

CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH - SELECTED 'GREEN' PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

1970-1999
Street sweeping weekly city-wide (10 tons/week removed from streets that won't reach ocean)
Adopted 4/10 (M-Th) work week schedule to conserve fuel for employee commutes and energy use in facilities
Adopted stormwater ordinance to implement NPDES regulations
Use reclaimed water for 75% of parks, greenbelt and medians
Employee Ride Share: City financial incentive to employees to ride share or use transit.
Initiated city annual Household Hazardous Waste collection day
Instituted annual beach clean-up day
Banned use of pesticides or herbicides on city parks and open spaces.
2000-2007
Installed catch basin filters in downtown area (before most cities)
All green waste (grass and tree trimmings) from city facilities recycled. Plastics and paper are recycled.
50% construction debris recycling required (500 sf + construction and demolition projects)
Participate in Adopt-A –Storm Drain Program (corporate sponsorship of BMPs)
Initiated program to replace gas vehicles with alternate fuels (CNG, propane, electric) (6-7 in 2001)
Began installation of infiltration basins to reduce pollutants reaching ocean
No smoking on public beaches
All custodial supplies are green (toilet paper, cleaning agents, etc.)
Green building checklist adopted by Planning Commission applicable to new residential condominiums
Rain gage control of majority of park areas to minimize water use
Waterless and ultra-low flow urinals and tankless water heaters installed at city facilities
Solar powered flashing red beacons at 8 stop locations
Waive portion of plan check fees for solar energy systems
2008
Amended zoning code to facilitate solar energy systems consistent with state law
Created green webpage on City website (www.hermosabch.org)
City Monthly E-newsletter informs people about Green Task Force and also includes The Green Corner
Clean Beach Restaurant Program initiated – 1 st in L.A. County
Replaced +- 900 lighting fixtures in City buildings with energy efficient
Conversion all traffic signals to LED
Installed controllers of various types to reduce electric use at city facilities
2009
City Council created city's Green Task Force to advise on green initiatives and prepare a climate action plan
Received CBI Grant to construct stormwater infiltration trench on beach for Pier Avenue Drain
Placed 'Sharrow' (share the lane) markings on Hermosa Avenue (Pier Avenue to follow after reconstruction)
Municipal Greenhouse Gases Inventory completed
Updated Energy Audit for City facilities (ARRA funding opportunities)
Adopted form-based zoning to make Pier Avenue more desirable for walking and environmentally sustainable
Submitted ARRA application to retrofit lighting at CITY parking garage and courts
Amended zoning code to allow small wind energy systems throughout city
City is testing LED street lights in select locations
2010
Selected to participate in Local Use Vehicle (net zero) Demonstration Program (SBCCOG)
Pier Avenue project reconstruction: stormwater infiltration and other storm water controls, ocean-friendly landscape, recycled water, efficient lighting. Wins EPA and American Public Works Assoc awards.
Adopted water conservation and drought management ordinance (Green Task Force initiative)
Adopted water efficient landscape ordinance that exceeds state regs (Green Task Force initiative)
City offers compost and worm bin at discounted price (Green Task Force initiative)
City distributes recycling guide to every house and business (Green Task Force initiative)
Instituted power management features on computers and monitors (EPA Low Carbon IT campaign)
Instituted Special Events sustainability requirements (Green Task Force initiative)
Ocean Friendly Garden demonstration project installed at 22 nd St./The Strand ('Grades of Green' school program)
Community Greenhouse Gases Inventory completed
City declares its goal to become a carbon neutral/green idea city
Adopts Cal Green building code that exceeds state requirements (Green Task Force initiative)
2011
Recommends ban on polystyrene take-out food containers (est. Completion June 2011) (Green Task Force initiative)
Sustainability Plan prepared by Green Task Force