

BEACON
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BEST PRACTICE
ACTIVITIES



City of Sand City

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			2017 (23%)
	Agency Energy Savings	2017 (6%)		
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2018		
	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. AMBAG Energy Watch has conducted energy assessments of all city facilities within Sand City.

Gold

2. Through a partnership with AMBAG Energy Watch, all city facilities have been benchmarked using the Portfolio Manager tool.
3. 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.

Platinum





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

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.

Gold

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Green Building Activities

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.

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. The City of Sand City provides detailed recycling information to the community, which is available on the website.

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Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

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.

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Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

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.

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Efficient Transportation Activities

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.

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Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. The City of Sand City is partnering with AMBAG to work on a Sustainable Communities Strategy, as part of SB 375.

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Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. The city has adopted a forward looking policy as part of its Municipal Code (16.04) to protect trees within city boundaries.

Gold

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Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

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.

Gold

2. 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.

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