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# City of Hermosa Beach

## 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.

The Beacon Program is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative. The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) provides support to cities and counties to help them reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. SEEC is an alliance between three statewide non-profit organizations and California's four Investor-Owned Utilities. It builds upon the unique resources, expertise and local agency relationships of each partner.








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## SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Areas of Accomplishment

|   |   | SILVER LEVEL | GOLD LEVEL | PLATINUM LEVEL |
|---|---|--------------|------------|----------------|
|    | Agency GHG Reductions                   | 9%           |            |                |
|    | Community GHG Reductions                | 8%           |            |                |
|   | Agency Energy Savings                   | 9%           |            |                |
|  | Natural Gas Savings -N/A                |              |            |                |
|  | Sustainability Best Practice Activities | 2016         |            |                |





## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

| Level           | Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity  | Reported    |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Silver</b>   | 1. Audited municipal buildings to identify opportunities for energy savings. See GSE report. (2013)  | <b>2016</b> |
| Level           | Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities  | Reported    |
| <b>Gold</b>     | 1. Participated in SCE's Energy Leader Program to access technical assistance and financial incentives.<br>2. Converted all traffic signals to LED   | <b>2016</b> |
| Level           | Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities  | Reported    |
| <b>Platinum</b> | 1. Replaced all incandescent lights with LEDs in all municipal buildings (2015 -2016).<br>2. Installed smart power strips on all work stations. (2016).<br>3. Provide information about Energy Upgrade California to community via website and community events. | <b>2016</b> |





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

| Level  | Water & Wastewater Systems Activity  | Reported |
|--------|--|----------|
| Silver | 1. In 2011, Hermosa Beach adopted an efficient landscape ordinance that exceeds state regulations. | 2016     |

| Level | Water & Wastewater Systems Activities   | Reported |
|-------|---|----------|
| Gold  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city is actively reducing turf and grass in city landscaped areas. In 2015, the turf replacement was installed at the surf memorial.</li> <li>2. The city uses recycled water on 75% of parks, greenbelts and medians.</li> </ol> | 2016     |

| Level    | Water and Wastewater Systems Activities   | Reported |
|----------|---|----------|
| Platinum | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city uses compost and mulch on city landscapes to conserve water.</li> <li>2. The city implemented the Clean Bay Restaurants Inspection Program which recognized restaurants that intergrate sustainability and ocean-mindedness into their business practices. This helps improve water quality by reducing storm water run off pollution generated by restaurant activities.</li> <li>3. The city installed smart irrigation systems on city landscapes.</li> </ol> | 2016     |





# Green Building Activity

| Level  | Green Building Activity   | Reported |
|--------|---|----------|
| Silver | 1. The city trained its staff in green building standards and technologies. | 2016     |

| Level | Green Building Activities  | Reported |
|-------|--|----------|
| Gold  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city rebates building fees by 50% for improvements that qualify for Energy Upgrade California.</li> <li>2. In 2015, the city installed a water efficient demonstration garden at city hall.</li> </ol> | 2016     |

| Level    | Green Building Activities | Reported |
|----------|---------------------------|----------|
| Platinum |                           |          |





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

| Level         | Waste Reduction Activity  | Reported    |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Silver</b> | 1. City facilities and operations are evaluated to identify opportunities to increase waste recovery. | <b>2016</b> |

| Level       | Waste Reduction Activities  | Reported    |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Gold</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city recycles all ink and toner cartridges.</li> <li>2. The city recycles all green waste ( grass &amp; tree trimmings) from city facilities</li> </ol> | <b>2016</b> |

| Level           | Waste Reduction Activities   | Reported    |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Platinum</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city adopted and implemented a ban on single-use plastic bags.</li> <li>2. The city distributes a quarterly newsletter highlighting municipal and residential waste reduction programs.</li> </ol> | <b>2016</b> |





# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

| Level    | Climate-Friendly Activity   | Reported |
|----------|---|----------|
| Silver   | 1. In 2016, the city updated and implemented a clean fleet policy and action plan.  | 2016     |
| Level    | Climate-Friendly Activity   | Reported |
| Gold     | 1. The city adopted a “buy recycled” policy for agency departments.<br>2. The city instituted special events sustainability requirements. | 2016     |
| Level    | Climate-Friendly Activity   | Reported |
| Platinum |   |          |







# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

| Level         | Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity   | Reported    |
|---------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Silver</b> | 1. The city continues to install electric vehicle charging stations at public facilities. The plug share map is available on the city's website. | <b>2016</b> |

| Level       | Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity  | Reported    |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Gold</b> | 1. The city provides a permit fee waiver for installing home or business electric vehicle charging stations.<br>2. The city rebates building fees for those that contain photovoltaic panels. | <b>2016</b> |

| Level           | Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity   | Reported    |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Platinum</b> | 1. The city installed solar powered flashing red lights at 8 locations.<br>2. The city amended its zoning code to allow small wind energy systems.<br>3. The city offers free parking for all electric vehicles. | <b>2016</b> |





# Efficient Transportation Activity

| Level  | Efficient Transportation Activity                                    | Reported |
|--------|--|----------|
| Silver | 1. In 2016, the city implemented an employee commute reduction plan. | 2016     |

| Level | Efficient Transportation Activities   | Reported |
|-------|---|----------|
| Gold  | 1. In 2016, the city installed bike sharrows on Monterey Blvd.<br>2. In 2016, the city installed bike mini-corrals in the downtown commercial district. | 2016In   |

| Level    | Efficient Transportation Activities | Reported |
|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Platinum |                                     |          |





# Land Use and Community Design Activity

| Level  | Land Use and Community Activity   | Reported |
|--------|---|----------|
| Silver | 1. The city passed a Low Impact Development (LID) ordinance. The most significant changes in the ordinance are related to new development and redevelopment projects. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.easyreadernews.com/108154/city-of-hermosa-beach-05-21-2015/">www.easyreadernews.com/108154/city-of-hermosa-beach-05-21-2015/</a> . (2015) | 2016     |

| Level | Land Use and Community Activities   | Reported |
|-------|---|----------|
| Gold  | 1. The city adopted a form-based pedestrian oriented zoning for Pier Avenue in an effort to make it a vibrant pedestrian environment. | 2016     |

| Level    | Land Use and Community Activities | Reported |
|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Platinum |                                   |          |





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

| Level  | Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities                                 | Reported |
|--------|--|----------|
| Silver | 1. In 2009-2010, the city prepared its first greenhouse gas emissions inventory. | 2015     |

| Level | Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities  | Reported |
|-------|---|----------|
| Gold  | 1. In 2010, the city council set a goal of becoming carbon neutral, meaning all municipal and community operations will come from renewable sources, or offset. | 2015     |

| Level    | Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities | Reported |
|----------|--|----------|
| Platinum |  | 2015     |





# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

| Level         | Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities  | Reported    |
|---------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Silver</b> | 1. The City of Hermosa Beach became the first South Bay City to join the “Cool Cities” initiative. (2006) | <b>2015</b> |

| Level       | Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities  | Reported    |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| <b>Gold</b> | 1. The City of Hermosa Beach appointed a Green Task Force to advise on green initiatives and prepare a sustainability/climate action plan (2009).<br>2. The city sponsors an annual Beach clean-up day. | <b>2015</b> |

| Level           | Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities   | Reported    |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| <b>Platinum</b> | 1. The city implemented a residential worm bin and compost bin program which offers these bins to community members at discounted prices in order to encourage composting.<br>2. The city conducts annual compost give-a-ways for residents. | <b>2015</b> |





Notes:





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