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## **ILG Announces Early Participants in the Beacon Award**

Cities and counties throughout California are participating in the Institute for Local Government's (ILG) sustainability and climate change recognition program, the [Beacon Award: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change](#). Debuted in August 2010 as the first of its kind in California, the Beacon Award recognizes and celebrates cities and counties that:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Save energy;
- Adopt policies and programs to address climate change; and
- Promote sustainability.

Participants working to achieve one of three award levels include to date: cities of San Rafael, Livermore, Palm Springs, San Ramon, Pleasanton, Ventura, Hayward, Chula Vista, Santa Cruz, Citrus Heights, Santa Barbara and Woodland; and County of Yolo. Local agencies can track the accomplishments, best practices and progress of these and other cities and counties on ILG's [website](#).

San Rafael and Yolo County hold the distinctions of being the first official city and county participants. During a special Beacon Award program meeting at the League's 2010 Annual Conference, San Rafael Council Member Greg Brockbank said, "It is an extremely important program that I think everyone should take advantage of. I encourage every city in the state... to do this." Visit ILG's [website](#) to view a video of Council Member Brockbank's full statement.

ILG invites all cities to submit applications to participate as a way to highlight their leadership and accomplishments with their residents and share best practices with other communities. Information about the Beacon Award program, including an online application and support materials, is available on ILG's [website](#). There is no deadline to apply; applications are accepted on an ongoing basis.

For more information about the Beacon Award program, contact [Yvonne Hunter](#) at (916) 658-8242.

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