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ACTIVITIES



City of Beaumont







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.

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Areas of Accomplishment		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings		2013 (17%)	
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2015		
	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. Completed lighting retrofits of the Beaumont Civic Center (9000 kWh annual savings) and the Beaumont Police Department (26,351 kWh annual savings).

Gold

2. Promoted sustainability through outdoor lighting by converting the city's street lights from high pressure sodium fixtures to LED or induction fixtures (45,954 kWh savings).
3. Installed a VFD (variable frequency drive) at one of the city's sewer lift stations (375,972 kWh savings).

Platinum

4. Used "de-lamping" to more efficiently light the baseball fields at Rangel Park (5,000 kWh annual savings).





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The City of Beaumont is currently working through SCE's "Savings by Design" program to implement energy efficiency measures during the waste water treatment plant expansion project that is underway.

Gold

2. The city has participated in a demand response program with Southern California Edison at the waste water treatment plant since 2010.

Platinum





Green Building Activities

Silver

1. The City of Beaumont has adopted a voluntary "Green Building Program" modeled after the "California Green Builder Program."

Gold

2. The city has also adopted a Municipal Green Building policy modeled after LEED that applies to the renovation and new construction of all city facilities.
3. As part of SCE's Local Government Strategic Plan Solicitation, the City of Beaumont is also participating in code compliance training for all building inspectors related to the implementation of Title 24, California's energy efficiency building standards.

Platinum





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. The City of Beaumont's waste removal contract requires a recycling container at each home as well as commercial businesses. The city recycled approximately 2,576.73 tons of recyclable material in 2011, contributing to a total waste diversion percentage of nearly 30%.

Gold

2. The city adopted a mandatory commercial recycling ordinance in 2010.
3. The city holds quarterly "community clean-up" events that allow residents to recycle old tires, motor oil, and other e-waste at no cost.

Platinum

4. The City of Beaumont also has an e-waste recycling drop-off that is accessible to residents during the weekdays when city hall is open.





Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. The City of Beaumont encourages staff to purchase of recycled materials wherever possible, both for construction projects as well as office supplies.

Gold

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Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. City fleet includes several hybrid vehicles. Transit vehicle fleet includes several CNG buses.

Gold

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Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. Beaumont's local transit agency, Pass Transit, a joint-operation between the City of Beaumont and the City of Banning, currently has three CNG buses as well as a CNG refueling station that was constructed as a joint project between the Beaumont, the Beaumont Unified School District, and the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

Gold

Platinum





Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. The City of Beaumont encourages sustainable land use policies in the city's General Plan by creating recreational space in new developments and preserving open space.

Gold

2. The city has a Master Trails Plan that includes 27 miles of bike lanes to encourage alternative forms of transportation and active living.
3. Developed Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan that was incorporated into the city's General Plan.

Platinum

4. Developing a Golf Cart Transportation Plan to allow for NEV transportation in certain areas, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions from gas-burning vehicles.
5. Committed Community Development Block Grant funds to install sidewalks and other pedestrian amenities in areas of the city that do not currently have them.





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. The city maintains 15 community parks, comprising approximately 92 acres of recreational space.

Gold

2. The General Plan calls for the preservation of several existing wildlife corridors and open spaces that are home to protected native species. The largest of which are the Potrero Preserve and the Younglove Preserve.
3. The General Plan also specifically calls out promotion of “the maintenance of open space” and the “protection of biological resources”.

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Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. The City of Beaumont has been a "local government partner" of Southern California Edison since 2009. This partnership contains a strong component of community involvement, outreach, and education. The city's website shares a variety of information on sustainability resources and many joint-marketing materials have been created to promote energy efficiency rebate programs through SCE.

Gold

2. The city also offers residents with the opportunity to share their thoughts through a "sustainability survey" that is offered on the city's website. Weekly "Green Tips of the Week" are posted to the city's official Facebook page.

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