

Question

Background

1 For which city are you providing information?

Person Completing Survey

2 Name:

Title:

3 Phone #:

4 E-mail:

Fuels/ Vehicles/ Transportation

5 What percentage of vehicles in your city's fleet run on alternative fuels (ex: CNG, biofuel) and/or use hybrid-electric or all-electric technology?

0%

1-20%

21-40%

41-60%

61-80%

80-100%

6 Does your city have procurement policies that favor the purchase of alternative-fuel, hybrid-gas/electric or all-electric vehicles?

Yes

No

Considering such a policy in 2008

7 Does your city provide financial or other incentives that encourage employees to use:

Public transportation

Carpools

Vanpools or car-sharing

A bicycle or walk to work

8 Does your city encourage transit-oriented development or mixed-use development to reduce automobile use and encourage alternative transportation?

Yes

No

Will do so in the next general plan update

Alternative Energy Sources

- 9 Which of the following renewable electrical energy sources does your city use for some or all of your municipal building energy needs (check all that apply, note: PG&E uses primarily wind for its renewable energy)?**
- Solar
 - Wind
 - Landfill gas
 - Geothermal
 - Biomass
 - Other (please specify) _____
- 10 Please estimate the share of total city electrical energy needs fulfilled by these renewable energy sources (note: PG&E is approximately 12%):**
- 0-20%
 - 21-40%
 - 41-60%
 - 61-80%
 - 80-100%
- 11 Does the city:**
- Buy the energy
 - Generate the energy
 - Both
- 12 What steps has your city taken to reduce barriers to solar power:**
- Reduced or eliminated solar permit fees
 - Expedited solar permitting
 - Promoted alternate financing for solar: (e.g. Solar co-op, Power Purchase Agreements, special financing districts)
 - Established a 'solar access' ordinance

Green Buildings

- 13 Is it city policy to encourage green building practices for new buildings in the following ways? (check all that apply)**
- Require LEED Silver, equivalent, or better for new **municipal** buildings
 - Require LEED Silver, equivalent, or better for new **commercial** buildings
 - Provide incentives for LEED Silver, equivalent, or better for new **commercial** buildings
 - Require Build It Green New Home 50 points, equivalent or better for new **residential** buildings
 - Provide incentives for Build It Green New Home 50 points, equivalent or better for new **residential** buildings
 - None
 - Other

- 14** **If not already implemented, does your city plan to change codes and/or ordinances in 2008 to encourage green building practices for new buildings in the following ways? (check all that apply, skip if implemented)**
- Require LEED Silver, equivalent, or better for new **municipal** buildings
 - Require LEED Silver, equivalent, or better for new **commercial** buildings
 - Provide incentives for LEED Silver, equivalent, or better for new **commercial** buildings
 - Require Build It Green New Home 50 points, equivalent or better for new **residential** buildings
 - Provide incentives for Build It Green New Home 50 points, equivalent or better for new **residential** buildings
 - None
 - Other
- 15** **Is it city policy to encourage green building practices for major renovations or remodels of existing buildings in the following ways? (check all that apply)**
- Require LEED EB, equivalent, or better for **municipal** buildings
 - Require LEED EB, equivalent, or better for **commercial** buildings
 - Provide incentives for LEED EB, equivalent, or better for **commercial** buildings
 - Require a minimum number of Build It Green Home Remodeling points for **residential** buildings
 - Provide incentives for a minimum number of Build It Green Home Remodeling points for **residential** buildings
 - None
 - Other
- 16** **If not already implemented, does your city plan to change codes and/or ordinances in 2008 to encourage green building practices for major renovations or remodels of existing buildings in the following ways? (check all that apply, skip if implemented)**
- Require LEED EB, equivalent, or better for **municipal** buildings
 - Require LEED EB, equivalent, or better for **commercial** buildings
 - Provide incentives for LEED EB, equivalent, or better for **commercial** buildings
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 - Provide incentives for a minimum number of Build It Green Home Remodeling points for **residential** buildings
 - None
 - Other

Water & Solid Waste

- 17** **Water efficiency is an essential step for preparing for the impacts of global warming. Which of the following steps has your city taken for water efficiency?**
- Incentives for installing low-flow toilets
 - Incentives for drought-tolerant native landscaping
 - Use of reclaimed water
 - Public education
 - Other

- The solid waste in a landfill leads to the production of methane, a potent global warming gas. What percentage of your city's total solid waste (as measured) is diverted from the waste stream through recycling and other programs?**
- 18
- 0-20%
 - 21-40%
 - 41-60%
 - 61-80%
 - 80-100%

Emissions Inventories & Climate Action Plans

- Has your city done or does it plan to do this year any of the following for the purpose of developing an emissions inventory, assessing emission reduction targets, and/or assessing climate protection actions? (check all that apply):**
- 19
- Establish a "green ribbon task force" consisting of members of the community
 - Hire a consultant
 - Contract with ICLEI
 - Assign city staff
 - No (no steps taken or planned)
 - Other, please specify

- For the purpose of reducing municipal greenhouse gas emissions, your city _____ (check all that apply)**
- 20
- Has completed an inventory of its municipal greenhouse gas emissions
 - Has established municipal greenhouse gas emissions reduction target(s)
 - Has developed and adopted a municipal climate action plan to meet emissions reduction target(s)
 - Plans to inventory municipal emissions in 2008
 - Plans to develop and adopt a municipal climate action plan with targets in 2008
 - None of the above
 - Other, please specify

- For the purpose of reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions, your city _____ (check all that apply)**
- 21
- Has completed an inventory of its community-wide greenhouse gas emissions
 - Has established community-wide greenhouse gas emissions reduction target(s)
 - Has developed and adopted a community-wide climate action plan to meet emissions reduction target(s)
 - Plans to assess community-wide emissions in 2008
 - Plans to develop and adopt a community-wide climate action plan with targets in 2008
 - None of the above
 - Other, please specify

- If your city has adopted community-wide emissions reduction targets, please specify what percentage reductions and by what year? (ex: 80% by 2050) If you have short term and long-term goals please specify all.**
- 22
- Percentage _____ , Year _____

23 If there is a staff member in your city government who is responsible (full- or part-time) for your city's climate protection activities, please provide name, title, phone number and email.

Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-mail:

Mailing Address:

24 Please check the areas listed below which your city currently includes in its climate protection activities: (check all that apply)

City operations (e.g., utilities, building maintenance, fleet management)

City purchasing (e.g. green procurement, green power contracts)

City permitting (e.g. updating building codes, ordinances, permits)

Business community engagement (e.g. partnerships, development practices, attracting CleanTech companies)

Public outreach & education (e.g. consensus-building, study groups, community meetings, publications or websites)

None

25 Please assess the public's response to your city's actions on climate change:

Very favorable

Favorable

Unfavorable

Little/No response

Efforts & Resources Beyond City Government

26 If your city has a Sierra Club Cool Cities Team, please assess the support that the Sierra Club's Cool Cities Team in your city has provided to your city's climate protection efforts:

Very helpful

Somewhat helpful

Not at all helpful

No opinion

No team/not applicable

27 Which regional initiatives or agencies has your city been working with on its climate protection actions? (check all that apply)

BAAQMD (Bay Area Air Quality Management District)

JVSV (Joint Venture Silicon Valley)

CCAG (City/ County Association of Governments of San Mateo County)

SCCCA (Santa Clara County Cities Association)

ABAG (Association of Bay Area Governments)

Other. Please specify: _____

28 Please assess the support that regional initiatives and/or agencies have provided to your city's climate protection efforts:

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not at all helpful
- No opinion

29 Please assess the support that state government leaders and/or agencies have provided to your city's climate protection efforts:

- Very helpful
- Somewhat helpful
- Not at all helpful
- No opinion

Exemplary Climate Protection Actions:
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- 30** **OPTIONAL:** Please provide the title and a brief description (25 words or less) of up to five exemplary climate protection efforts underway in your city. For each please indicate whether your city has saved money as a result of the initiative and, if possible, how much money was saved over the last year.

THE END

Thank you for participating in the Sierra Club Cool Cities survey. There is great progress happening in the region and your response will help promote further innovation in the green economy. With this information we will be highlighting case studies and best practices in a report in May.

Please submit your responses online by going to <http://CoolCitiesSurvey.org>

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