

SILVER LEVEL AWARD WINNER



# City of Redlands

Sustainability Best Practices Activities



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## 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 Program. The Beacon Program 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.

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## SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings	5%		
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2013		



## City of Redlands

### Best Practice Activities

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# Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Established <a href="#">Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)</a> financing program to provide commercial property owners upfront financing for energy and water efficiency building upgrades and renewable energy systems.	2015

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	<p>2. Installed pilot controlled lighting on the runway of the airport. This feature enables pilots to activate the runway lights at night on approach which saves energy by allowing the lights to be off except when activated.</p> <p>3. Installed LED lights in all existing traffic signals in the city and established specifications for requiring LED lights in all new traffic signals. This action resulted in a 90% reduction of energy usage with a 3.7 year payback for the cost of installation.</p>	2015

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
Platinum	<p>4. The city is currently benchmarking four of its buildings. Energy benchmarking helps the city set investment priorities in regards to its Energy Leader Partnership with Southern California Edison and grant funds acquired to help improve the energy efficiency of city operations. Energy benchmarking offers the city an established strategy in energy management that aides in gauging current performance, setting goals for future performance, following savings and rewarding improvements.</p> <p>6. The city has received an allocation from the Department of Energy under the 2010 Energy and Water and Other Related Agencies Appropriations Act to provide targeted upgrades to operations requiring the highest energy usage intensity among all city facilities. Upgrades include: heating, ventilation and air conditioning equipment and controls, outdoor lighting, and water conveyance system management.</p>	2015





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city offers rebates on water efficiency products including high efficiency toilets, synthetic turf, high efficiency washing machines; weather based smart irrigation timers and high efficiency nozzles.	2015

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	<p>2. Upon request, water conservation staff will conduct a site visit to discuss needs or questions regarding ways to reduce water consumption in irrigation, leak detection and through general water conservation tips. In addition, we offer free water surveys to customers within the service area.</p> <p>3. Established <a href="#">Water Conservation Native Plant Demonstration Garden</a> as an example of “xeriscape landscaping” which requires minimal watering and is encouraged by water conservation experts.</p>	2015

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum	<p>4. The city has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of the waste water treatment plant’s energy usage and implemented a pumping system overhaul and optimization to result in saving of 200,000 kWh per year and a demand reduction of 60 kW.</p> <p>5. The city has also performed a thorough evaluation of its fresh water production and distribution systems and has implemented a pumping system overhaul that resulted in a saving of 705,000 kWh and a demand reduction of 173 kW.</p>	2015





# Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Streamlined permitting process for projects pursuing LEED certification. The streamlined process applies to commercial or residential LEED certified development.	2012

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Gold	<p>2. The city recently modified the Residential Development Allocation to include, but not limited to, new incentives and points for LEED development, energy reduction, increased recycling, use of recycled content building and construction materials and incentives for pedestrian and transit oriented development.</p> <p>3. The city offers incentivized utility impact fees for LEED development: Utility impact fees are reduced when developers can demonstrate reduced impacts resulting from water saving measures, reduced solid waste generation, etc.</p>	2012

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Platinum		2012





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has partnered with a company to offer residents and business owners the <a href="#">opportunity to stop</a> receiving catalogs, phone books, coupons and weekly circulars to reduce curb waste sent to landfills.	2012

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	2. The city is working with individual property managers and apartment complexes to increase subscription to recycling services in multifamily housing units. Staff will provide follow up and educational materials to prevent problems endemic to multifamily recycling programs.  3. Adopted <a href="#">Construction and Demolition Recycling Requirements</a> .	2012

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum	4. The city's Fire Department has implemented a weekly collection service for electronic devices and all e-waste at their collection facility. It is held every Saturday morning (weather permitting).	2012





# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Adopted a Recycled Product Preference Policy. This policy provides for increased procurement of products and supplies by the city with a higher post-consumer, recycled content.	2012

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Gold	2. The Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department has instituted a program under which all street reconstruction/construction will be required to utilize rubberized street pavement treatments. These rubberized street pavement treatments use recycled tires to improve pavement performance and re-use the expended tires to their highest and most beneficial reuse.	2012

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Platinum		2015





# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Installed a 115-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system at the wastewater treatment plant. The plant is a high-intensity energy user and this PV system will save \$16,000/year and 200,000 kilowatt hours per year over an expected lifespan of 30 years.	2012

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Gold	2. City fleet includes 18 vehicles fueled by Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), and 10 vehicles fueled by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG).  3. Operates a <a href="#">CNG/LNG fueling station</a> that has recently expanded the sale of LNG and CNG fuel to outside users. This shift in policy will promote the use of alternative fueled vehicles on a regional basis by making LNG/CNG fuel available to private fleets and to operators of alternative fuel cars and sedans.	2012

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Platinum	4. The city's waste water treatment plant is using methane/hydrocarbon fuel produced from its daily operations to power a portion of the facility's power generation needs. This use of renewable energy, produced as a by-product of the plant's operations, reduces the city's consumption of non-renewable energy sources from the power grid.	2012





# Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Developed Non-Motorized Connectivity Plan to identify and connect networks of non-motorized travel routes, supporting safe travel to/from schools, parks, neighborhoods, essential services and major employment centers. The routes will connect to future light rail stations to enable rail-based travel for employment and leisure.	2012

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Gold		2015

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Platinum		2015





# Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Adopted <a href="#">Downtown Redlands Specific Plan</a> which identifies four goals to guide the future of Redlands, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Promote Downtown Redlands' economic vitality by encouraging a mix of uses and by encouraging transit oriented development in the vicinity of the proposed railway station;</li> <li>B. Create a pedestrian-oriented environment;</li> <li>C. Maintain and enhance a distinct Redlands character, which is based upon its historical elements; and</li> <li>D. Enhance and extend the civic realm through vibrant streetscapes.</li> </ul>	2015

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold	2. Developed the <a href="#">Orange Blossom Trail Master Plan</a> to identify opportunities and constraints to increasing multi-modal connectivity in the city.  3. In 2011, the city adopted a county-wide non-motorized transportation plan for the purpose of establishing a document to guide the development of the local non-motorized system for cycling and walking. As a part of this, the city is implementing sections of the plan that address cycling and walking issues and the needs in the City of Redlands.	2015

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Platinum	4. The city has recently completed the placement of 9 lane miles of traffic calming measures and bicycle lanes, as a part of a comprehensive plan to institute such measures city-wide. These bicycle lanes provide bicycle access to transit services on major transit corridors and other routes that attract bicyclists, serving schools and the University of Redlands.	2015





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Working with the South Coast Air Quality Management District to plant over 1500 low-VOC citrus trees.	2012

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Gold	<p>2. Owns and manages 16 <a href="#">citrus groves</a> throughout the city totaling 209 acres of preserved open space.</p> <p>3. The city planted 1,046 trees in 2008, as a part of its ongoing tree planting program. Annually the City plant 200 – 300 trees on average.</p>	2012

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Platinum	<p>4. The city recently approved a study that allows rural property owners to transfer the development rights for their property to would-be developers in urban areas, thereby allowing the rural areas to stay rural and also promoting higher urban density and infill development, as opposed to urban sprawl.</p> <p>5. The city acquired a piece of property formerly held by private landowners through a partnership with the City of Loma Linda and using grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency in 2007. The purpose of this acquisition was to acquire open space and maintain a conservation easement over the property with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District.</p>	2012





# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. Engaged in Southern California Edison Energy Leader Partnership Program which contains an element to implement public outreach and education. The program includes outreach events and materials. Outreach will focus on CORE programs offered by SCE to residential and commercial clients.	2015

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	2. Established Climate Protection Task Force in 2009 consisting of a group of community volunteers for the purpose of developing a comprehensive list of climate protection recommendations for presentation to the City Council. The task force developed and delivered the city's sustainability plan in March 2011, using the Institute for Local Government's <a href="#">Best Practices Framework</a> as a guide.  4. In 2011, the city adopted the Redlands Community Sustainability Plan as a formal act by the Redlands City Council.	2015

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Platinum		2015







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