

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>	
Vista	Population – 95,770 Operating Budget (In Millions) for 2008-09 – \$71.6
1. Has the City been working on specific AB 32 requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Exactly which and what is the City doing?	Yes, beginning a GHG Emissions Inventory in June. Preparing a climate action plan and will incorporate applicable policies in the General Plan Update that is currently underway.
- Budgeted for 2009/10	\$20,000 for preparation of CAP with ICLEI assistance.
2. Has the City completed SANDAG's Sustainable Region energy audit?	No
- Planned for 2009/10	
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"?	Fire Station No. 5 13,628 sq.ft. Certified LEED - Fire Station No. 6 - 11,305 sq. ft. Certified LEED -- Civic Center - 100,000 sq. ft. under construction, pursuing Silver LEED
- Budgeted for 2009/10	
4. What per cent of City fleet of vehicles is energy efficient, low greenhouse gas emitters?	Less than 1%
- How many vehicles in fleet? What number are energy efficient?	
- Budgeted for 2009/10	
5. Do you promote energy conservation in the City and community? How is this being done?	Updating General Plan, due to complete in Summer 2010. The GP will include a number of policies to assist energy conservation in the community, including incentives for energy saving construction improvements, green building code, and energy efficient Civic Buildings. Also pursuing grant funding for energy efficient projects and programs.
6. Are you using alternative energy at municipal buildings. Where, how much energy in KWhs?	No, but we are pursuing grants to implement projects
- Budgeted for 2009/10	
7. Recycling citywide	All categories are recycled through Edco Waste & Recycling Services
1) solid waste	
2) paper, aluminum cans, plastics	
3) hazardous materials	
4) yard waste	
- Any plans for improvement?	Working to improve recycling in the commercial sector. Construction projects must divert at least 50% of waste generated from the landfill.
8. Have you implemented tighter construction standards to improve energy conservation?	Construction standards are under review as a part of the General Plan update.

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- Residential, commercial, industrial?	
- Planned for 2009/10	
9. Is water conservation is stressed for municipality and community. How?	New Civic buildings use drought tolerant landscaping and native plants and trees. The City will be considering an updated landscaping ordinance in Fall 2009, following regional standards for drought tolerant landscaping.
- 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?	Currently, open space is 15% of land use categories in the General Plan; this is being reviewed as part of the update.
11. Have climate change predictions from the "Focus 2050" report been studied and plans made to cope are being developed?	This report is currently under review and will be used to prepare a Climate Action Plan in association with ICLEI and with the assistance of the San Diego Foundation. The CAP preparation is led by the Community Development Dept. with assistance from other City depts. Expected completion - Jan 2010
- Who is making the plans, what is being done?	
12. Is the City website easy to use.	Website has room for improvement and update is underway to be implemented Fall 2009
- Is information easily found related to conservation?	Links to this and the following two items will be provided when the CAP is completed.
- energy efficiency, transportation?	
- alternatives, alternate energies, etc?	
13. Has City inventoried greenhouse gas emissions from municipal operations? When? Results?	A GHG emissions inventory will be prepared in Summer 2009 with completion expected in September 2009
- Budgeted for 2009/10	\$1,200 - preparation undertaken by ICLEI and the San Diego Foundation
14. Has City set emission reduction targets and created an action plan to achieve those targets? When? We would like a copy.	No, see question No. 11 for details.
15. Does the City have an environmental or climate change advisory committee?	No, see question No. 11 for details.
- 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.	