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City of Pomona To Be Awarded Beacon Spotlight Award for Sustainability Best Practices

On October 1, 2015, the Institute for Local Government and the League of California Cities will honor the City of Pomona as a Silver Level Winner of the Beacon Spotlight Award. This tribute highlights Pomona's commitment to Sustainability Best Practices. The Beacon Program is statewide and recognizes cities and counties that actively work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy, conserve water, and develop programs that promote sustainability.

Pomona takes a leadership role and is an example of a city devoted to protecting our environment. With the vision of the City Council as a driving force, Staff worked collaboratively with Council to develop a Green Plan that outlines strategies for furthering our sustainability. But Pomona has done more than plan; the City Council and Staff together have taken action and worked diligently in meeting those goals. The City replaced 4,200 streetlights with energy-efficient units, converted the City's entire solid waste fleet to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles, upgraded water and pool pumps to energy efficient models, and maintained an award-winning wastewater system. All of these projects play an important role in sustainability. Additionally, because the community is an essential part of Pomona's success, the City has offered residents low-flow toilet and rain barrel giveaways, as well as free workshops on drought tolerant landscaping. Also, the City is a participant in the HERO program, a home loan program that enables residents and businesses to upgrade to energy and water efficient devices.

This Silver Level Award for sustainability could only happen with the support and actions of the City's elected officials, Staff and the entire Pomona Community, working in big and small ways every day to save our earth. As a result of these combined efforts, the City has reduced its energy consumption by 15.3%, natural gas usage by 8%, and water use by over 20%. Pomona plans to build on our sustainability accomplishments and will be working to achieve even greater reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and further protections of our precious resources.

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