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City of Palm Springs

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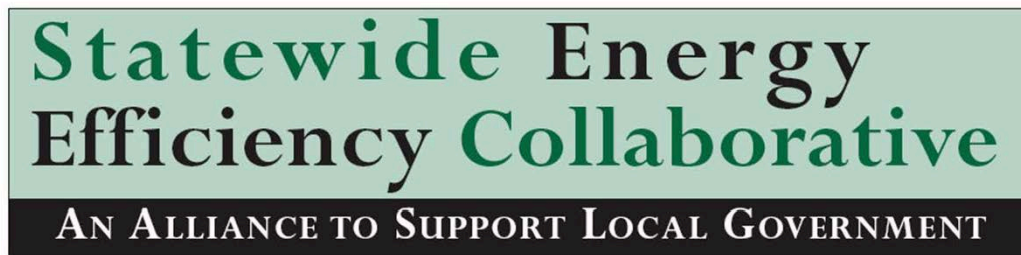
(As of 9/22/11)

CRITERIA	AWARD LEVELS		
	SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM
Agency Facilities			
GHG Reductions	-	-	-
Electricity Savings	5%	-	-
Natural Gas Savings	-	-	-
Community			
GHG Reductions	-	-	-
Activity Promoting Energy Efficiency	-	-	-
Best Practice Areas			
Completed Activities in Each Area	1	-	-

About This Document

This document tracks and shares local agency best practice activities completed and counted as part of a city or county's participation in the climate change and sustainability recognition program, the Beacon Award: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change. The Beacon Award is a statewide program recognizing cities and counties that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability.

The Beacon Award is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative. The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) provides support to cities and counties to help them reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. SEEC is an alliance between three statewide non-profit organizations and California's four Investor-Owned Utilities. It builds upon the unique resources, expertise and local agency relationships of each partner.



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1. Energy Efficiency & Conservation

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. PACE Program Kick-off: The City hosted two workshops, one for contractors and one for small hotels, which resulted in TBD two applicants to the PACE program. Currently awaiting participants' energy audits to begin their retrofits this year, see www.yoursustainablecity.com for more information.	07-2011
Gold	1. Partnered with GRID Alternatives to promote their SASH program. 2. Changing all holiday lighting in downtown to LED lighting.	07-2011 07-2011
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



2. Water & Wastewater Systems

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Toilet Rebate: The City offers a Low Flow Low Income toilet rebate to purchase and install low flow toilets.	07-2011
Gold	1. Lawn Buy Back program for Single Family and HOA's: The City of Palm Springs Office of Sustainability has developed a Lawn Buy Back Program to encourage property owners to replace turf with low or no water use desert-friendly and native landscaping. The exterior improvements will contribute to overall revitalization using sustainable materials/practices. The first year of the pilot program (fiscal year 2011-2012) provides for grants up to \$2,500 to finance all or a portion of a property owner's landscape improvements. A 50% cash match is required of all applicants regardless of the requested grant amount. 2. TBD	07-2011
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



3. Green Building

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Provided Green Building 101 training to staff to explore the various problems with Energy, Water, Siting, Materials and Air Quality. Staff learned dozens of practical, tangible solutions for how to reduce the impact of your buildings, saving energy, water and money at the same time. Learning objectives included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the environmental impact of our buildings? b. What can be done to reduce and mitigate this impact? c. What are the benefits of a green building? d. What is the lifecycle and how does that effect the design of buildings? e. What is the LEED Green Building Rating System? f. How can we save energy, water, resources and money in our buildings? 	07-2011
Gold	1. TBD 2. TBD	
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



4. Waste Reduction & Recycling

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The City hosts 4 E-Waste and Shredding events a year	07-2011
Gold	1. The City has a 24-hour e-waste drop off. 2. The City has a compost pilot program in place for the largest food waste producers in Palm Springs-hotels and casinos.	07-2011 07-2011
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



5. Climate-Friendly Purchasing

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Adopted Local Preference Ordinance.	07-2011
Gold	1. Adopted Sustainable Events Policy.	07-2011
	2. The City only buys paper with post-consumer or 100% recycled content.	07-2011
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



6. Renewable Energy & Low-Carbon Fuels

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The City hosts the Annual Electric Vehicle (EV) Fair .	07-2011
Gold	1. TBD	07-2011
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



7. Efficient Transportation

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The City supports Electric Vehicle infrastructure and promotes Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) travel in the City.	07-2011
Gold	1. Created a NEV Map . 2. TBD	07-2011
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



8. Land Use & Community Design

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Adopted a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.	07-2011
Gold	1. TBD 2. TBD	
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



9. Open Space & Offsetting Carbon Emissions

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Building new Community Garden.	07-2011
Gold	1. TBD 2. TBD	
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	



10. Promoting Community & Individual Action

Level	Completed Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The City hosts the Sustainability Summit Annually. 2010 featured keynote speaker Bill McKibben and attracted 500 residents.	07-2011
Gold	1. Gathered input from residents through a survey regarding the City's Climate Action Plan. 2. TBD	07-2011 07-2011
Platinum	1. TBD 2. TBD 3. TBD	07-2011