

Sustainability Tally for Cities of North Coast San Diego County, California

Compiled by the *League of Women Voters North Coast San Diego County*

<i>Current practices = through March 2009</i>	
Del Mar	Population – 4,580 Operating Budget (In Millions) for 2008-09 – \$16.6
1. Has the City been working on specific AB 32 requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Exactly which and what is the City doing?	As the General Plan is updated, AB 32 requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will be included. This will occur by 2010. Work is being done to make Del Mar more “walkable” with better walkways and work is being done on a linkage to the Fairgrounds that will decrease automobile traffic
<i>- Budgeted for 2009/10</i>	
2. Has the City completed SANDAG’s Sustainable Region energy audit?	Have completed SANDAG’s Sustainable Region energy audit? The actual SANDAG Sustainable Region energy audit has not been completed by SANDAG because of lack of funds, according to Susan Freedman at SANDAG. Although Henry Arbarbanel was involved with the designing of this program while on the Del Mar City Council, Del Mar was not a part of the Pilot program.
<i>- Planned for 2009/10</i>	
3. Has the City built “green” or “LEED” standard municipal buildings in the past two years? What buildings, square feet, why are they considered “green” or “LEED”?	No municipal buildings built in the past two years; however, Brian Moody and staff have been working on the Form Based Code which will result in new and renovated “green” buildings to comply with sustainable global planning.
<i>- Budgeted for 2009/10</i>	
4. What per cent of City fleet of vehicles is energy efficient, low greenhouse gas emitters?	The city has economy- class vehicles but not hybrids. The pickups are light duty. The two heavy load trucks & trailers aren’t fuel efficient.
- How many vehicles in fleet? What number are energy efficient?	Two dump trucks , Six pickups – Three are light efficiencies. Work is being done regarding the Fire Department vehicles.
<i>- Budgeted for 2009/10</i>	
5. Do you promote energy conservation in the City and community? How is this being done?	How is energy conservation in city and community being done? Del Mar has been progressive in public outreach. Del Mar has always had dim lighting throughout the city.
6. Are you using alternative energy at municipal buildings. Where, how much energy in KWhs?	Using alternative energy at municipal buildings? No. For many years, it has been the hope of Del Mar City personnel and many citizens that a new city hall complex can be constructed and according to better environmental standards. Completely overhauling the electrical system in the old buildings might seem like a waste of precious resources.
<i>- Budgeted for 2009/10</i>	
7. Recycling citywide	Del Mar has a system of recycling, by dividing yard waste, plastics, and paper The Fire Department is recycling rechargeable batteries in cordless appliances, laptops, camcorders and other electronics) for residents. Hazardous waste can be taken to local recycling plant.
1) solid waste	
2) paper, cans, plastics	
3) hazardous materials	
4) yard waste	
- Any plans for improvement?	

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8. Have you implemented tighter construction standards to improve energy conservation?	Del Mar construction requirements follow the State Mandate guidelines – solar hot water is required for new pools, etc. etc.
- Residential, commercial, industrial?	
- Planned for 2009/10	
9. Is water conservation is stressed for municipality and community. How?	In 2008, the city installed all drip irrigation and low-flow valves at municipal buildings and community landscaping. In order to comply with the California State Water Conservation in Landscaping Act of 2006, (AB1881) Del Mar will be implementing a landscape ordinance no later than January 1, 2010. In November 2008, the City Council established an AD Hoc Water Conservation Citizens' Advisory Committee to review the requirements and help staff develop outreach and education programs. Even though the State has yet to complete the Model Ordinance, the committee is hard at work on this.
- Planned for 2009/10	
- Is City landscaping drought tolerant?	
- Is planting of native trees encouraged?	
- Who is making the plans, what is being done?	
10. Is open space and habitat conservation in the General Plan? What per cent of area of city? Any plans to change? When and how much?	Open space and habitat conservation is in the General Plan. The City of Del Mar has a large percentage of open space and habitat conservation areas: The San Dieguito River Park-Lagoon , Crest Canyon, Powerhouse Park, Sea Grove Park, and has recently purchased the ----acre Shores Property which will be added to the existing park and recreation space. It is estimated that about ¼ to 1/3 of Del Mar is open space.
11. Have climate change predictions from the "Focus 2050" report been studied and plans made to cope are being developed?	Joe deStefano, the Water Resources person for Del Mar, has not had a chance to study the 2050 Report as yet. He has many responsibilities that consume his time but is conscientious about meeting conservation guidelines.
- Who is making the plans, what is being done?	
12. Is the City website easy to use.	A new website has been recently established It has been somewhat difficult finding answers to questions from the website.
- Is information easily found related to conservation?	As far as I've been able to determine, the Del Mar City website has not been sufficient for me to find information related to conservation, energy efficiency, transportation alternatives, alternate energies, etc.
- energy efficiency, transportation?	
- alternatives, alternate energies, etc?	

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13. Has City inventoried greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations? When? Results?	An Inventory of greenhouse emissions from municipal operations is being accomplished by a city resident.
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14. Has City set emission reduction targets and created an action plan to achieve those targets? When? We would like a copy.	The City has not yet set emission reduction targets or created an action plan to achieve the targets.
15. Does the City have an environmental or climate change advisory committee?	In November 2008, an Energy Issues Advisory Committee (EIAC) was set up with a staff assistant. The Energy Issues Advisory Committee was established to assist the City Council in promoting clean and reliable energy and in taking a leadership position in educating its residents and businesses about energy savings programs. It works with other regional and municipal groups to seek combined efforts in energy efficiency and renewable energy sources; advises the Council on any bills before the California Legislature that the City should take a position to support or oppose as they affect Del Mar and the San Diego region; and reviews the Del Mar Municipal Code (DMMC) sections relevant to energy consumption and savings in the City and works with the Planning Commission and Planning staff to propose revised DMMC language as required. Note: Because of budget constraints, accomplishments in the City of Del Mar have been slower than ideal. The staff member in charge of water resources and conservation said he wishes there were a groundswell coming from residents to have landscaping redone in many cases in order to keep water from being wasted. We talked about the possibility of a special grant that would pay for an expert in this type of landscaping to teach representatives from each city how to landscape in order to save water from rushing to the ocean.
- When was it created? Names of members and contact info.	
- Is it staff members only?	
- Is it a citizens committee with staff assistance?	
Optional. What is the one thing your City is most proud of accomplishing during last two years to deal with climate change, energy or water conservation, or alternate energy use.	