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BEST PRACTICE
ACTIVITIES



City of Nevada City

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 | | | 2017 (20%) |
|  | Community GHG Reductions | | | |
|  | Agency Energy Savings | 2017 (8%) | | |
|  | Natural Gas Savings | | | |
|  | Sustainability Best Practice Activities | 2016 | | |
|  | 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. The city audited energy use of all agency buildings.

Gold

Platinum





Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The city applied for and received funding from the California Department of Water Resources through Proposition 84 to improve its water infrastructure and increase water conservation in response to changes in local snowpack, precipitation, and temperatures that make water supply less reliable.

Gold

Platinum





Green Building Activities

Silver

1. The city implemented streamlined permit processing time and is allowing an expedited process for qualifying projects. Residential permits are issued/denied within three business days and commercial within five days.

Gold

Platinum





Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. The Nevada City School District Bicycle Recycle Project educates students on the importance of recycling and encourages community members to recycle bicycles.

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Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. The city purchases high-efficiency and electric fleet vehicles.

Gold

Platinum





Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. The city council adopted participation in the PACE Program, a renewable energy financing program to help residences and businesses install solar PV and hot water systems on existing buildings.

Gold

Platinum





Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. The city has recently incorporated a trail system component into its Development Plan.

Gold

Platinum





Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. The General Plan Land Use Element encourages urban development to occur as infill.

Gold

Platinum





Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. The city holds weekly farmers markets on Saturdays from early June through mid-November to support the availability of locally grown produce.

Gold

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Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. The city involved diverse stakeholders in its Energy Action Plan Implementation Working Group.

Gold

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