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# County of San Diego Climate Action Plan Draft

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## **COUNTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS** TAKING ACTION

Adopted the Live Well San Diego vision that includes more than 290 formal partner organizations and seeks to help communities build better health, live safely, and thrive.



Incentivized 290 property owners to use resource efficient construction materials, water conservation, and energy efficiency in new and remodeled buildings through the County's Green Building Incentive Program, since July 2010.



Permitted thirteen large-scale renewable energy projects with the capacity to generate 477 megawatts (MW) of electricity and save 238,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e).



4 Permitted 26,456 residential and commercial solar and wind permits since July 2012, generating 197 MW of renewable energy and eliminating approximately 99,000 MTCO,e.



Issued 25,881 solar, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, and electrical upgrade permits online since July 2012, which reduces vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions.



6 Installed 37 electric vehicle charging ports at 10 County facilities.



Transitioned 1,364 of County fleet vehicles and equipment to hybrid and alternative fuels.



Rebuilt the Alpine Library and the Imperial Beach Library to be the County's first zero net energy buildings, generating as much energy as the buildings consume.



Received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification for 75 County facilities, equating to 1.36 million square feet of built resource efficiency.



O Conserved 1,762 acres of agricultural land through the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.



Conserved and manage 47,500 acres of biological open space lands, the majority of which are associated with the County's Multiple Species Conservation Program.



**12** Developed the *Tiered Wind* Ordinance, which simplifies the permit process to encourage small-scale wind energy systems.



**13** Published the Water Efficient Landscape Design Manual to help people create attractive landscapes while using water efficiently and mitigating wildfire risk.



Facilitated agricultural pursuits, including wineries, microbreweries, agricultural tourism, cheese-making, beekeeping, and onsite retail horiticultural sales through the development of the Agriculture Promotion Program.



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