

## **ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign**

Since 1993, ICLEI U.S.A. has been working with local governments to improve global environmental conditions through cumulative local leadership and action. Through performance-based campaigns and initiatives, ICLEI's U.S. office provides local governments technical expertise and policy assistance as well as access to a valuable peer network of national leaders.

In the United States, ICLEI is a growing association of local governments (over 40% growth in 2006) dedicated to sustainable development with a strong national presence. ICLEI works with these local governments to push the boundaries of traditional leadership in the US and achieve stronger, accelerated movement toward sustainability goals through measured performance and tangible results. ICLEI remains the only organization that works strictly with local governments on climate protection through a voluntary performance-based program -- the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign (CCP).

### **CCP participants commit to ICLEI's performance-based methodology, the Five Milestones:**

- Milestone 1: Conduct a baseline emissions inventory
- Milestone 2: Adopt an emissions reduction target
- Milestone 3: Develop a local climate action plan
- Milestone 4: Implement emission reduction measures and policies
- Milestone 5: Monitor, verify and report results

The Five Milestones of the CCP provide a simple, proven, standardized way to effectively reduce, measure, and verify greenhouse gas emissions.

### **ICLEI assists CCP participants in achieving their climate protection goals by providing:**

- Technical and policy assistance
- An emissions analysis software tool
- Fact sheets, toolkits and best practice examples
- Policy and ordinance templates
- Training workshops on specific emission reduction measures
- Invitation to regional and national events
- Access to a thriving global network of local government climate leaders

## **CCP Accomplishments**

Today, more than 250 local governments in the U.S. participate in ICLEI's CCP Campaign, representing more than 24% of the nation's population and 73 million people. ICLEI U.S.A.'s track record in the U.S. includes the following achievements:

- Substantial annual greenhouse gas reductions: 23 million tons in 2005 alone
- Cumulative savings to local governments of almost \$600 million annually
- Establishment of regional climate protection networks through our U.S. headquarters in Oakland and our regional offices hosted by Seattle, Boston, and Fort Collins
- Use of ICLEI U.S.A. emissions protocols by over 250 local governments across the country
- Convening of 10 national conferences on climate protection
- Establishment of the Sundance Summit, an annual ICLEI U.S.A.-hosted national gathering for mayors to exchange best practices and foster leadership on climate protection policies
- Creation of the U.S. Mayor's Council on Climate Protection, an umbrella alliance that links the CCP campaign and the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement

***Local Action Moves the World!***

## California Cities for Climate Protection

California local governments participating in ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign represent 39% of the state's population. Together, through implementing a variety of emissions reduction measures, these jurisdictions are eliminating 8 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually.

### **ICLEI in California: 67 Communities and Growing!**

Alameda	Hercules	Palo Alto	Santa Barbara
Alameda County	Hermosa Beach	Petaluma	Santa Clara County
Albany	Irvine	Piedmont	Santa Cruz
Arcata	Lafayette	Pinole	Santa Monica
Atherton	Los Angeles	Pleasanton	Santa Rosa
Berkeley	Marin County	Point Arena	Sausalito
Chula Vista	Marin Water District	Portola Valley	Sebastopol
Cloverdale	Mendocino County	Richmond	Sonoma
Contra Costa County	Menlo Park	Rohnert Park	Sonoma County
Cotati	Mill Valley	Sacramento	St. Helena
Davis	Millbrae	Sacramento County	Union City
El Cerrito	Moraga	San Anselmo	Walnut Creek
Emeryville	Nevada City	San Diego	West Hollywood
Fairfax	Newark	San Francisco	West Sacramento
Fort Bragg	N. Marin Water District	San Jose	Willits
Hayward	Novato	San Leandro	Windsor
Healdsburg	Oakland	San Rafael	

### **Cumulative Local Action Makes a Difference**

All across the State, from Humboldt to San Diego, local governments are taking the lead in the effort to mitigate climate change. California municipalities are proving that what's good for communities is good for climate. Not only are they working to reduce the emissions that cause global warming, but they are also saving money, stimulating the local economy, protecting public health, and minimizing local air pollution.

### **California Cities in Action**

California cities and counties are also finding innovative ways to work together to address climate change. Here are just a couple examples:

- **California Local Government Climate Task Force:** The State will not meet its emissions reduction target without accounting for local government reductions. This group of California communities is working to ensure ongoing local government input into state-level climate policy.
- **Alameda County Climate Protection Project:** In May 2006, eleven local governments in Alameda County, representing over 1 million people, simultaneously embarked on an effort to track their greenhouse gas emissions, set reduction targets, and develop climate action plans.

***“The ICLEI program is the greatest piece of practical environmentalism I’ve seen.”***

--Mayor Jane Bender of Santa Rosa, CA

To learn more about ICLEI's CCP campaign and join with over 250 U.S. local governments – and more than 800 around the world – in advancing climate protection call 510/844.0699 or visit [www.iclei.org/usa](http://www.iclei.org/usa)