

San Rafael Sustainability Program Priorities for 2015

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San Rafael's Climate Change Action Plan is organized by:

- **Our Lifestyles** – transit-oriented development, non-auto, energy efficient vehicles, waste reduction
- **Our Buildings** – resource & energy conservation, renewable energy, water conservation
- **Our Environment** – urban forestry, local food, habitat protection, adaptation to climate change
- **Our Economy** – green businesses, social equity

Our Lifestyles

2014 Accomplishments

- Marin Sanitary Service (MSS) Refuse Rate Structure Pilot, recommendations completed & presented to Council
- Single Use Bag Ordinance adopted by Council
- SMART updates presented at Council meetings
- MSS progressing with Food to Energy Program with 78 accounts diverting 1105 tons in 2014

2015 Goals:

- High priority MSS refuse rate structure: implement changes in bill format, messaging, bundle for residential, new recycling cart fees, per-gallon analysis, and investigate cost/timing for new billing system
- High priority Continue to support efforts of Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, and assist with implementation of Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan
- High priority Support efforts to enhance bicycle/pedestrian interface with SMART rail stations
- Medium Single use bag ordinance expansion: consider to all retailers, restaurants, and 25c fee
- Medium Support full implementation of commercial Food to Energy (F2E) program
- Low Investigate potential for reuse facilities for domestic materials and construction materials similar to East Bay Depot for Creative Reuse, Urban Ore, and The Away Station
- Low Support/implement bike share program in conjunction with Transportation Authority of Marin

Our Buildings

2014 Accomplishments:

- Completed all legal, contractual, and pre-installation work as Lead Agency for Solar SEED Project in 3 North Bay counties.
- Developed Deep Green power analysis for City facilities and accounts
- Council adopted Tier 1 of the Green Building Ordinance

2015 Goals:

- High priority Complete construction of solar power systems on City facilities as part of Solar SEED Project
- High priority Recommend to move some or all of city facilities and infrastructure to Deep Green power through the Fiscal Year 2015-16 budget process
- Low Investigate and make recommendations for inclusion of Energy Efficiency standards in our local Green Building ordinance

Our Environment

2014 Accomplishments:

- Completed SLR White Paper brought to Council February 2014
- Lead effort to include county-wide vulnerability assessment in Marin Climate Energy Partnership (MCEP) goals
- Secured agreement with Bay Conservation and Development Corporation to update San Rafael's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with a climate overlay
- Adopted ordinance update regulations regarding parking lot landscape, electric vehicle charging, solar, water conservation, & permit process for backyard chickens and beekeeping

2015 Goals:

- High priority Develop Local Hazard Mitigation Plan with a climate overlay
- High priority Work with County and MCEP to secure resources and develop a plan for a county-wide vulnerability assessment
- Medium Conduct 10 year review of General Plan to apply a lens of sustainability

Our Economy2014 Accomplishments:

- Supported continuation of Venture Greenhouse
- Promoted Green Business Program, and secured Certification of City Hall
- Continued to support Chamber Green Business Committee and programs

2015 Goals:

- Medium Promote Green Business Program, including certifying an additional 1-2 City facilities
- Low Continue Chamber of Commerce and Business Improvement District participation and collaboration

Community Outreach and Empowerment2014 Accomplishments

- Resilient Neighborhoods support (ongoing)
- CCAP Quarterly meetings (ongoing)
- City Green Team and Employee Commute Program (ongoing)
- Staff on steering committee for Marin Climate Energy Partnership (ongoing)

2015 Goals

- High priority Implement community-wide Water Conservation engagement program
- High priority Support Resilient Neighborhoods program, and assist in developing funding and other support
- Medium CCAP Quarterly meetings (ongoing)
- Medium City Green Team and Employee Commute Program
- Medium Participate in Marin Climate Energy Partnership in leadership capacity
- Medium Apply for Gold Level Beacon Award for Sustainability

Monitoring2015 Goals

- High Priority Conduct review and report to Council on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy
- Medium Prepare for data collection for 2015 Greenhouse Gas Inventory with MCEP

Summary of 2015 High Priority Goals

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