



Sustainability News

Climate Change - Land Use & Environment - Healthy Neighborhoods

About ILG

[The Institute for Local Government](#) promotes good government at the local level with practical, impartial, and easy-to-use resources for California communities.



ILG is the nonprofit research and education affiliate of the League of California Cities & the California State Association of Counties.

We Want to Hear From You!

Have a story to tell about what your agency is doing in **water and wastewater**? Share your story to be highlighted on our website! [Fill out this online web form](#) or send an email to sustainability@ca-ilg.org and we'll follow up with you.

About This Newsletter

Our goal is to highlight and share information about the innovative and exciting sustainability activities of California cities and counties. We invite you to share feedback about Sustainability News. Comments and suggestions can be directed to sustainability@ca-ilg.org.

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Greetings!

Welcome to the second issue of the Institute for Local Government's Sustainability News!

We are excited to announce that ILG is partnering with the UC Davis Information Center for the Environment (ICE) to develop and launch a learning network for local officials and staff to share information and resources on topics related to sustainable communities.

To better understand the needs and preferences that you and your peers and colleagues have for information and resources, you will soon receive a confidential questionnaire via email. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and will help shape the design of the learning network and other aspects of our future work in service to local officials.

Thanks again for your interest in healthy and sustainable communities.

Best Regards,

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Waste Reduction & Recycling

Featured Climate Action & Sustainability Best Practice Area

Why It's Important

Seventy-five percent of landfill waste is generated by businesses. Promoting commercial recycling helps keep recyclable materials out of landfills. This conserves resources, extends the life of the landfill, saves businesses money and reduces the potential generation of methane, a greenhouse gas that is released from improperly managed landfills.

Where to Learn More

- [ILG's Waste Reduction & Recycling Best Practices](#)
- [Commercial Recycling Resource Center](#)
 - [ILG Commercial Recycling Case Stories](#)
 - [Commercial Recycling Webinar Series](#)
 - [Examples of Local Commercial Recycling Ordinances](#)
- [Waste Reduction & Recycling Examples](#)

Additional Resources

- [ILG Sample Commercial Recycling Ordinance](#)
- [ILG Sample Commercial Recycling Flyer for Businesses & Apartments](#)

ILG's Climate Action & Sustainability Best Practice Areas



Engaging the Public in Waste Reduction & Recycling Activities



Why It's Important

Involving the public in the development of sustainability policies and programs builds community awareness and support for local actions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including their co-benefits.

Where to Learn More

- [Working With Local Businesses to Increase Recycling](#)
- [Creating Effective Commercial Recycling Education and Outreach Activities \(Webinar\)](#)
- [Recycling Programs at Apartment Complexes: Success Tips for Local Officials \(Webinar\)](#)
- [ILG's Public Engagement & Collaborative Governance Program](#)
- [ILG's "Promoting Community & Individual Action" Climate Action & Sustainability Best Practices](#)

Read about what cities and counties around the state are doing to engage the public in waste reduction and recycling activities:

- [Alameda County Solid Waste Authority](#)
- [City of Kingsburg](#)
- [City of San Diego](#)
- [City of San Carlos](#)
- [Orange County Regional Collaboration](#)
- [San Diego County](#)

Join These Leading Communities Achieving Local Sustainability!

Applications are being accepted on an ongoing basis to participate in the Institute for Local Government's sustainability and climate change recognition program, the [Beacon Award: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change](#).

Participants to date working to achieving one of three award levels include:

- [Apple Valley](#)
- [Chula Vista](#)
- [Citrus Heights](#)
- [Hayward](#)

- [Livermore](#)
- [Palm Springs](#)
- [Pleasanton](#)
- [San Rafael](#)
- [San Ramon](#)
- [Santa Barbara](#)
- [Santa Clarita](#)
- [Santa Cruz](#)
- [Simi Valley](#)
- [Sonoma County](#)
- [South Gate](#)
- [Tulare](#)
- [Ventura](#)
- [Woodland](#)
- [Yolo County](#)

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**Local Leadership Toward
Solving Climate Change**

Hear From Beacon Award Program Participants



Information about the Beacon Award program, including an online application and support materials, is available at: www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward.

Upcoming Events

June 22, 2011 11:00-12:00 p.m.

[Webinar: Creating a Health Framework for Climate Action and Adaptation Planning](#)

Department of Public Health

June 23, 2011 2:00-4:00 p.m.

[Webinar: Energy Technology Assistance Program](#)

Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

June 28, 2011 2:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT)

[Webinar: Partnering with Utilities 101- Introduction to Utility Energy Efficiency Programs and Developing New Partnerships](#)

U.S. Department of Energy

June 29, 2011 2:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT)

[Webinar: Interior Lighting Efficiency for Municipalities](#)

U.S. Department of Energy

June 30, 2011 2:00-3:00 p.m. (EDT)

[Webinar: How Has Your County Changed?](#)

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

July 27-28, 2011 San Jose, CA

[Statewide Energy Efficiency Best Practices Forum](#)

Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

Ongoing Multiple Locations Statewide
[Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Climate Action Plan Free Training Series](#)
Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

Additional Resources

New Tools

- [Community Inventory Tool](#) ICLEI
- [Climate Action Plan Template](#) ICLEI
- [Cal-adapt](#) California Energy Commission (CEC)

New Reports

- [Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Recycling and Composting](#) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- [Updated Analysis of Cap and Trade Options](#) Air Resources Board (ARB)
- [Financing the Resilient City](#) ICLEI
- [Green Infrastructure Case Studies: Municipal Policies for Managing Stormwater with Green Infrastructure](#) EPA
- [How State Government Enable Local Governments to Advance Energy Efficiency](#) ACEEE
- [American Climate Attitudes](#) The Resource Innovation Group



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