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John Baker
Interim City Manager/Interim City Clerk
250 North Ventura Road
Port Hueneme, CA 93041

Subject: Beacon Spotlight Award

Dear Mr. Baker,

On behalf of the Institute for Local Government and the League of California Cities ®, we are pleased to honor the City of Port Hueneme for its achievements as part of ILG's Beacon Program.

Based on the information provided, the City of Port Hueneme will be receiving the following Beacon Spotlight Awards this year:

- Gold Level Award for 10% Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions
- Platinum Level Award for 60% Energy Savings
- Gold Level Award in Sustainability Best Practices

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony in conjunction with the League of California Cities Annual Conference on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 5:30pm. The reception will be held in the Beacon Ballroom at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach located at 200 South Pine Avenue. The Beacon Spotlight Award Ceremony will recognize individual accomplishments of cities participating in the Beacon Program as they work to complete the five elements necessary to achieve a full Beacon Award.

We invite your entire council and participating staff to attend this event, but ask that you designate one representative to accept the award on the city's behalf. We will be sending a formal invitation with information to RSVP in the upcoming weeks. If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the Beacon Program Manager, Karalee Browne at kbrowne@ca-ilg.org or (916) 658-8274.

We appreciate your commitment to sustainability and your efforts to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. We look forward to supporting and celebrating your ongoing success.

Sincerely,

Martin Gonzalez
Executive Director
Institute for Local Government

Chris McKenzie
Executive Director
League of California Cities

Enclosure: Beacon Spotlight Award Best Practice Activities

GOLD LEVEL AWARD WINNER

BEACON SPOTLIGHT AWARD WINNER
BEST PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

City of Port Hueneme

Sustainability Best Practices Activities

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About This Document

This document tracks and shares local agency best practice activities completed and counted as part of a city or county's participation the climate change and sustainability recognition program, the Beacon Program. The Beacon Program is a statewide program recognizing cities and counties that are working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability.

The Beacon Program is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative. The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) provides support to cities and counties to help them reduce greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. SEEC is an alliance between three statewide non-profit organizations and California's four Investor-Owned Utilities. It builds upon the unique resources, expertise and local agency relationships of each partner.

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The Beacon Program is funded by California utility ratepayers and administered by Pacific Gas and Electric Company, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission.

SPOTLIGHT AWARD

Areas of Accomplishment

	SILVER LEVEL	GOLD LEVEL	PLATINUM LEVEL
Agency GHG Reductions		10% Reductions	
Community GHG Reductions			
Agency Energy Savings			60% Savings
Natural Gas Savings			
Sustainability Best Practice Activities		2016	

City of Port Hueneme
Best Practice Activities
www.ca-ilg.org/BeaconAward/

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city participates in the Southern California Edison's Energy Leader Partnership and has attained the Silver Level Tier. The partnership assists with identifying and addressing energy efficiency opportunities in municipal facilities and pays increased incentives for city energy efficiency projects.	**2016**

Level	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city completed an Integrated Demand Side Management audit at facilities the use greater than 200kW and has enrolled over 50 percent of eligible facilities in Demand Response programs. 2. Since 2014, the city has offered emPower Central Coast and CaliforniaFirst as energy financing programs for residential property owners.	**2016**

Level	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

Water & Wastewater Systems Activity

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city participates in the emPower Central Coast Program. The emPower Central Coast Program provides free faucet aerators and water-efficient shower heads to residents during Energy Coach site visits as well as community events. The faucet aerators and low-flow shower heads are provided by Southern California Gas Company.	**2016**

Level	Water & Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city developed the Port Hueneme Gardens website to provide information to residents on how to design and install a water-wise garden, irrigation methods and equipment. The website helps residents water their landscape more efficiently as well as provides suggestions on how to easily and effectively maintain your garden. Please see the following link for more information: http://www.porthuenemegardens.org/. 2. In 2009, as part of its annual Strategic Plan, the Port Hueneme City Council directed staff to create an interpretive Water Conservation Demonstration Site at City Hall. The objective of this project was to educate Port Hueneme residents about saving water and money through the use of drought-tolerant plants and drip irrigation. The city designed a City Hall Water Conservation Garden: Water Conservation garden brochure: http://ca-porthueneme.civiccities.com/DocumentCenter/View/99.	**2016**

Level	Water and Wastewater Systems Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

Green Building Activity

Level	Green Building Activity	Reported
Silver	1. Since 2014, the city has participated in emPower Central Coast Program. The emPower Program includes an Energy Coach service where coaches that spend up to two hours with a homeowner at their residence providing them with information on green building techniques and recommendations to improve their home's energy efficiency. The emPower Program also works with contractors to provide them with training on green building techniques. Please see the following link for more information: https://www.empowersbc.org/its-easy-get-started/energy-advice.	**2016**

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The emPower Central Coast Program has teamed up with the statewide Energy Upgrade California program to provide homeowners with increased utility rebates for implementing energy efficient upgrades. Please see the following link for more information on emPower's rebate program: https://www.empowersbc.org/about-program. 2. The city is a participating member of the Ventura County Regional Energy Alliciance (VCREA). VCREA offers utility sponsored quarterly green building standards trainings to staff from member agencies. These trainings include but are not limited to updates to Title 24, Benchmarking and HVAC trainings.	**2016**

Level	Green Building Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

Waste Reduction and Recycling Activity

Level	Waste Reduction Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city offers four collection sites throughout Port Hueneme for the public to drop off old batteries and fluorescent lights (CFLs). The Battery Recycling Program is very successful and collects a high volume of materials. Please see the following link for more information: www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1022.	2016

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city offers compost bins at a discount to residents. Please see the following link for more information: www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=1021. 2. The City of Port Hueneme's Solid Waste Division helps business recycle by offering free business waste evaluations. Please see the following link for more information: www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=993.	2016

Level	Waste Reduction Activities	Reported
Platinum		2016

Climate-friendly Purchasing Activity

Level	Climate-Friendly Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city encourages the practice of not purchasing new materials, such as office supplies and furniture, through the reuse of existing items in surplus when appropriate and feasible.	**2016**

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city considers efficient transportation methods when purchasing goods and services, such as using local vendors and or locally produced goods to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. 2. The city has reviewed current purchasing practices to identify possible green procurement opportunities.	**201**

Level	Climate-Friendly Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

Renewable Energy and Low-Carbon Fuels Activity

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has installed bicycle racks and other amenities at agency facilities to promote bicycle use by agency employees and visitors.	2016

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Gold	1. The city has trained agency fleet mechanics to service alternative and fuel efficient vehicles. 2. In 2014, the city first offered California FIRST energy financing programs for commercial, industrial and multifamily property owners to install energy efficient retrofits, solar photovoltaic or hot water systems on new or existing buildings.	2016

Level	Renewable Energy and Low Carbon Fuels Activity	Reported
Platinum		2016

Efficient Transportation Activity

Level	Efficient Transportation Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city has consolidated offices that community members often visit at the same time (such as building permitting and environmental health permitting) to reduce vehicle miles traveled.	**2016**

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city offers a Level of Driver Assistance Program to senior and disabled residents. This dial-a-ride services reduce the need for residents use a personal vehicle. 2. The city is always working to increase the number of bicycle lanes, racks, paths and signage throughout the community.	**2016**

Level	Efficient Transportation Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

Land Use and Community Design Activity

Level	Land Use and Community Activity	Reported
Silver	1. The city participated in Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) development of the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), in compliance with SB 375.The addition of the sustainable communities strategy to the RTP means that the RTP now integrates not only transportation and land-use planning, but also housing and environmental planning with the goal of reducing regional greenhouse gas emissions. The city uses the RTP/SCS when conducting its own transportation, land use, and environmental planning to assist in efforts to reduce regional greenhouse gas emissions.	**2016**

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Gold	1. As part of the general plan housing element update, the city identified potential infill development sites, and maintains a community-wide database of vacant and underutilized infill sites to monitor the community's growth and change. 2. The city provides information to its City Council and to residents on the conditions of its nearly 12 miles of beautiful walk/bike pathways. Having walk/bike pathways helps the city's residents get healthy, meet neighbors, and discover more about the city than by car.	**2016**

Level	Land Use and Community Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

Open Space and Offsetting Carbon Emission Activity

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The City has achieved Tree City USA status designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. The City has demonstrated a commitment to caring for and managing Port Hueneme's public trees. There are over 4,000 trees in Port Hueneme, and the City invests nearly $125,000 each year for their care. The City joins more than 3,400 Tree City USA communities across the nation. Please see the following link for more information: http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1044.	**2016**

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The City owns and manages 7 parks including: Bulker, Bubbling Springs, Dewar Park, Hueneme Beach, Moranda, and Wen'Mu Parks. These parks help to ensure the long-term health and viability of trees and other vegetation. Please see the following link for more information: http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=553. 2. In 2016, the City hosted its first certified Farmers' Market every Saturday morning at the City's Fishing Pier parking lot. Vendor booths include a mix of fresh farm fruits and vegetables; prepackaged nuts, fresh fish, grass fed beef, honey, hummus, cheeses, etc.; handmade artisans or "green" crafts, cut flowers and plants; and delicious prepared foods and beverages. Free parking, live music, cooking demonstrations, pet sitting/ grooming, and other activities are also available during the Farmers' Market hours.	**2016**

Level	Open Space Offsetting Carbon Emission Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

Promoting Community and Individual Action Activity

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Silver	1. The city participates in the emPower Central Coast Program, which provides LED lightbulbs, reusable bags, and other give-away items at community events in Port Hueneme to encourage environmental responsibility.	**2016**

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Gold	1. The city hosts beach clean-ups, in which volunteers are educated on the importance of recycling and sustainability. 2. The city distributes brochures showing the community bicycle and walking trail systems to encourage reduction of vehicle miles traveled. For more information, please review the following link: http://www.ci.port-hueneme.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=1015.	**2016**

Level	Promoting Community and Individual Action Activities	Reported
Platinum		**2016**

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