

Two South Bay Cities Honored for Achievements in Addressing Climate Change

The South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) is proud to share the news that the Institute for Local Government and the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative honored the City of Carson and City of Torrance with several Beacon Spotlight Awards for efforts to reduce energy and greenhouse gas emissions. The cities received the awards last month during the League of California Cities Conference in Sacramento.

The City of Torrance earned a gold level award for a 12 percent energy savings in agency facilities from 2010 to 2017. The City of Carson earned a silver level award for a 9 percent reduction in the same category. Carson also received awards for 17 percent community greenhouse gas reduction and for a 26 percent reduction in agency greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 to 2012.

“The Institute for Local Government applauds the voluntary efforts of these South Bay cities to address climate change” said Karalee Browne, Beacon Program Manager. “From water and energy to transportation and recycling, these cities are implementing policies and programs that address the unique circumstances of the South Bay region.”

Both cities are supported by efforts by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, a Beacon Program Champion. The SBCCOG provides a forum and staff support for its member cities to work collaboratively on issues such as transportation, economic development and the environment. SBCCOG also provides staff support for several other cities participating in the Beacon Program, including the cities of Lawndale, Rancho Palos Verdes, Rolling Hills Estates, Manhattan Beach, and Hermosa Beach.

Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach were both presented with the Beacon Program’s highest honor in 2015 for demonstrating measurable achievements in all five Spotlight Award categories including: Agency Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Community Greenhouse Gas Reductions, Agency Energy Savings, Natural Gas Savings and Sustainability Best Practices.