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# City of Rolling Hills Estates

## 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: Local Leadership toward Solving Climate Change. 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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Areas of Accomplishment

		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions		11%	
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			27%
	Natural Gas Savings			
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2015	2018	



## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Rolling Hills participates in SCE Energy Leadership Program.	2015
Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	1. In 2014, Rolling Hills Estates adopted the Hero Program which allows commercial and residential owners to finance the installation of eligible energy efficiency, renewable generation and water conservation improvements with low-interest loans that are repaid as an item on the property owner's property tax bill via AB 811.	2015



## Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The City of Rolling Hills Estates implements a proactive litter abatement program for keeping public rights-of-way, streets, medians, parks, and trails free of litter and debris so it does not end up in the waste water stream. All public streets are swept twice per month with accelerated sweeping in the downtown commercial area.	2015



Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Industrial and commercial businesses are inspected to ensure that any outdoor activities/storage are conducted in a manner that does not discharge pollutants to the storm drain system and minimizes the potential for contact of pollutants with storm water runoff.</li> <li>2. The City of Rolling Hills Estates city parks are furnished with pet waste collection stations and requires dogs to be on leash.</li> </ol>	2015

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City of Rolling Hills Estates implements integrated pest management practices which call for using physical barriers and controls first and when necessary the least toxic chemical control that is effective, e.g., wood chips are used in lieu of herbicide for weed control on horse trails.</li> </ol>	2015



## Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council adopted a solar equipment permit waiver fee program in 2009.</li> </ol>	2015



## Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City of Rolling Hills Estates has established a new state-of-the-art, three-cart system, making it easy for residents to recycle household plastic and glass containers, cans, and paper, as well as green waste. As a result, there has been a substantial increase in waste diversion, with residents consistently keeping more than 60% of their waste out of the trash carts and out of landfills.</li> </ol>	2015



Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The city provides curbside pickup of used oil and filters for recycling along with yard waste and other recyclables. Manure collection and recycling service for horse owners is available through the city's franchise hauler. The city also provides pickup of bulky items at no extra cost to residents.</li> <li>2. Increased curbside collection of used oil by 160% and used oil filters by 590% under the city's new residential solid waste collection service. <a href="http://ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/index.aspx?page=75">http://ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/index.aspx?page=75</a></li> </ol>	2015

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With the Battery Recycling Program established in 2010, residents can dispose of batteries in one of the city facilities featuring our BatteryTracker bins and drop them off. Waste Management will do the rest and ensure that they are recycled.</li> </ol>	2015



## Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The City of Rolling Hills Estates implements integrated pest management practices which call for using physical barriers and controls first and when necessary the least toxic chemical control that is effective, e.g., wood chips are used in lieu of herbicide for weed control on horse trails.</li> </ol>	2015



## Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 2014, Rolling Hills Estates also adopted the Figtree Program which allows commercial, industrial, retail, and multi-family property owners to finance the installation of eligible energy efficiency, renewable generation and water conservation improvements with low-interest loans that are repaid as an item on the property owner's property tax bill via AB 811.</li> </ol>	2015





## Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. In 2010, the City of Rolling Hills Estates implemented the Walking School Bus Program. A walking school bus is a group of children walking to school with one or more adults. It can be as informal as two families taking turns walking their children to school or as formal as a well-planned walking route with meeting points, a timetable and a regularly rotated schedule of trained volunteers.	2015



## Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. In partnership with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy is eradicating invasive/exotic plants and conducting habitat enhancement and restoration of the native habitat in the George F Canyon Nature Preserve. <a href="http://ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/index.aspx?page=75">http://ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/index.aspx?page=75</a>	2015

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city markets and participates in annual "Hills are Alive" run sponsored by the Rolling Hills Estates Pepper Tree Foundation. Proceeds are used to develop and maintain city's trails, parks and open space.	2015





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