



COUNTY OF VENTURA



VENTURA COUNTY

Founded in 1873



Includes ten incorporated cities



823,000 residents



Employs more than 8,000 people in 27 agencies and departments



Produces more than 100 commercial crop varieties



"It is very important that the County of Ventura continues to be energy efficient and reduce our carbon footprint, energy use, and energy costs... I am very proud that we have taken this step toward greater energy efficiency and cost effectiveness."

John Zaragoza, Board of Supervisors Chairman

HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ON CARBON REDUCTION

The County of Ventura (the County) reduced greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2,514 CO₂e (carbon dioxide equivalent) from 2008-2011, which equates to taking 447 passenger vehicles off the road. Continuing their efforts in carbon reduction, the County aims to reduce GHG emissions by 15% by 2020 throughout their territory. How do they plan to do this? All part of the County's comprehensive approach to reduce energy use, costs, and GHG emissions, their plan includes energy efficiency and renewable self-generation projects, education for county staff as well as for the community, adoption of more energy efficient building policies, code enforcement and compliance training for county staff, and implementation of a GHG analysis and reduction plan.

COST SAVINGS INITIATIVES

Even while expanding services to the community, such as opening the Santa Paula Hospital as well as other new facilities, the County was able to reduce GHG emissions by 1,763 CO₂e from 2008-2010, which equates to taking 298 passenger vehicles off the road. Mostly through three major initiatives, the County has already achieved cost savings of approximately \$900,000 total. These initiatives include implementing energy efficiency building retrofits, installation of solar arrays, and replacement of the County's fleet vehicles with alternative technology. These successful efforts clearly demonstrate that reducing GHG emissions makes financial sense.



REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- Energy efficiency projects at the Juvenile Justice Detention Center near the community of El Rio result in a reduction of 584,000 kilowatt-hours and carbon dioxide emissions by 730,000 pounds per year while also providing an annual savings of \$70,000.
- Two solar energy systems installed on County owned buildings generate over 700,000 kilowatt-hours of power each year. This system avoids 206 metric tons of GHG emitted.

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