



BEACON

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ACTIVITIES



# County of Alpine

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

Areas of Accomplishment		SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
	Agency GHG Reductions			2017 (32%)
	Community GHG Reductions			2017 (29%)
	Agency Energy Savings			2017 (29%)
	Natural Gas Savings	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Sustainability Best Practice Activities	2017		
	Beacon Award	2017		

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 county audited agency buildings.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Water & Wastewater Systems Activities

## Silver

1. The county adopted an Energy Action Plan, which aims to reduce water waste and associated energy use by encouraging residents and businesses to reduce the waste of water indoors, outdoors, and encouraging the completion of leakloss detection.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Green Building Activities

## Silver

1. The county implemented an expedited permitting process for small solar photovoltaic systems.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities

## Silver

1. The county initiated a Building Recycling Program, which resulted in reduced methane from county-generated waste.

## Gold

## Platinum







# Climate-friendly Purchasing Activities

## Silver

1. The county has replaced six furnace units with high efficiency units.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activities

## Silver

1. Alpine County provides information about the California Solar Initiative rebate and other renewable energy incentive programs on their website.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Efficient Transportation Activities

## Silver

1. The county reduced on-road emissions by replacing and retrofitting road maintenance and snow removal equipment.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Land Use and Community Design Activities

## Silver

1. The General Plan mandates that the rate of new development shall be controlled in order to obtain development that is compatible with existing community character. The natural environment and open spaces is considered the highest rated element of community character.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities

## Silver

1. The General Plan Land Use Element emphasizes the need to preserve open space by making existing communities compact and making development outside of existing communities low density.

## Gold

## Platinum





# Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities

## Silver

1. The county involves a diverse set of stakeholders in the Energy Action Plan Implementation Working Group.

## Gold

## Platinum







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