

City of San Rafael

Sustainability Program Priorities for 2016

San Rafael's Climate Change Action Plan is organized by:

- **Our Lifestyles** – transit-oriented development, non-auto, energy efficient vehicles, waste reduction
- **Our Buildings** – resource & energy conservation, renewable energy, water conservation
- **Our Environment** – urban forestry, local food, habitat protection, adaptation to climate change
- **Our Economy** – green businesses, social equity

OUR LIFESTYLES

2015 Accomplishments

- Implemented changes in bill format, messaging, bundle for residential, recycling cart fees, & per-gallon analysis
- Installed and opened multi-use path along Hetherton to Transit Center
- Continued zero waste and bag reduction outreach, including creation of new Waste-Wise Business Spotlight, conducting reusable bag outreach in the Canal Neighborhood, and instituting composting at City Hall

2016 Goals

- High priority Review MSS outreach and billing analysis with Franchisors' Group in spring and make recommendations to Council
- High priority Work with SMART, TAM and Marin Transit to enhance low-carbon transit connectivity and public outreach
- Medium Install green 'sharrows' in high traffic locations for bike safety. Identify one bike lane to make a greenway. Prioritize connections to adjacent communities and SMART connectivity.
- Medium Investigate updating City refuse ordinance to be consistent with state regulations and to mandate back-haul and self-haul diversion data. Consider mandatory recycling ordinance.
- Low Investigate potential for reuse facilities for domestic and construction materials

Ongoing Efforts

- Support efforts of Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and assist with implementation of Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan
- Install electric vehicle charging stations annually as parking lots are renovated
- Support implementation of commercial composting and Food to Energy programs
- Conduct outreach to reduce single-use bag use and support single-use bag ordinance

OUR BUILDINGS

2016 Goals:

- High priority Complete construction of solar power systems on City facilities as part of Solar SEED Project
- High priority Implement LEED certification for new public safety facility
- High priority Recommend to move some or all of city facilities and infrastructure to Deep Green power through the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget process

OUR ENVIRONMENT

2015 Accomplishments:

- Secured FEMA grant for completion of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

2016 Goals:

- High priority Develop Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with a climate overlay
- High priority Work with County to complete county-wide vulnerability assessment and engage residents in the process, especially in underserved communities

OUR ECONOMY

2015 Accomplishments:

- Continued to support Chamber Green Business Committee and programs including development of new Green Briefs sustainability workshops and lectures

Ongoing Efforts

- Support Chamber Green Business Committee and green business events

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EMPOWERMENT

2015 Accomplishments

- Secured funding for FT Resilient Neighborhoods assistant to promote and amplify the program
- Secured funding and agency commitments for water conservation program
- Continued to promote and develop City Green Team and Employee Commute Program, including popular Earth Day events and waste reduction efforts at City events
- Chaired steering committee for Marin Climate Energy Partnership

2016 Goals

- High priority Implement community-wide Water Conservation engagement program
- Medium Apply for Gold Level Beacon Award for Sustainability

Ongoing Efforts

- Support Chamber Green Business Committee and green business events
- Support Resilient Neighborhoods program
- CCAP Quarterly meetings
- City Green Team and Employee Commute Program
- Participate in Marin Climate Energy Partnership in leadership capacity

MONITORING

2015 Accomplishments

- Completed two-year Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy report

2016 Goals

- High Priority Complete annual Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy report
- Medium Begin preparation of 5-year greenhouse gas inventory with an eye toward updating the Climate Action Plan

Ongoing Efforts

- Meet annual commitments of Compact of Mayors

SUMMARY OF 2016 HIGH PRIORITY GOALS

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- Implement LEED certification for new public safety facility
- Recommend to move some or all of city facilities and infrastructure to Deep Green power through the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget process
- Develop Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with a climate overlay
- Work with County to complete county-wide vulnerability assessment and engage residents in the process, especially in underserved communities
- Implement community-wide Water Conservation engagement program
- Complete annual Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy report