

SILVER LEVEL AWARD WINNER

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ACTIVITIES



City of Sand City

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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Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			23%
	Agency Energy Savings	6%		
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2018		



Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. AMBAG Energy Watch has conducted energy assessments of all city facilities within Sand City.	2018

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	1. Through a partnership with AMBAG Energy Watch, all city facilities have been benchmarked using the Portfolio Manager tool. 2. The City of Sand City has been working with AMBAG Energy Watch, in order to access technical assistance and financial incentives, including facility audits, rebates and on-bill financing.	2018

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Sand City owns a reverse osmosis desalination water plant, which provides a renewable source of water for the city. The plant has been in operation since 2010 (https://www.water-technology.net/projects/sand-city-plant/)	2018

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold		

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Sand City is part of the Hero Program, a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program, which allows community members to access loan funding to implement green building retrofits.	2018

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Gold		

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Sand City provides detailed recycling information to the community, which is available on the website (http://sandcity.org/services/garbage-services/)	2018

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold		

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Sand City considers life cycle pricing, to ensure that the maintenance, operating, insurance, disposal and replacement cost of products or services are taken into account when evaluating purchase options. For example, the city has worked to replace fluorescent and incandescent lights with LED lighting to reduce life cycle costs and reduce GHG emissions.	2018

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Gold		

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. In 2017, City of Sand City joined the Monterey Bay Community Power, a CCA which will enable community members to purchase carbon-free electricity. (http://montereybaycca.org/)	2018

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Gold		

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Platinum		





Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Sand City is part of AMBAG, the federally designated MPO for the Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. The City of Sand City uses the transportation model provided by AMBAG, which includes different modes of transportation (bicycles, private vehicles, public transit; http://www.ambag.org/programs-services/modeling)	2018

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Gold		

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Sand City is partnering with AMBAG to work on a Sustainable Communities Strategy, as part of SB 375 (http://www.ambag.org/programs-services/planning/metro-transport-plan)	2018

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold		

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. The city has adopted a forward looking policy as part of its municipal code (16.04) to protect trees within city boundaries.	2018

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Gold		

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Platinum		





Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Sand City has partnered with AMBAG Energy Watch to provide the community with webinars, seminars and trainings on a wide variety of sustainability topics, the most recent a webinar covering passive house design and certification.	2018

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The City of Sand City has partnered with AMBAG Energy Watch to provide the community with information and project assistance to pursue energy efficiency opportunities.	2018

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Platinum		





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