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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.

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Areas of Accomplishment		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings	2018 (6%)		
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities		2018	2020
	Beacon Vanguard 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. Signal Hill encouraged the development of the green residential Aragon Townhomes, previously a brownfield, and approved the project because of its various green designs. The townhomes were built beyond CalGreen standards, featuring solar systems and energy efficient designs for all 81-units of 2 to 3- bedroom dwellings.

Gold

2. The city implemented a policy to shut off computers, printers and shredders at the end of each day.
3. Signal Hill is participating in the Edison incentive application for up to \$10,000 in rebates for the LED retrofit of existing safety lights at 16 signalized intersections. In July 2017, the city council approved the purchase of 81 LED safety light fixtures from Leotek Electronics, which were received in September 2017 and installed by Long Beach Signals Division (who maintains the city's intersection lights) by the end of 2017. The city replaced previous lighting ranging from 200 to 400 watts with LED wattages ranging from 88 to 180 watts. The city is also working with SCE to retrofit all LS1 lighting fixtures (owned by SCE) in the future at 11 intersections.

Platinum

4. The city has replaced older, less efficient pump motors with high efficiency motors through federal grant money. In 2017, upgrades included four motors at the Gundry Pump Station and one motor at the Hilltop Station.
5. Signal Hill accepted a grant from Southern California Edison for a program to install variable speed motor drives on city water pumps that match the service need and reduce energy use.
6. The City of Signal Hill (the City) replaced a total of 1,151 high pressure sodium vapor (HPSV) fixtures with Light Emitting Diodes (LED) fixtures in public roads under Southern California Edison's LS-1 option E program. These new fixtures provide more illumination and are considerably more energy efficient, while providing cost-savings to the city in the long-run. The installations were completed on January 8, 2019.





Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities

Platinum

7. The city first adopted the Turf Replacement Ordinance and Guidelines in 2015. The Ordinance and Guidelines were developed beyond the state-mandated reporting requirements for California to reduce its water use in both commercial and residential zones. The new water conservation rules, which also aim to improve irrigation efficiency standards, are another way that the State is asking for cities to reduce water demand for continued conservation, especially during drought conditions. As defined within state regulations, water suppliers that service 3,000 customer meters or more are referred to as “urban water suppliers,” whereas water systems that service less than 3,000 customer meters are defined as “small community water suppliers.” Signal Hill falls within the category of a “small community water supplier.” While the State did not establish monthly water conservation goals for cities that are small community water suppliers, the city went above and beyond by establishing its own monthly goal to maintain water usage below the 2013 state-mandated goal of 12% compared to the baseline for the monthly total system water use over the period of July 2013 through February 2014. The city consistently tracks water usage and publishes the conservation rate on the city website.
8. To achieve some consistency in the Signal Hill Auto Center, the city adopted the Auto Center Design Guidelines in 1990 which established installation of uniform rounded light fixtures in the parking lots of all auto dealerships. Over time, auto dealerships upgraded their properties with new LED lighting; however, it was difficult to retrofit the old rounded fixtures with new, energy-efficient LED lighting. In April 2019, the Planning Commission amended the Auto Center Design Guidelines by eliminating the requirement for rounded light fixtures and allowing dealerships to install their choice of LED light fixtures. Today, auto dealerships are able to install new, more efficient LED lighting to conserve electricity and reduce energy consumption, without the financial burden of retrofitting the old rounded fixtures.
9. The city created and distributed flyers for Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Guidelines at the city’s Summer Concerts Series. These educational flyers are aimed to inform Signal Hill residents of the different types of FOGs, how to properly dispose of them, and the negative effect they have when poured down drains. The FOG Guidelines also provided additional resources for other outside agencies.





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The city provided and installed irrigation retrofits, including nozzle replacements, spray head replacements, new controllers, low flow toilets, water efficient faucets and mulch rings around trees at 7 city parks/facilities at no cost through the water reduction program administered by the Central Coast Water Basin in 2016.

Gold

2. In 2014, the city council authorized an agreement between Signal Hill and the Gateway Water Management Authority to accept a Water and Energy Efficiency Grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for a Regional Advanced Meter Infrastructure Program in the amount of \$41,758 to initiate a smart meter replacement project. Through the demonstration project, the city replaced 260 residential meters in 2017 in the North End neighborhood with smart meters. The meters have the capability to electronically collect and transmit water usage data in incremental time periods. This effort also served as a demonstration project for the community.
3. The city re-stenciled 23 storm drain inlets with a no dumping sign in fiscal year 2014-2015. A total of 43 storm drain inlets have been re-stenciled with a no dumping sign since 2013.

Platinum

4. Signal Hill uses approximately 12,000 gallons of recycled water per day for irrigation at two city parks.
5. Signal Hill has an active program to protect water bodies from debris associated with stormwater runoff. The city installed trash nets on several outfalls. New catch basin inserts will be installed and cleaned annually to reduce the amount of trash and debris that enters the Los Angeles River and Los Cerritos Channel. In 2018, the city completed installation of 36 connector pipe screen inserts. Another 64 are scheduled for installation by July 1, 2018. Full installation is planned for 2018.
6. The city's Water Department received an \$11 million Caltrans environmental grant to design and construct a stormwater retention facility in 2015. The Design Build Contract was approved in 2016. Construction will be completed in 2018.





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

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7. Vacant Parcel Ordinance (VPO) – In 2017, the city adopted the VPO which requires property owners to install stormwater control devices on all vacant properties one acre or more in size. The VPO was developed an effort to improve water quality and reduce the amount of sediment entering the storm drain system. In most cases, erosion occurs at slow rates; however, the rate of erosion increases when land is left unprotected and soil is exposed. Vacant, barren sites are susceptible to up to one hundred (100) times more erosion than a naturally vegetated site. Under the most current inventory, there are 28 sites subject to the VPO. Each site has an approved compliance plan on file. Inspections are conducted annually prior to the rainy season, which begins on October 1. All 28 sites were deemed in compliance for the 2019 rainy season.
8. In 2018, the city received an additional \$7.5 million from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to additionally expand the Los Cerritos Channel Sub-basin 4 Stormwater Capture project. A majority of construction activities for Phases 2 and 3 were completed in 2019.
9. The city has implemented an Industrial Waste Program, which involves the inspection of all facilities equipped with a wastewater pre-treatment system. These include onsite recycling systems, clarifiers, grease interceptors, and grease traps. This serves as a grease control program to reduce blockages in the wastewater system.
10. In accordance with the city's Water System Master Plan, city staff continuously maintains and upgrades the city's water system to ensure maximum capacity and reliability. Well No. 10, one of the city's three water production wells, has been in operation for 40 years, is at the end of its design life and no longer operational. In December 2019, the Water Replenishment District Board approved a 10-year, zero percent interest loan agreement in the amount of \$1,500,000 to replace the well. On April 14, 2020, the City Council approved the execution of a contract with Tetra Tech to begin drafting plans, specifications, and estimates for the project.





Green Building Activities

Silver

1. The Pacificwalk Signal Hill Collection Phase 1 and 2 project is the city's first LEED certified multi-family housing development. The 55-unit development is all-electric, featuring solar panels, a pedestrian link, water efficient landscaping, and is pre-wired for electric vehicle chargers.

Gold

2. Signal Hill transformed an old, unusable manufacturing structure into its new Conservation Corps of Long Beach Environmental Education Center. The center is now used to offer job training and education for area at-risk youth. The new energy efficient building designed by Studio One Eleven demonstrates an integrative practice of architecture and landscape and urban design. The green building is made of recycled/recyclable material, featuring a pre-engineered metal building customized with wood cladding and storefront windows, allowing for natural lighting.
3. In December of 2017, the city's selected developer, Meta Housing, completed development of 72 new affordable housing units. The project includes a community garden, is located near a transportation line, and is located within ¼ mile of schools, parks, cultural, civic, and retail opportunities. The project is striving to attain LEED Gold certification for the 3-story buildings and LEED Silver for the 4-story buildings.

Platinum

4. Signal Hill approved plans for a 25-unit detached single-family dwelling project. This development will have a trail system connection to the Town Center West retail center. The project has a green streets design with modular wetland filtration systems to treat stormwater and permeable pavers to provide additional source control for stormwater runoff and pollutant loads.
5. Signal Hill has a residential green building primer information PDF available on the city website. Elements of the primer include definitions; benefits; examples; objectives and methods for construction and design materials; construction recycling practices; landscaping; and appliances and furnishings.
6. The city adopted the Municipal Green Building Policy to encourage energy and resource efficiency developments, minimize environmental impacts, and meet minimum LEED Silver standard for construction of all new municipal buildings.





Green Building Activities

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7. Construction was completed for the Signal Hill Public Library. A grand opening event was held on August 10, 2019. The Library features a terrace patio with views of the Long Beach coastline, roof-mounted solar panels, two electrical vehicle charging stations, and drought tolerant landscaping. The Library was also certified as under the Gold-Level standard for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.
8. In 2015, the City Council adopted the new requirements for the revised state mandated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (WELO), which established annual reporting requirements to the State by January 31st of each year. Under WELO, the city must track and document both new and rehabilitation landscaping projects for those that meet certain square-footage thresholds. Each report consist of plans, irrigation audits, and a certificate of completion signed by a licensed professional to verify that the landscaping is installed per the approved plans. The 2019 Annual WELO Report was formally submitted on January 31, 2020.
9. In 2016, the city replaced turf in the parkway areas of City Hall with drought tolerant plants and drip irrigation. This project served as a demonstration for other residential and commercial projects in the community.





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. The city's waste collection provider has a household hazardous waste program that provides a hazardous waste drop off site for the community to increase opportunities for e-waste and hazardous materials collection and recycling.

Gold

2. In 2016, the Signal Hill diverted approximately 162 tons of wood chips from tree trimmings, which were diverted from landfills and recycled as mulch.
3. The city has distributed over 500 reusable shopping bags at community events and at city hall to reduce the use of plastic bags.

Platinum

4. Signal Hill's waste collector diverted a total of 18,187 tons of waste citywide in 2016.
5. The city's landscape contractors use mulching mowers to eliminate green waste and tree trimming contractors shred trimmings into mulch.
6. Signal Hill's waste collector provides a program for free curbside collection and disposal of used motor oil for Signal Hill residents.
7. Effective January 1, 2017, CalRecycle revised CALGreen state regulation on construction waste management to require all cities to implement a procedure to recycle and/or salvage for reuse a minimum of 65 percent of the non-hazardous construction and demolition debris (C&D) waste. The City of Signal Hill supports this state requirement, and has developed a departmental procedure to track all projects within a deemed threshold involving C&D. The city requires all applicants to be subject to set thresholds for C&D when performing new construction, demolition, excavation, additions, or alterations to a permitted structure. Those thresholds are: projects with a valuation equal to or greater than \$25,000; projects with a projected square footage equal to or greater than 3,000 sq. feet; projects that require the removal/replacement of a roof on a permitted structure.





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Platinum

8. Signal Hill and Signal Hill Disposal (EDCO), the city's franchise waste collection and recycling company, have partnered to provide residents with battery recycling bins to combat pollution caused by improper disposal. The bins have been placed in three different locations within the city: City Hall, the Signal Hill Public Library and City Yard. Residents can discard used batteries in the designated collection bins during regular business hours.
9. The city has partnered with the Los Angeles River and Los Cerritos Channel to address trash pollution in local waterways. By November 20, 2017 the city installed full capture systems (trash baskets) in catch basins that capture runoff from one or more of the priority land uses. In February 2019, the city also submitted jurisdictional maps that identify the priority land use areas, drainage areas addressed by trash Total Maximum Daily Loads, storm drain network, and proposed locations of all full capture systems. The final deadline is ten years from the start date of the program. Preliminary reviews found that the city has approximately 116 catch basins that would be subject to installation of a trash capture device. The city has installed 116 catch basin retrofits.
10. The city and EDCO sponsored a free paper shredding, e-waste collection, and mulch event on May 18, 2019 at the EDCO Recycling & Transfer facility at 2755 California Avenue.





Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. The city approved the Sustainable Purchasing Policy in 2010 to raise awareness of environmental issues affecting procurement, emphasize environmental considerations in purchasing decisions, conserve natural resources, reward environmentally conscious manufacturers, and encourage suppliers and contractors to offer environmentally preferable products and services at competitive prices. City departments are to consider various environmental factors alongside fiscal factors to practice sustainable purchasing.

Gold

2. The Sustainable Purchasing Policy includes environmentally friendly purchasing for office materials.
3. The city maintains a Vehicle Replacement Program that tracks the lifecycle and condition of the entire fleet of city vehicles and equipment. Public Works also evaluates the cost of repairs and whether the repairs will restore the vehicle to reliable and safe operation. The program allows staff to evaluate current vehicles and replace them with fuel efficient and/or alternative fuel fleet vehicles that reduce environmental impacts.

Platinum

4. Signal Hill is reviewing current purchasing practices to identify possible green procurement opportunities, such as a Green Fleet Purchasing Policy.
5. Signal Hill purchases park playground equipment and surfacing made with recycled plastic and repaves its roads with recycled rubber shavings.
6. Through the Community Services Department, the Community Recreation Center's after school youth programs utilize earth-friendly utensils.
7. The city operates its own Water Department and related facilities, which enables the city to manage and control costs in providing water to its residents, and minimize the cost of purchasing water from outside sources. In 2018, construction of Well No. 10 was completed, which includes a state-of-the-art nano-filtration system that will treat all of the potable water in the city. The system produces potable water without the usage of any chemicals and uses less energy than other treatment methods. In addition, the city will see an estimated savings of 45% of the cost of obtaining water from the Metropolitan Water District. By maximizing its well production capabilities, the city is exercising fiscal and environmental sustainability toward providing water to its residents.





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. The city's new police station, opened in 2013, features a solar carport structure that generates 55 kWh power, offsetting approximately 33% of electrical usage. The photovoltaic system generates approximately 30% of total energy use in daytime and approximately 15% of total energy usage overall. The structure makes use of natural daylight and is LEED certified.

Gold

2. The city completed installation of Bloom Energy fuel cells at Gateway Center and at Town Center East Home Depots in 2016. The fuel cell system converts fuel directly into energy without combustions and is up to 60% more efficient at generating electricity.
3. Las Brisas Affordable Housing Development installed 3 solar power systems on its Community Center and Phase 2 building. The 3 systems generate a combined 4 kWh of electricity for common areas, such as hallways, exterior lights, and laundry room. Installations will offset up to 89% of the Community Center's power and up to 13% and 46% for Las Brisas II North and South, respectively.

Platinum

4. The city's Ordinance No. 2015-08-1476, "SMALL RESIDENTIAL ROOFTOP SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM PERMITS" sets provisions to streamline the small residential rooftop solar energy system permits and inspection process. In 2016, the city issued 25 residential solar permits.
5. EDCO's Materials Recovery Facility collects from residents and businesses and sends 10% of waste from each cycle to the Southeast Resource Recovery Facility for waste to energy conversion. The city then gets credit for waste diversion.
6. Construction was completed for the Signal Hill electrical vehicle charging stations in the upper Civic Center parking lot, with partial funding from the Mobile Source Air Pollution Reduction Review Committee and the South Coast Air Quality Management District AB 2276.
7. The city presented a Sustainability Award to HARBRO Emergency Services and Restoration, for the installation of large-scale solar canopies in the parking lot of their commercial property located at 2750 Signal Parkway. A representative from HARBRO was formally recognized as an award recipient at the July 23, 2019, City Council meeting.





Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. Signal Hill installed electric vehicle charging stations at the Glenn E. Thomas FIAT dealership and a commercial office building for private use.

Gold

2. The city increased its usage of email and electronic communications and provides information on its website, which helps to reduce trips to city hall.
3. Signal Hill collaborates with other cities and MPOs to coordinate planning goals and processes as a member of the I-710 Corridor Project Committee.

Platinum

4. The city's Circulation Element Policy 1.b has a large trail system that utilizes earthquake fault "no-build" areas and encourages connectivity to other projects, such as the Crescent Square residential project. Other projects influenced by this policy are the Hilltop development and the Heritage Square Central Business District project, currently in the conceptual planning phase.
5. Signal Hill participates in regional and sub-regional discussions and efforts to increase bike connectivity with the Gateway Cities COG and the City of Long Beach.
6. The Signal Hill Police Department initiated the bike patrol program throughout the city to better serve the community and prevent crime. This program makes various gated communities, recreational walking trails, city parks, and congested parking lots more accessible, thus increasing patrol activity and decreasing response time for service. Currently, the department has two non-electric bikes; however, they are exploring options for purchasing two electric-assisted "E-bikes" to strengthen the program. Lastly, by deploying a bicycle patrol team (two bicycles), the city is taking patrol vehicles off the street, thus reducing its carbon footprint.
7. At each bi-monthly City Council meeting, the city features a "Small Business Spotlight" in which a local small business is showcased to the public. The Council invites business owners to attend the meeting to share information about their products and/or services. This is a city-wide effort to encourage residents to shop locally to reduce driving miles.





Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. The city participates in regional efforts to reduce GHG emissions by participation in committees, events and meetings of SCAG and the Gateway Cities Council of Governments.

Gold

2. Signal Hill's Circulation Element Policy 3.a promotes healthy, energy-efficient and sustainable living by promoting the expansion of city trails and walkway systems. This policy increases available open space to support different types of uses and the different recreational needs of the community.
3. The Circulation Element Policy 1.b requires new development to include circulation and utility system improvements, including dedication of land for widening of roadways for pedestrian and bicycle facilities, where appropriate. This policy increases opportunities for walking and bicycling by requiring direct pedestrian and bike paths through new developments.

Platinum

4. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan required the entire Hilltop Specific Plan Area of 125 acres to include at least 9.34 acres of parks, trails, and open space. The final development included the 2.2-acre Hilltop Park with the rest of the required acreage in the trail system.
5. The city recently approved a large connectivity project starting with View Park that connects to the Hilltop trails that will then connect to the future Central Business District (currently in conceptual planning phase). The Central Business District will in turn connect to the Crescent Squares pedestrian path that connects to Town Center commercial developments. All developments connect to transit services on Cherry Ave.
6. In 2019, the city issued certificates of occupancy for 25 single-family detached homes on a previously vacant site. The project includes solar roof options, water efficient landscaping, and a trail system connection to the Town Center West retail center. The project also has a green streets design with modular wetland filtration systems to treat stormwater, as well as permeable pavers to provide additional source control for stormwater runoff and pollutant loads. Construction was completed in 2019.
7. To promote environmentally responsible community design, the City of Signal continues to implement the SCC Awards Program. The intent is to formally recognize property owners who have improved their homes or businesses in sustainable ways.





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. In 2017, the city received a \$2 million grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy to expand the city's View Park, to increase accessibility and opportunities for recreational open space. Final plans are currently investigating the most feasible recycled water connection and completion of landscape details.

Gold

2. In 2017, construction bids were awarded for a dog park site at 3100 California Avenue, just south of the 405 freeway, and the related General Plan and Zoning amendments were approved. Construction on the dog park began in late 2017 and included a reduction of the slope of trail to improve handicap accessibility. The grand opening ceremony took place in March 2018.
3. The city's community garden opened in 2014 with 26 spaces, including two available for those with disabilities.

Platinum

4. The city received a \$75,000 County Prop. A Grant to upgrade and modernize the Signal Hill Park irrigation system to facilitate ensuring the long-term health and viability of trees and other vegetation. In 2016, through a program administered by the Central Basin Water District, aimed at reduction of water use, Ecotech completed irrigation retrofits (nozzle/spray head replacements, new controllers, etc.) at multiple city facilities/parks. Low flow toilets, water efficient faucets and mulch rings around trees were also installed at Signal Hill Park.
5. In 2019, the city received \$400,000 in additional grant funding from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, to assist with the design and construction of View Park and the associated recycled water service. The alignment for the water service was chosen for connection of the recycled water line from the City of Long Beach using the most cost effective and least disruptive solution. Progress on design and architectural plans are 90% complete. The proposed plans incorporate a walking trail to connect residences in the Civic Center and Hilltop neighborhoods to City Hall, the newly constructed Signal Hill Public Library, Signal Hill Park and the Town Center East commercial retail center.
6. In 2019, the City Council approved an agreement for the city to purchase a 13,250 square-foot parcel of land located at 1905-1907 E. 21st Street, for a future expansion of Signal Hill Park. The site currently has a single-story residential dwelling constructed in 1921, and a single-story duplex building constructed in 1932. Both structures will be demolished for future expansion of the park.
7. The city adopted an Electric Vehicle Charging Station Policy on December 11, 2018.





Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. The city's Sustainability City Committee distributes sustainability awards for energy efficiency, water efficient landscaping, solar projects, businesses related to improving the environment and GHG emissions reductions. Yard signs are used to increase awareness of the program and promote sustainability.

Gold

2. In 2018, the Sustainable City Committee is encouraging its residents to participate in the Yellow Pages Opt Out Program to reduce ink and paper waste and increase sustainability.
3. The city conducted a workshop in 2015 to educate residents about drought conditions and to obtain feedback on preferences for alternative turf replacement materials and design applications. Participants identified preferred, non-invasive, California native plants, ratios of plants to hardscape area, types of preferred hardscape materials, and reiterated that turf is not a preferred landscape material. This led to the city adopting new regulations for all residential zoning districts to promote planting of alternative landscape materials, emphasize that turf is not a required or preferred material, and establish limitations on the use of hardscape.

Platinum

4. Signal Hill continues outreach efforts to the community with water conservation information and tips and regulations via pamphlets, the city website and features in the city's quarterly newsletter "City Views" with links to the bewaterwise.com website.
5. The city performs outreach at the Sustainable City Committee's summer concert booths with activities, handouts and educational materials on sustainable activities, recycling, water use, tree care during droughts, and household hazardous waste drop off days.
6. The Public Works Department purchased and distributed 500 water conservation kits to residents at public events—Concerts in the Park, Halloween Carnival, and Spring Fest—to educate and promote water conservation in the community.





Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Platinum

7. National Planning Month is recognized each October. In 2019, the Community Development Department partners with both the Community Services Department and students in the city's After-School Recreation Club to host an activity geared to the 2019 theme of "Planning for Infrastructure That Benefits All." Staff invited students to participate in an interactive exercise to creatively design development of a vacant parcel in the city. This hands-on exercise exposed students to land use and community design, while emphasizing its importance in society.
8. The city performed community outreach at the 2019 Sustainable City Committee's summer concert booths by facilitating activities, and distributing handouts and other educational materials regarding sustainable activities, re-cycling, water use, tree care during droughts, and household hazardous waste drop off days.
9. The city partnered with EDCO to produce a promotional video on their Household Hazardous Waste Program, which can be found publically on the city's website.
10. In 2019, the city held two Mayor's Clean-Up events. The first event was held at Calbrisas Park on May 11, 2019, and the second was held at Reservoir Park on October 12, 2019. The second event at Reservoir Park was the largest turn out in recent years with more than 60 volunteers, including City-appointed officials, staff, and local residents. During a Mayor's Clean-Up event, participants walk the surrounding neighborhood to pick up trash.
11. City staff continues to notify and encourage members of the SCC to participate in various educational tours, trainings, and events related to sustainability. Members are highly encouraged, but not required, to attend.
12. On November 7, 2015, the SCC partnered with the city's Public Works Department, as well as West Coast Arborist, to host the first Free Mulch Pick-Up Day event in which residents were able to self-haul free mulch for their properties. While promoting the event and distributing the mulch, staff highlighted the benefits of much (e.g. retains soil moisture, moderates soil temperature, and breaks down nutrients), and also provided proper installation instructions (e.g. keeping mulch away from the trunk, spreading mulch to a 3' diameter, and keeping the max depth to 3' to 4' inches).





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