



News Flash



A service of ILG's Sustainable Communities Learning Network, the News Flash highlights fresh resources and upcoming events tailored for local sustainability practitioners.

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in California

The California Air Resources Board is [seeking comments](#) on its [proposed update](#) to the Climate Change Scoping Plan. The plan guides the development of California's greenhouse gas emission reduction programs. The update identifies opportunities to drive GHG reductions through strategic planning and investments and highlights accomplishments of local agencies (page 123). For more information about what local agencies are doing to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions, check out ILG's [publication](#) *Celebrating Local Leadership in Sustainability*.

Get the Recognition You Deserve: Join the Beacon Program Today!

Does your agency have energy or greenhouse gas reductions to brag about? Is your sustainability program super savvy? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then you should participate in the Beacon

Award: Local Leadership Toward Solving Climate Change!
Participating in the voluntary Beacon Award program provides local agencies with positive recognition for saving energy, conserving resources, promoting sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Click [here](#) to find out how your agency can be apart of the program today!

CVAG is the newest Beacon Champion!

The Institute for Local Government, in cooperation with the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative, would like to welcome the Coachella Valley Association of Governments as our newest Beacon Champion. The Beacon Award Program recognizes champions that provide sustained assistance to current and future Beacon Award participants. CVAG joins The Energy Coalition, South Bay Cities Council of Governments and Western Riverside Council of Governments as [Beacon Champions](#).

Free Forum to Learn About Energy Efficiency Best Practices

Mark your calendars! The Fifth Annual Statewide Energy Efficiency Best Practices Forum is coming to San Diego on Thursday, June 19, 2014. This free forum will feature updates from key state agencies and highlight innovative local energy and climate change programs. More information about this event is available on the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative [website](#).

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