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History:

One of California's original 27 counties established February 18, 1850

Size:

4,000 square miles, 88 cities & has the largest population of any county in the nation

Population:

Over ten million—approximately 27% of California's residents

Features:

If the County were a nation, it would have the 19th largest economy in the world



Streetlights were first installed in 1868; the county now maintains approximately 100,000 streetlights

Airports:

LAX is the largest international gateway airport in California and is fifth busiest in the world

"It is our goal to implement environmentally responsible practices in County operations, in order to reduce the County's carbon footprint; to promote environmental stewardship; and to meet the County goal of a 20% reduction in energy and water usage in its facilities by 2015."

Howard Choy, Los Angeles County Office of Sustainability General Manager



HIGHLIGHTING LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ON CARBON REDUCTION

The County of Los Angeles develops carbon reduction policies and coordinates energy efficiency, conservation, and sustainability programs within its Internal Services Department (IDS), through its Los Angeles County Office of Sustainability (COS). The COS is the lead in coordinating and implementing energy and environmental policy programs and activities by all County of Los Angeles departments.

COST SAVINGS INITIATIVES

To achieve its energy and cost-savings goals, the COS partnered with its local utility to implement a comprehensive plan of heating, ventilating, and air conditioning energy efficiency projects. These projects involved retro-commissioning 39 major county administration, hospital, and courthouse facilities, including the following:

- Public Library Headquarters in Downey
- Harbor Hospital-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance
- Sheriff's Department Headquarters in Monterey Park
- Airport Courthouse

REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

The County of Los Angeles also plans to retrofit up to 18,000 homes, leading to an average 20% reduction in energy use. These energy savings will result in the elimination of 20,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide greenhouse gas emissions – the air quality improvement equivalent of planting approximately half a million trees – and creating about 2,000 new green jobs in the County.

As a direct result, the County benefited from over 22 million kilowatt-hours in annual savings – a reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions that equals 3,000 passenger vehicles. In addition, these projects reduced operating costs, enhanced building operations, and improved occupancy comfort.

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