Alameda County Climate Action Plan
for Government Services and Operations:
A Road Map to 2020

Our Future: Benefits to County and Community

Benefits to our community: More accessible services, cleaner air, less traffic
Benefits to our employees: Increased engagement, recruitment of top talent
Benefits to our economy: Grow local green economy

Our Compass: Policy Directives

Resolution Establishing County Climate Change Leadership Strategy (2006)
• Complete emissions inventory and develop climate action plan

Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration (2007)
• Achieve 80% greenhouse gas reduction target by 2050

Strategic Vision - Environment/Sustainability Element (2008)
• Prioritize environmental protection in operations and services

• Implement comprehensive plan to reduce County’s greenhouse gas emissions

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Our Strategy: Comprehensive Plan for Government Services & Operations

- Targets create goals for 2020 (15% reduction) and 2050 (80% reduction)

- 16 commitments provide vision and direction

- 80 actions vetted by all agencies enable County to reach goals and fulfill commitments

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SUSTAINABILITY
Local Action, Global Impact.
Our Focus: Six Major Action Areas

- Climate Leadership: strategic policies
- Cross-Cutting: education, sustainable purchasing, technological innovation
- Built Environment: energy efficiency, water conservation, green power
- Transportation: clean employee commutes, green fleets
- Solid Waste: waste prevention, paper waste reduction
- Beyond Reductions: tree planting, impact assessment

Our Approach: Inclusive Process

A Partnership of 19 Agencies:

- Created a plan with broad perspective
- Developed agency ownership
- Considered hundreds of suggestions and selected 80 actions

Our Next Steps: Six Countywide Climate Initiatives

The County Administrator has convened a Climate Executive Committee to implement the measures identified in the Climate Action Plan. The Executive Committee has selected six initiatives to implement in 2011-2013, focusing on “information” (green IT, electronic records, paper waste reduction) and “transportation” (clean commutes, alternative work arrangements, on-the-job travel options). These initiatives will help the County save money, provide services more efficiently, and benefit employees.

Six Initiatives:

Green IT Standards
- Standardize green IT efforts across agencies

Electronic Records & Services
- Transition to electronic record keeping and service delivery

Alternative Work Arrangements
- Design guidelines for flexible work programs (e.g., telecommuting, flexible schedules) that includes the technologies needed to facilitate those alternatives

Paper Waste Reduction
- Develop and implement a paper waste reduction program

Commuter Benefits & Clean Commutes
- Develop outreach programs to increase the use of alternative commute modes

Business Travel Alternatives
- Provide and promote alternative travel modes for business travel, such as virtual meeting software and transit passes for short work trips

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