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City of Del Mar

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.

SPOTLIGHT AWARD

SPOTLIGHT AWARD		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
Areas of Accomplishment				
	Agency GHG Reductions			
	Community GHG Reductions			
	Agency Energy Savings			
	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's new city hall/town hall project has been designed to incorporate photovoltaic solar panels and conduit to accommodate potential for photovoltaic storage batteries, deep roof overhangs, use of daylight to illuminate the building, LED lighting, and maximizing natural ventilation. The city does not charge any planning fees for the installation of photovoltaic systems on residential buildings.

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Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

Silver

1. The city has installed new 6" and 8" recycled water lines along Via de la Valle from Jimmy Durante Boulevard to Camino del Mar, Camino del Mar from the 22nd Street to Via de la Valle, and a small portion of Coast Boulevard near the Powerhouse Community Center to reduce potable water use when irrigating median landscaping. Other than the San Diego County Fairgrounds, this project makes recycled water available in Del Mar for the first time; this project may possibly be expanded to private properties too.

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Green Building Activities

Silver

1. The city updated its Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (Del Mar Municipal Code Chapter 23.60), which requires residential and non-residential projects above a certain size to prepare a Soil Management Report, provide water-efficient landscaping and irrigation in compliance with the city's Landscape Design Manual, demonstrate storm water management best practices, and provide defensible space for fire safety which the Design Review Board reviews for conformance with the city's Community Plan and Design Review Ordinance.

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Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

Silver

1. The city adheres to AB 1826, mandatory commercial organics recycling, and is implementing an organic waste recycling program to divert organic waste generated by businesses, including multi-family residential dwellings that consist of five or more units.

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Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

Silver

1. The city purchased two GEM vehicles to replace an older Toyota Camry and purchased two electric bicycles that city employees may use if they have to complete work in the field.

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Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

Silver

1. Del Mar Municipal Code Chapter 23.21 provides an expedited, streamlined solar permitting process in order to achieve timely and cost-effective installation of residential rooftop solar energy systems and solar water heating systems.

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Efficient Transportation Activities

Silver

1. The city co-sponsored a program to promote community based travel planning in the North Coast Corridor alongside CivicSpark, SANDAG, North County Transit District, Solana Beach, and Encinitas. This project entailed door to door outreach of 1,133 households to converse with residents about their transportation habits and offer suggestions on ways to get around other than using their personal vehicle.

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Land Use and Community Design Activities

Silver

1. The city's 10-Year Capital Improvement Program incorporates several complete streets projects (e.g. widening bike lanes, creating bike lane buffers, reducing vehicle lane widths, constructing bulb-outs, installing RRFB crosswalks, and widening sidewalks) along Camino del Mar from Via de la Valle, to Coast Blvd., Coast Blvd. from Camino del Mar to 15th St., Camino del Mar from 15th Street to the Jimmy Durante, from Jimmy Durante to San Dieguito Dr., Via de la Valle from Jimmy Durante to Camino del Mar.

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Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

Silver

1. The City of Del Mar has a protected tree ordinance, which designates the Torrey Pine and the Monterey Cyprus as protected trees due to their unique characteristics and importance to the community.

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Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

Silver

1. The city has a sustainability advisory board that has developed recommendations for a Climate Action Plan that sets greenhouse gas reduction goals of 15% reduction by 2020 and a 50% reduction by 2035. The city council adopted the Climate Action Plan on June 6, 2016. The completion of the CAP was done voluntarily by the city, and was not required by the General Plan or as a mitigation measure for a prospective development project. Additionally, one of the most significant strategies identified in the CAP to help the city in reaching its GHG emissions reduction goals is the goal of achieving a 50% renewable energy supply by 2020 and a 100% renewable energy supply by 2035. The strategies targeted for phase one of the CAP are: pursuing increased use of renewable energy sources; facilitating the planning and building application process for installation of photovoltaic panels and energy efficient retrofits; developing a zero-waste program/policy; implementing a “complete streets” policy; exploring installation of roundabouts; and implementing an urban tree planting program.

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