

Why Participate in the Beacon Award Program?



Local Leadership Toward
Solving Climate Change

- Highlight agency's leadership and accomplishments to residents, colleagues and a statewide audience.
- Demonstrate commitment sustainability.
- Learn from other agencies and colleagues.
- Receive recognition for interim accomplishments while working toward an award level.



Get the Recognition you Deserve: Participate in the Beacon Award Program



Participants receive

- Individualized marketing and recognition plans
- Opportunities to demonstrate leadership locally and regionally
- Invitations to showcase achievements to a statewide audience
- Peer-to-peer networking and educational opportunities



Participant Profiles

This screenshot shows the 'City of Riverside' Beacon Award Participant Profile page. The page features a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Back', 'This Item Appears In', and 'City of Riverside'. The main content area includes a 'Table of Contents' with links to 'Beacon Award Accomplishments', 'About Riverside', and 'Climate Action Resources'. A quote from the City of Riverside is displayed: "Sustainable Riverside maximizes energy efficiency and makes the most efficient use of resources, and minimizes negative environmental consequences. Above all, it means meeting the needs of its citizens while not degrading or destroying the natural and constructed systems that will sustain future generations." Below the quote is a section titled 'Beacon Award Accomplishment' with a link to read more about Riverside's accomplishments to date. The page also includes a 'RECOGNIZING LOCAL LEADERSHIP' section with a 'City of Riverside' award certificate image and a 'Beacon Award' logo.

This screenshot shows the 'City of Palm Springs' Beacon Award Participant Profile page. The page features a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Back', 'This Item Appears In', and 'City of Palm Springs'. The main content area includes a 'Table of Contents' with links to 'Beacon Award Accomplishments', 'About Palm Springs', and 'Climate Action Resources'. A quote from the City of Palm Springs is displayed: "The City of Palm Springs has identified sustainability and the creation of a comprehensive plan for sustainability as a priority for the coming year. Our quality of life is dependent upon our ability to translate that intention into a reality." Below the quote is a section titled 'Beacon Award Accomplishments' with a link to learn more about Palm Springs' completed Best Practice Activities and accomplishments to date. The page also includes a 'RECOGNIZING LOCAL LEADERSHIP' section with a 'City of Palm Springs' award certificate image and a 'Beacon Award' logo.

This screenshot shows the 'City of Beaumont' Beacon Award Participant Profile page. The page features a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Back', 'This Item Appears In', and 'City of Beaumont'. The main content area includes a 'Table of Contents' with links to 'Beacon Award Accomplishments', 'About Beaumont', and 'Climate Action Resources'. A quote from the City of Beaumont is displayed: "As one of the fastest growing cities in California and as a leader within our region on environmental issues, Beaumont is committed to improving air quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and protecting the environment." Below the quote is a section titled 'Beacon Award Accomplishments' with a link to learn more about Beaumont's completed Best Practice Activities and accomplishments to date. The page also includes a 'RECOGNIZING LOCAL LEADERSHIP' section with a 'City of Beaumont' award certificate image and a 'Beacon Award' logo.

Winning A Beacon Award



- Silver, Gold and Platinum Beacon Award levels.
- Awards given to agencies that reach specific measurable achievements:
 - Reductions in greenhouse gas emissions;
 - Energy savings through energy efficiency retrofits;
 - Undertake activities in best practice areas.



Winning a Beacon Award Takes Time

It's a Journey...



Check out our Publications!

 **INSTITUTE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**
Sustainable Communities

Sustainability Best Practices Framework



About IIG's Sustainability Program
The Institute's Sustainable Communities program helps local officials and staff identify and apply positive and best practices that support sustainable communities – places that foster and maintain a high quality of life for their residents on an ongoing basis. www.iig.org/sustainability

Sustainability Best Practices Framework: Options to Consider
The Institute for Local Government's Sustainability Best Practices Framework offers options for local action in ten areas. They are drawn from practical experience of cities and counties throughout California. The options vary in complexity and are adaptable to fit the unique needs and circumstances of individual communities. www.iig.org/sustainability/bestpractices

Local officials and staff may use the Framework in a variety of ways, including to:

- Generate ideas about programs and policies to pursue.
- Inform a comprehensive climate action planning process for
- Integrate sustainability into general plan policies.

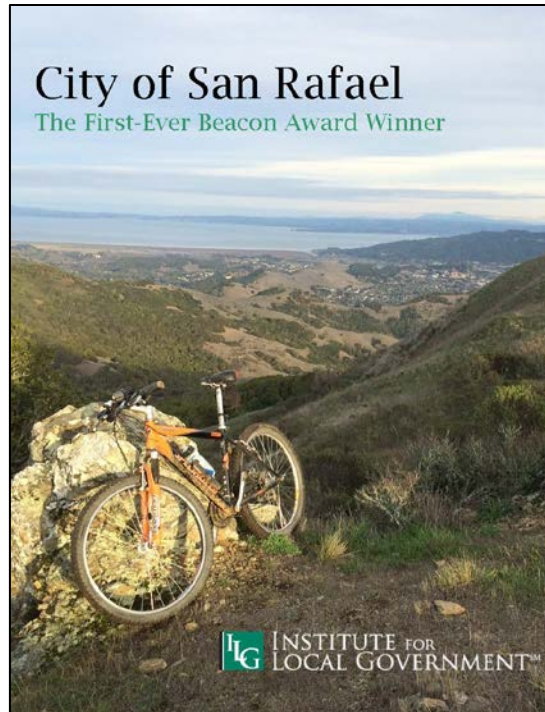
Many of the activities can lead to multiple benefits, including:


- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions.
- Energy, water, fuel and cost savings.
- Improved health and
- Increased resilience to climate change impacts.

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City of San Rafael

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Beacon Spotlight Award

Agency Energy Savings



Arcata

12% Electricity Savings

Beaumont

17% Electricity Savings

Benicia

12% Electricity Savings
8% Natural Gas Savings

Brea

30% Electricity Savings

Chula Vista

15% Electricity Savings
30% Natural Gas Savings

El Cerrito

14% Electricity Savings

Hayward

10% Electricity Savings

Livermore

8% Electricity Savings

Manhattan Beach

26% Electricity Savings

Palm Springs

9% Electricity Savings

Redlands

5% Electricity Savings

San Rafael

5% Electricity Savings

Santa Barbara

10% Electricity Savings

Santa Clarita

26% Electricity Savings

Santa Barbara

10% Electricity Savings

Santa Clarita

26% Electricity Savings

Simi Valley

5% Electricity Savings

Sonoma County

10% Electricity Savings

South Gate

12% Electricity Savings

Tulare

16% Electricity Savings

Union City

11% Electricity Savings

Ventura

11% Electricity Savings

West Covina

22% Electricity Savings

Santa Monica

6% Electricity Savings



Beacon Spotlight Award Greenhouse Gas Reductions



Benicia

21% Agency Reductions
2000 Baseline

Chula Vista

13% Agency Reductions
2005 Baseline

Glendale

6% Community Reductions
2005 Baseline

Palo Alto

52% Agency Reductions
21% Community Reductions
2005 Baseline

San Carlos

12% Agency Reduction
2005 Baseline

San Rafael

19% Agency Reduction
8% Community Reduction
2005 Baseline

Santa Barbara

15% Community Reduction
2007 Baseline

Santa Cruz

11% Community Reduction
1990 Baseline

Santa Monica

14% Community Reduction
1990 Baseline

Santa Rosa

8% Agency Reduction
2007 Baseline

Sonoma County

29% Agency Reduction
2000 Baseline (reductions in
transportation & energy
sectors)

South Gate

11% Agency Reduction
7% Community Reduction



Beacon Spotlight Award

Best Practice Activities



Apple Valley

Palo Alto

Beaumont

Pittsburg

Benicia

Pleasanton

Chula Vista

Rancho Cucamonga

Glendale

Redlands

La Mesa

Riverside

Livermore

Sacramento

Manhattan Beach

San Diego County

Palm Springs

San Rafael

Santa Barbara

Santa Clarita

Santa Monica

Santa Rosa

Simi Valley

Sonoma County

Tulare

Union City

West Sacramento





Local Leadership Toward
Solving Climate Change

How to Participate

Complete Simple Online Application

- Contact Person
- Status of Greenhouse Gas Inventory & Climate Action Plans (Agency & Community)

Adopt a Resolution

- Sample resolution & staff report available



Sustainable Communities Learning Network

Learn. Share. Connect. Lead.

Join the Conversation

Linked in

www.ca-ilg.org/SCLN





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