

Beacon Award:

Local Leadership Toward Solving Climate Change



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About the Institute

Who:

- **Founded 1955**
- **501(c)(3) Research and Education**

Arm of:

- League of California Cities
- California State Association of Counties

Mission:

- Promoting good government at the local level

Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative

AN ALLIANCE TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- * The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) is a new alliance to help cities and counties reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. SEEC is a collaboration between three statewide non-profit organizations and California's four Investor Owned Utilities. www.californiaseec.org



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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.

Participants receive recognition when they complete the award level criteria.

BEACON AWARD CRITERIA



Silver Beacon Award

Agency facilities and operations	
Greenhouse gas reduction	5% in agency facilities and operations
Electricity and natural gas savings	5% in agency facilities and operations from energy efficiency retrofits
Community	
Greenhouse gas reduction	5% in the community as a whole
Energy efficiency	One activity that promotes energy efficiency in the community
Best Practice Areas	One activity in each of the 10 Best Practice Areas

Gold Beacon Award

Agency facilities and operations	
Greenhouse gas reduction	10% in agency facilities and operations
Electricity and natural gas savings	10% in agency facilities and operations from energy
Community	
Greenhouse gas reduction	10% in the community as a whole
Energy efficiency	Two activities that promote energy efficiency in the community
Best Practice Areas	Two activities in each of the 10 Best Practice Areas

Platinum Beacon Award

Agency facilities and operations	
Greenhouse gas reduction	20% in agency facilities and operations
Electricity and natural gas savings	20% in agency facilities and operations from energy efficiency retrofits
Community	
Greenhouse gas reduction	20% in the community as a whole
Energy efficiency	Four activities that promote energy efficiency in the community
Best Practice Areas	Three activities in each of the 10 Best Practice Areas

For more about Best Practice Areas, see www.ca-ilg.org/ClimatePractices.

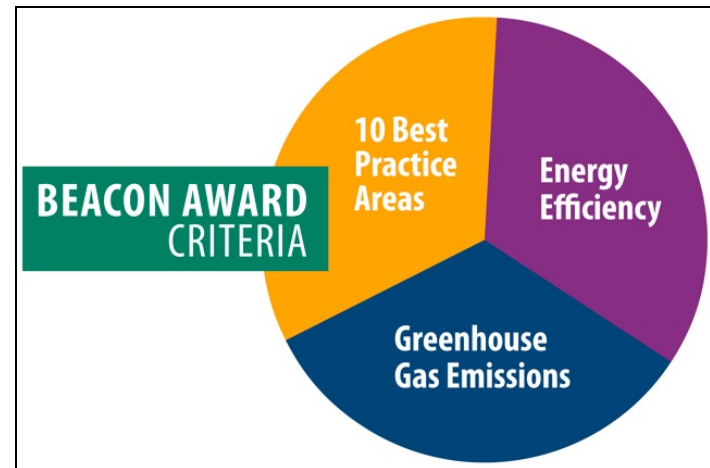
Winning a Beacon Award Takes Time

It's a Journey...



Spotlight Interim Accomplishments

- 10 Best Practice Areas
- Energy Efficiency
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions



Spotlight on Beacon Award Interim Accomplishments



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Interim Accomplishments

Energy Savings in Agency Facilities



- Beaumont
 - 10% Electricity Savings
- Chula Vista
 - 15% Electricity Savings
 - 30% Natural Gas Savings
- Palm Springs
 - 9% Electricity Savings
- Santa Clarita
 - 26% Electricity Savings
- Simi Valley
 - 5% Electricity Savings
- Tulare
 - 16% Electricity Savings
- South Gate
 - 12% Electricity Savings

Interim Accomplishments

Greenhouse Gas Reductions



- Chula Vista
 - 13 % GHG Reduction in Agency Facilities and Operations
 - 2005 Baseline
- Glendale
 - 5% GHG Reduction in the Community
 - 2004 Baseline
- Palo Alto
 - 10% GHG Reduction in Agency Facilities and Operations
 - 2005 Baseline
- Sonoma County
 - 29% GHG Reduction in Agency Facilities and Operations
 - 2000 Baseline, reductions in transportation and energy sectors

Interim Accomplishments

Activities in ILG's 10 Best Practice Areas



Apple Valley

Palo Alto

Santa Barbara

Beaumont

Pleasanton

Santa Clarita

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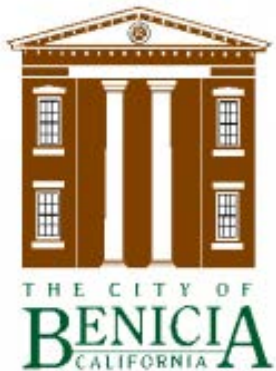
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Beaumont used "de-lamping" to more efficiently light the baseball fields at Rangel Park which translates to an annual savings of 5,000 kWh.



Benicia partnered with WattzOn to conduct residential energy and water assessments and distribute compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to over 200 homes. Assessments conducted with the assistance of high school students participating in the Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) Program.

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Chula Vista collaborated with the California Center for Sustainable Energy and San Diego Gas & Electric to develop an Energy Showcase Home providing residents an opportunity to learn firsthand about home energy upgrades.



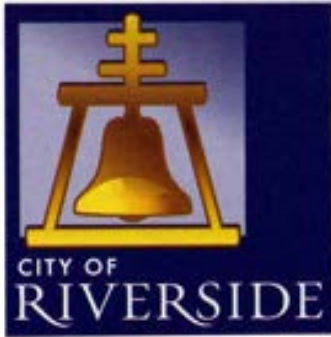
Rancho Cucamonga Library environmental education efforts feature a Kill-a-Watt check out program and the Going Green children's series allowing residents to check out a kilowatt meter which lets them measure the energy use and cost for their plugged-in appliances.

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Riverside has partnered with Southern California Gas Company to provide free energy upgrades to low-income individuals through the Energy Savings Assistance Program.



San Diego County is implementing a Green Business Program that includes mailing thousands of energy surveys to restaurants throughout the County.

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Santa Clarita worked with the Community Energy Partnership to benchmark three facilities in Energy Star Portfolio Manager. The City anticipates benchmarking its Activities Center and Transit Maintenance Facility in the future.



Simi Valley is implementing utility manager software networked among City facilities for real-time reporting and management of electricity, water, and gas usage.

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Sonoma County implemented 38 energy efficiency retrofit measures in 24 county buildings, including lighting retrofits in 20 buildings and heating and air conditioning upgrades in four facilities reducing the county's energy utility bills by 33 percent, translating to \$1.6 million savings annually.



Tulare is retrofitting all city buildings — where cost effective — with high-efficiency heating and cooling systems, double-paned windows, efficient fluorescent lighting, programmable thermostats and reflective roof coating.

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PROGRAM
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Championing Sustainability

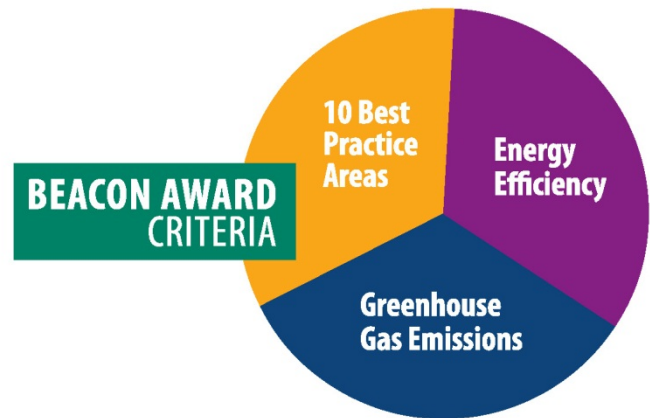
South Bay Cities Council of Governments



South Bay Environmental Services Center



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We are continually seeking feedback!

What is most valuable to your agency, community and elected officials?