



Climate Action Resource List

Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG): <http://www.abag.ca.gov/>

- ABAG Energy Watch: <http://www.abag.ca.gov/abagenergywatch/>
- ABAG POWER: <http://www.abag.ca.gov/services/power/>
- ABAG Fall 2006 General Assembly – “Environmental Challenges” Speaker Presentations: <http://www.abag.ca.gov/abag/events/ga/>
- Joint Policy Committee: see below.

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD)

Information on what the Air District is doing to address climate change.

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/climatechange.htm>

Bay Area Alliance of Sustainable Communities

A coalition of business, environmental, social equity and government leaders to implement collaborative solutions to improve the quality of life in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

<http://www.bayareaalliance.org/index.html>

Build It Green

Non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote healthy, energy and resource-efficient buildings in California.

<http://www.builditgreen.org/>

California Air Resources Board: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/homepage.htm>

- <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm>: Provides information regarding ARB’s climate change program pursuant to AB 32.

California Climate Action Registry

Non-profit public/private partnership established by California statute that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) registry. The purpose of the Registry is to help companies and organizations with operations in the state to establish GHG emissions baselines against which any future GHG emission reduction requirements may be applied. Requires entities to quantify, record and certify GHG emissions. Annual membership fees for governmental organizations ranges from \$400 to \$4000 depending on the organizations budget. Additional annual certification fees apply ranging from approximately \$2000 to \$15,000(?).

<http://www.climateregistry.org/>

California Energy Commission: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/>

- California Energy Commission (CEC) Renewable Energy Program – Overall Program Guidebook CEC Guidelines to implement and administer its Renewable Energy Program under SB1038 (2002). The goal is to establish a competitive, self-sustaining renewable energy supply for California while increasing the near-term quantity of renewable generated in the State. The Guidelines also address aspects of the State’s Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) under SB 1078 (2002).
<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2006publications/CEC-300-2006-008/CEC-300-2006-008-F.PDF>
- CEC Renewable Energy Program – Renewables Portfolio Standard Eligibility Guidebook.



This Guidebook describes the requirements and process for certifying eligible renewable energy resources for California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) and supplemental energy payments (SEP).

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2006publications/CEC-300-2006-007/CEC-300-2006-007-F.PDF>

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC): <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/>

Carbon Offsets

More than 30 companies and organizations are now willing to help individuals calculate their GHG footprint and to sell offsets that can make them carbon neutral. Below is a list of the top performing retail offset providers (presented alphabetically), as reported by Clean Air-Cool Planet (<http://cleanair-coolplanet.org>) in *A Consumers' Guide to Retail Offset Providers*.

- AgCert/DrivingGreen (Ireland): www.drivinggreen.com
- atmosfair (Germany): www.atmosfair.de/index.php?id=9&L=3
- Carbon Neutral Co. (England): www.carbonneutral.com
- Climate Care (England): www.climatecare.org
- Climate Trust (U.S.): www.climatetrust.org
- co2Balance (England): www.co2balance.com
- Native Energy (U.S.): www.nativeenergy.com
- Sustainable Travel Int'l (U.S.): www.sustainabletravelinternational.org

Chicago Climate Exchange (CCX)

Voluntary, legally binding, rules-based greenhouse gas emission reduction and trading system. CCX members make a voluntary but legally binding commitment to reduce emissions below an emissions baseline. The baseline is calculated by taking the average of emissions inventories from a specific time frame. Designed to facilitate the transaction of GHG emissions allowance trading with price transparency. Requires a one-time initiation fee and annual dues.

<http://www.chicagoclimatex.com/>

Climate Protection Campaign

Non-profit organization based in Sonoma County working with businesses, governments and schools to promote local/state/national climate action issues. Has organized all local governments within Sonoma County to follow the Cities for Climate Protection program. All local governments within the county have set a community-wide goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 25% below 1990 levels by 2015.

<http://www.skymetrics.us/sonomaccp/index.php>

Climate Protection Manual for Cities

Manual to show mayors how to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in his/her unique community. The manual was developed by Natural Capitalism Solutions (NCS), a non-profit whose mission is to educate senior decision-makers in business, government and civil society about the principles of sustainability.

<http://www.climatemanual.org/Cities/index.htm>

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

- CPUC Proceeding No. R03-10-003 documents:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings/R0310003.htm>
- Kings River Conservation District: http://www.krcd.org/power/community_agg/
- San Joaquin Valley Power Authority: <http://www.communitychoice.info/>



- City/County of San Francisco:
http://sfwater.org/mto_main.cfm/MC_ID/12/MSC_ID/138/MTO_ID/237
- Local Government Commission (LGC): http://www.lgc.org/cca/index.html#cca_fs

European Climate Exchange (ECX)

Manages the trading in futures contracts in carbon emissions to meet the EU allowances. The 'cap-and-trade' approach, being used in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), sets an overall cap or maximum of emissions per compliance period. Companies are given allowances which represent their target of 'cap' for a compliance period. At the end of the period they must have sufficient allowances to reconcile against their total emissions during the period. If they are below the cap they may sell unused allowances, if not, they must purchase allowances from companies which have exceeded their emissions reduction targets. A penalty is assessed if an entity does not hold sufficient allowances at the end of a period.

http://www.europeanclimateexchange.com/index_flash.php

Go Solar California (joint effort of CPUC and CEC)

Information on California's goal to create 3,000 megawatts of new, solar-produced electricity by 2017. Information on solar opportunities and incentives for homes, businesses, schools and public buildings.

<http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/>

http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/csi/govt/cash_back_govt.html

http://www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/csi/govt/saving_govt.html

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability

International association of local governments and local government organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development. The Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign enlists cities to adopt policies and implement measures to achieve quantifiable reductions in local GHG emissions through a 5-step process. Membership requires annual dues of \$600 to \$8000 based on population.

<http://www.iclei.org/>

- ICLEI USA: <http://www.iclei.org/us>

Joint Policy Committee (JPC)

The JPC coordinates the regional planning efforts of ABAG, the Bay Area Quality Management District (BAAQMD), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). The JPC is developing a set of initiatives which the Bay Area, acting collectively as a region, can undertake to deal with the issues of climate change and global warming.

http://www.abag.ca.gov/jointpolicy/jpc_climate_change.htm

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)

Part of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), the LEED Green Building Rating System™ is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.

<http://www.usgbc.org/DisplayPage.aspx?CategoryID=19>

Mayors for Climate Protection

<http://www.coolmayors.com/>

Natural Capitalism Solutions

Natural Capitalism Solutions (NCS) is a non-profit organization lead by Hunter Lovins with the stated mission to educate decision-makers in business government and civil society about the principles of sustainability. See *Climate Protection Manual for Cities* above.

<http://www.natcapsolutions.org/>



- **Climate Protection Manual for Cities.** Book developed in coordination with Hunter Lovins and ICLEI. It currently is in 'beta' form undergoing review, but may be viewed on the web site. It includes info on how to do an emissions inventory; identifies 'best bets' for near term actions, as well as longer term initiatives. <http://www.natcapsolutions.org/ClimateManual/REVIEW/>

Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) – Green Building Codes and Standards

http://www.pprc.org/pubs/greencon/code_std.cfm

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)

<http://www.pge.com/>

- PG&E Environmental Leadership: <http://www.pge.com/environment>
Describes PG&E policies and initiatives on the environment. Discusses PG&E's voluntary customer climate protection program (ClimateSmart).

San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) – Utilities Sustainability Task Force Reports on the Task Force's efforts to develop an Energy Strategy Plan.

<http://www.ccag.ca.gov/ustf.html>

Sustainable Silicon Valley

Collaboration of businesses, governments, and non-governmental organizations that are identifying and addressing environmental and resource pressures in Silicon Valley. Primary focus is on reducing CO2 emissions. The membership fee for government and academic institutions is \$1000/year.

<http://www.sustainablesiliconvalley.org/>

Silicon Valley Leadership Group – Silicon Valley "Clean & Green" Energy Action Plan

A list of projects and initiatives that has been embraced by the Leadership Group's members.

http://www.svmg.org/Action/SV_Clean_Green_Energy_Action_List.htm

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

A coalition of leaders from the building industry working to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. USGBC is the parent organization for the LEED® certification process. (See LEED above)

<http://www.usgbc.org/>

U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement

<http://www.usmayors.org/climateprotection/>

- <http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/climate/>