities are leading the fight against climate change. From small projects to large-scale programs, cities and counties are making great strides to create healthy, sustainable and economically prosperous communities. Participants in ILG's Beacon Program serve as leaders in this effort, making measureable contributions to reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions, and sharing their sustainability best practices.

This document represents a collection of activities your agency has completed in 10 areas of sustainability. While local governments have a wide range of choices available to address climate change, these activities represent the unique opportunities and values in your community. These voluntary actions are essential to achieving California's goals to save energy, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and create more sustainable communities.

SPOTLIGHT AWARD

SPOTLIGHT AWARD		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
Areas of Accomplishment				
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2019		
	Beacon Award			

Cities and counties throughout the Golden State should be proud of the accomplishments made through the hard work, innovation and collective community action. The Institute for Local Government applauds your achievements and thanks you for your continued participation in the Beacon Program.

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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities

Silver

1. The city audits energy use of agency buildings through the SANDAG Energy Roadmap Program, to identify opportunities for energy savings through efficiency and conservation measures.

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Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The golf course irrigation upgrade project was awarded by the city council on July 15, 2014 and was completed and accepted by the city council on January 1, 2015. The new system installed has the capability to monitor weather to allow a more precise watering schedule and minimizes overwatering, which was not possible with the prior system.

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Green Building Activities

Silver

1. All new Coronado buildings are now required to be built to the LEED silver status. This directive applied to the following structures: animal care facility, tennis center, senior center, clubroom and boat house.

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. City-operated wastewater recycling plant—council approved the feasibility report, directed staff to initiate the environmental review, explore design-build delivery methods and investigate project financing for a 0.75 mgd to 1.00 mgd recycling plant on the golf course. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2022. It was approved at a special city council workshop on March 19, 2019.

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Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. Landscaping equipment—on September 5, 2017, the council approved resolution 8891 directing the conversion of the city’s gas-powered leaf blowers and string trimmers, and those used by its contractors, to zero-emission electric tools no later than December 31, 2018. Research indicates that emissions from leaf blowers and other small gas-powered engines have a significant impact on air quality and public health risks. As of summer 2019, 13 string trimmers, 20 leaf blowers, two chain saws, and two hedge trimmers have been replaced.

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Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. Through the Electric Vehicle Charging Plan, the city has installed 14 EV charging stations. There is approximately 1 station per every 1,738 residents.

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Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. The annual Summer Shuttle Program provides free 15-minute increment bus service along MTS route 904 from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day. Coronado has operated the free summer shuttle every year since 2013.

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Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. Coronado developed an Active Transportation Plan and adopted a Community-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan and capital investment program that maximizes potential for residents to walk or bicycle within and between neighborhoods.

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Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. Tree Master Plan has been developed to provide a detailed plan for managing the city's urban forest. This plan will address what the city's urban forest should look like in the future, how to sustain it, and how to increase public awareness of the benefits provided. This plan should be reevaluated every five years by the city's public services staff and the street tree committee to ensure that it conforms to community trends and needs. If after that review there are recommendations, they shall be forwarded to the city council. The city is responsible for the care of approximately 9,065 public trees that are located on street parkways, the municipal golf course, and within 21 city parks. The city is fortunate in having a diverse urban forest that includes over 146 species. The city currently maintains an extensive urban forest with over 8,500 trees.

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Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. The city actively invites community members, organizations and other local agencies to participate in ongoing conversations regarding development of a Climate Action Plan and other future growth plans and policies.

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