

ILG Sustainability News Fall 2012

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Beacon Award Program Update

Beacon Award Communities Featured in July Issue of Western City Magazine

July 2012

Cities and counties participating in the Beacon Award were highlighted as a part of two feature articles in the July Issue of Western City Magazine.

[Spotlighting Energy Efficiency in California Communities](#)

[Sustainability's Many Faces: Beacon Award Program Participants Create Vibrant Communities](#)

South Bay Cities Council of Governments Welcomed as 1st Beacon Award Champion

July 2012



The South Bay Cities COG becomes the first organization of its kind to receive the designation.

[Read more](#)

3rd Annual Beacon Award Meeting Held at 2012 League of California Cities Annual Conference

September 2012



Twenty five cities and counties participating in the Beacon Award program received recognition at a special meeting held at the recent League of California Cities annual conference in San Diego.

[Read more](#)

 [2012 Beacon Award Special Session: Small Group Discussion Highlights](#)

Featured Climate Action & Sustainability Best Practice Area

Renewable Energy & Low-Carbon Fuels

ILG's Renewable Energy & Low-Carbon Fuels Best Practice Area offers specific suggestions on how to achieve the following goals:

- Promoting agency use of fuel efficient and alternative fuel vehicles to reduce reliance on fossil fuels;
- Promoting methane recovery programs and projects; and
- Promoting the use of renewable sources of energy.

[Click here](#) to view Renewable Energy & Low-Carbon Fuels Best Practices.



Key Resources for Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels

Here are some key resources that can help you explore the range of opportunities and determine what fits well for your city or county.

[Read more](#)

Additional Resources

10 Questions to Ask Before Installing Solar Power on Agency Facilities

Solar PV systems convert sunlight to electricity and offer opportunities to reduce energy costs, save taxpayer dollars, save energy and increase sustainability. Asking the right questions can help make the project a success.

[Read more](#)

[10 Questions to Ask Before Installing Solar Power on Agency Facilities](#)

California Climate Adaptation Planning Guide

The California Climate Adaptation Planning Guide (APG) has been finalized and is now available to the public.

[Read more](#)

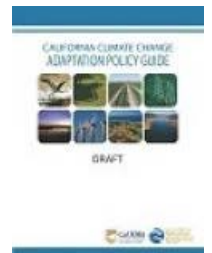
[Adaptation Policy Guide Information](#)

 [APG: Planning for Adaptive Communities](#)

 [APG: Defining Local and Regional Impacts](#)

 [APG: Understanding Regional Characteristics](#)

 [APG: Identifying Adaptation Strategies](#)



California Solar Permitting Guidebook

The guidebook explains state requirements for solar PV, outlines local permitting steps, and recommends several ways that local agencies can improve permitting of solar PV systems.

[Read more](#)

 [California Solar Permitting Guidebook: Improving Permit Review and Approval for Small Solar Photovoltaic \(PV\) Systems](#)

The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative



The Beacon Award is a part of the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative, an alliance to support cities and counties. SEEC offers free workshops, webinars, guides and tools. Click here to learn more.

Sustainable Communities Learning Network Group on LinkedIn

The LinkedIn™ group is a place for local government sustainability practitioners to connect, exchange information, discuss best practices, and seek feedback on project ideas directly from their peers.



Thinking Outside the Farebox

This new free guidebook is designed to help community leaders across the country meet the demand for



transit by raising money to build and operate it outside of the traditional federal funding sources.

[Read more](#)

 [Thinking Outside the Farebox Guidebook \(Transportation for America\)](#)

Two Complete Streets Resources for Local Leaders

Smart Growth America has released two resources for local leaders, a *Complete Streets Local Policy Workbook* and the *Complete Streets Policy Analysis 2011*.

[Read more](#)

 [Complete Streets Local Policy Workbook](#)

 [Complete Streets Policy Analysis 2011](#)



Upcoming Events

Building Retrofits, Commissioning & Retro-Commissioning Webinar

Free webinar hosted by the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

This webinar takes place October 18, 2012 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and provides an overview on building retrofits, commissioning and retro-commissioning and highlight two local examples including energy savings achieved, challenges faced, and lessons learned.

[Read more](#)

California Asthma Summit: Research to Practice

Hosted by California Breathing

California Breathing will host the *California Asthma Summit: Research to Practice* in San Francisco on December 5-6, 2012.

[Read more](#)



Estimating the Health Impacts of Climate Change and Clean Energy Programs

Free webinar hosted by the EPA

This webinar takes place on October 11, 2012 from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (PST) and will cover three EPA tools that state and local governments can use to estimate the health and related economic benefits of actions that reduce air emissions.

[Click here to register.](#)

Safe Routes to School National Partnership Offers Monthly Webinars

Free series continues through February 2013

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership started offering monthly webinars in May 2012. [View past recordings and register for upcoming webinars offered by the Partnership.](#)

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