

GOLD LEVEL AWARD WINNER



# City of Port Hueneme

## 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.



## Supporting California local governments

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## SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions		10%	
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			60%
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities		2016	



## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
<b>Silver</b>	1. The city participates in the Southern California Edison's Energy Leader Partnership and has attained the Silver Level Tier. The partnership assists with identifying and addressing energy efficiency opportunities in municipal facilities and pays increased incentives for city energy efficiency	<b>2016</b>

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
<b>Gold</b>	1. The city completed an Integrated Demand Side Management audit at facilities the use greater than 200kW and has enrolled over 50 percent of eligible facilities in Demand Response programs. 2. Since 2014, the city has offered emPower Central Coast and CaliforniaFirst as energy financing programs for residential property owners.	<b>2016</b>

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
<b>Platinum</b>		<b>2016</b>





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city participates in the emPower Central Coast Program. The emPower Central Coast Program provides free faucet aerators and water-efficient shower heads to residents during Energy Coach site visits as well as community events. The faucet aerators and low-flow shower heads are provided by Southern California Gas Company.	2016

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The city developed the Port Hueneme Gardens website to provide information to residents on how to design and install a water-wise garden, irrigation methods and equipment. The website helps residents water their landscape more efficiently as well as provides suggestions on how to easily and effectively maintain your garden. Please see the following link for more information: <a href="http://www.porthuenemegardens.org/">http://www.porthuenemegardens.org/</a>.</li> <li>In 2009, as part of its annual Strategic Plan, the Port Hueneme City Council directed staff to create an interpretive Water Conservation Demonstration Site at City Hall. The objective of this project was to educate Port Hueneme residents about saving water and money through the use of drought-tolerant plants and drip irrigation. The city designed a City Hall Water Conservation Garden: Water Conservation garden brochure: <a href="http://ca-porthueneme.civiccities.com/DocumentCenter/View/99">http://ca-porthueneme.civiccities.com/DocumentCenter/View/99</a>.</li> </ol>	2016

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum		2016





# Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
<b>Silver</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since 2014, the city has participated in emPower Central Coast Program. The emPower Program includes an Energy Coach service where coaches that spend up to two hours with a homeowner at their residence providing them with information on green building techniques and recommendations to improve their home's energy efficiency. The emPower Program also works with contractors to provide them with training on green building techniques. Please see the following link for more information: <a href="https://www.empowersbc.org/its-easy-get-started/energy-advice">https://www.empowersbc.org/its-easy-get-started/energy-advice</a>.</li> </ol>	<b>2016</b>

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
<b>Gold</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The emPower Central Coast Program has teamed up with the statewide Energy Upgrade California program to provide homeowners with increased utility rebates for implementing energy efficient upgrades. Please see the following link for more information on emPower's rebate program: <a href="https://www.empowersbc.org/about-program">https://www.empowersbc.org/about-program</a>.</li> <li>2. The city is a participating member of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance (VCREA). VCREA offers utility sponsored quarterly green building standards trainings to staff from member agencies. These trainings include but are not limited to updates to Title 24, Benchmarking and HVAC trainings.</li> </ol>	<b>2016</b>

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
<b>Platinum</b>		<b>2016</b>







# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city offers four collection sites throughout Port Hueneme for the public to drop off old batteries and fluorescent lights (CFLs). The Battery Recycling Program is very successful and collects a high volume of materials. Please see the following link for more information: <a href="http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1022">www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1022</a> .	2016

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city offers compost bins at a discount to residents. Please see the following link for more information: <a href="http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1021">www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1021</a>.</li> <li>2. The City of Port Hueneme's Solid Waste Division helps business recycle by offering free business waste evaluations. Please see the following link for more information: <a href="http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=993">www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=993</a>.</li> </ol>	2016

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum		2016





# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
<b>Silver</b>	1. The city encourages the practice of not purchasing new materials, such as office supplies and furniture, through the reuse of existing items in surplus when appropriate and feasible.	<b>2016</b>

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
<b>Gold</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city considers efficient transportation methods when purchasing goods and services, such as using local vendors and or locally produced goods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.</li> <li>2. The city has reviewed current purchasing practices to identify possible green procurement opportunities.</li> </ol>	<b>201</b>

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
<b>Platinum</b>		<b>2016</b>







# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has installed bicycle racks and other amenities at agency facilities to promote bicycle use by agency employees and visitors.	2016

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city has trained agency fleet mechanics to service alternative and fuel efficient vehicles.</li> <li>2. In 2014, the city first offered California FIRST energy financing programs for commercial, industrial and multifamily property owners to install energy efficient retrofits, solar photovoltaic or hot water systems on new or existing buildings.</li> </ol>	2016

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Platinum		2016





# Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has consolidated offices that community members often visit at the same time (such as building permitting and environmental health permitting) to reduce vehicle miles traveled.	2016

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city offers a Level of Driver Assistance Program to senior and disabled residents. This dial-a-ride services reduce the need for residents use a personal vehicle.</li> <li>2. The city is always working to increase the number of bicycle lanes, racks, paths and signage throughout the community.</li> </ol>	2016

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Platinum		2016





# Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The city participated in Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) development of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), in compliance with SB 375. The addition of the sustainable communities strategy to the RTP means that the RTP now integrates not only transportation and land-use planning, but also housing and environmental planning with the goal of reducing regional greenhouse gas emissions. The city uses the RTP/SCS when conducting its own transportation, land use, and environmental planning to assist in efforts to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.</li> </ol>	2016

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As part of the general plan housing element update, the city identified potential infill development sites, and maintains a community-wide database of vacant and underutilized infill sites to monitor the community's growth and change.</li> <li>The city provides information to its City Council and to residents on the conditions of its nearly 12 miles of beautiful walk/bike pathways. Having walk/bike pathways helps the city's residents get healthy, meet neighbors, and discover more about the city than by car.</li> </ol>	2016

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# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
<b>Silver</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City has achieved Tree City USA status designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The City has demonstrated a commitment to caring for and managing Port Hueneme's public trees. There are over 4,000 trees in Port Hueneme, and the City invests nearly \$125,000 each year for their care. The City joins more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities across the nation. Please see the following link for more information: <a href="http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1044">http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1044</a>.</li> </ol>	<b>2016</b>

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
<b>Gold</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The City owns and manages 7 parks including: Bulker, Bubbling Springs, Dewar Park, Hueneme Beach, Moranda, and Wen'Mu Parks. These parks help to ensure the long-term health and viability of trees and other vegetation. Please see the following link for more information: <a href="http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=553">http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=553</a>.</li> <li>In 2016, the City hosted its first certified Farmers' Market every Saturday morning at the City's Fishing Pier parking lot. Vendor booths include a mix of fresh farm fruits and vegetables; prepackaged nuts, fresh fish, grass fed beef, honey, hummus, cheeses, etc.; handmade artisans or "green" crafts, cut flowers and plants; and delicious prepared foods and beverages. Free parking, live music, cooking demonstrations, pet sitting/ grooming, and other activities are also available during the Farmers' Market hours.</li> </ol>	<b>2016</b>

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# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city participates in the emPower Central Coast Program, which provides LED lightbulbs, reusable bags, and other give-away items at community events in Port Hueneme to encourage environmental responsibility.	2016

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city hosts beach clean-ups, in which volunteers are educated on the importance of recycling and sustainability. 2. The city distributes brochures showing the community bicycle and walking trail systems to encourage reduction of vehicle miles traveled. For more information, please review the following link: <a href="http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1015">http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1015</a> .	2016

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