



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

Climate Action Plan for Government Services & Operations Resolution (2010)

- 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

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

