
RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

The **Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability**, in partnership with Los Angeles County, recently released 2010 community GHG inventories for every city in LA County. These data serve as a baseline and starting point for critical climate action planning work that must occur throughout the region to comply with the mandates set forth in AB 32 – the Global Warming Solutions Act. Cities may obtain their 2010 inventory data by contacting their council of governments or the LARC.

Next Steps in Climate Action Planning

ICLEI USA (<http://www.icleiusa.org/>) provides an overview of climate mitigation planning that local governments can utilize to develop their climate change policies.

The steps for climate mitigation and action are:

1. Conduct a baseline emissions inventory and forecast
2. Adopt an emissions reduction target for the forecast year
3. Develop a Local Climate Action Plan
4. Implement Policies and Measures
5. Monitor Emissions and Verify Results

Creating a GHG inventory is an important first step towards reducing emissions. Below is a compilation of resources for local governments, which provides additional information and tools for after an inventory is completed.

ICLEI ClearPath Climate Action Planning Tool

The ICLEI ClearPath Climate Action Planning Tool assists communities in developing GHG emission inventories and tracking programs to inform decisions regarding emission reduction strategies and planning scenarios. ICLEI offers technical assistance and recognition for local agencies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, and adopt policies and programs that promote sustainability. SEEC ClearPath is available to all local governments, regional councils and their consultants in California at no-cost.

Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC)

The Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative is a partnership between the four California investor-owned utilities and three non-profits organizations developed to provide educational tools, technical assistance, and networking opportunities for climate action stakeholders.

Cool California

Cool California provides climate action tools and education for individuals, small businesses, and local governments. Resources include rebates and incentives, financial calculators, case studies, and climate action planning guides. It also features a "Funding Wizard" that provides an easy way for local governments to search for grants, incentives, and rebates for sustainable projects and climate action planning

California Climate Change Portal

The California Climate Change Portal is the primary clearinghouse for information and resources related to governmental climate change action and policy in the State of California.

Institute for Local Government

The Institute for Local Government is the research and education affiliate of the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities. Their website provides resources and examples to help communities integrate climate change considerations into planning and prepare for climate change impacts. They provide examples of local climate action plans, resources for developing climate action plans and information on adapting to climate change.

Local Government Commission

The Local Government Commission is a nonprofit organization that fosters innovation in local environmental sustainability, economic prosperity and social equity. The LGC provides a variety of resources for climate change mitigation and adaptation, community design, energy efficiency, and green building. The Statewide Local Government Energy Efficiency Best Practices Coordinator provides energy efficiency best practices and case studies for financing, green building, climate plans, outreach, and lighting.

Governor's Office of Planning and Research

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) provides tools and guidance for local governments to address climate change. These include technical advisories and regulatory guidelines, coordination of state online resources that local governments can access to understand impacts of climate change, and an ongoing creation and support of a best practices learning network for local governments. Their website includes guidance on climate change and CEQA, climate change and general plans, and climate change adaptation.

The LARC

The **Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability** is a network designed to encourage greater coordination and cooperation at the local and regional levels by bringing together leadership from government, the business community, academia, labor, environmental and community groups. The purpose of this collaboration is to share information, foster partnerships, and develop system-wide strategies to address climate change and promote a green economy through sustainable communities. Visit the LARC website to learn more about becoming a member.

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