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Name	City of Glendale Honored for Sustainability Efforts
DateStart	5/29/2012
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<p>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE May 29, 2012</p> <p>Media Contact: Cassandra Pruett (818) 937-8159</p> <p>The Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative honored the City of Glendale's achievements as a part of its participation in the Beacon Award: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change, a sustainability and climate change recognition program.</p> <p>Glendale was recognized for its leadership, as it continues to work toward achieving a full Beacon Award, which includes measureable reductions in energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and activities in 10 sustainability best practice areas. The program provides the opportunity for Glendale to demonstrate its progress and share its accomplishments with other local agencies statewide. Glendale's accomplishments include completing one sustainability activity in each of these 10 areas, plus reducing greenhouse gas emissions nearly 7% from 2004 levels.</p> <p>Examples of the best practice activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment in the Smart Grid System, resulting in electricity and water savings over the next 15 years. • Completing energy audits and upgrades for 23 City buildings, reducing electricity consumption by 2.3 million kWh and 47,000 gas therms, saving \$180,000 per year. • Implementing a mandatory water conservation program, resulting in an 18% reduction in overall community water consumption. • Adopting a Green Building Standard which exceeds the State's mandatory CAL Green Building Code. • Adopting a Zero Waste Plan to achieve a 90% waste diversion rate by 2030. • Ongoing efforts to improve the municipal fleet fuel efficiency, including downsizing/replacing older vehicles with more fuel-efficient models. • Participating in the Safe Routes to School program which works to improve safety and encourages children to walk to school. • Requiring new parking lots to have one shade tree planted for every six parking spaces. <p>More information about Glendale's accomplishments is available at www.greenerglendale.org. Information about the Beacon Award program is available at www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward.</p> <p>For general information about Glendale's sustainability efforts, contact Cassandra</p>	

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