

Santa Barbara County Climate Action Strategy

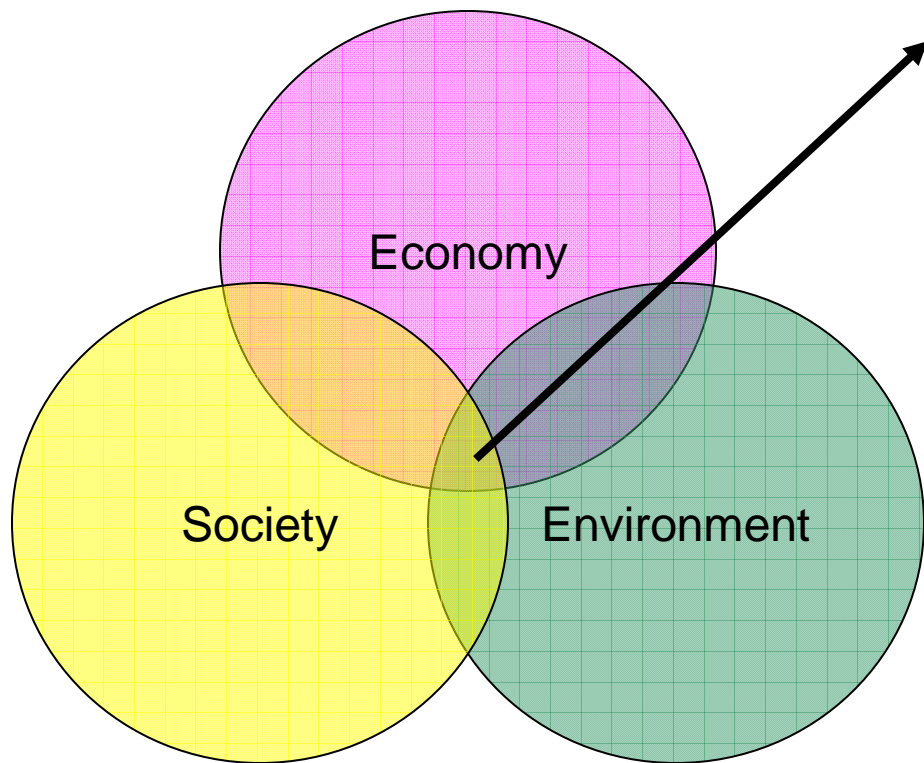
Goleta Valley PAC

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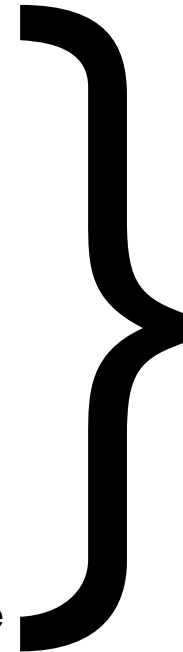
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Sustainability & Climate Change



Sustainability

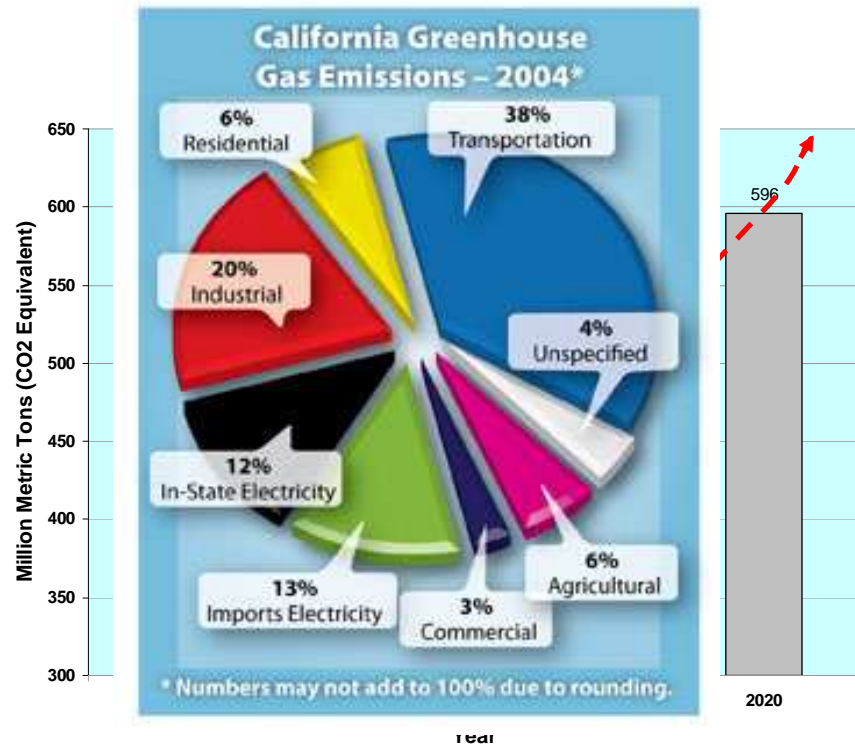
- Air
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Waste
- Water
- Buildings
- Biodiversity
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Climate Change



= Reduce GHG emissions



A Growing Public Concern



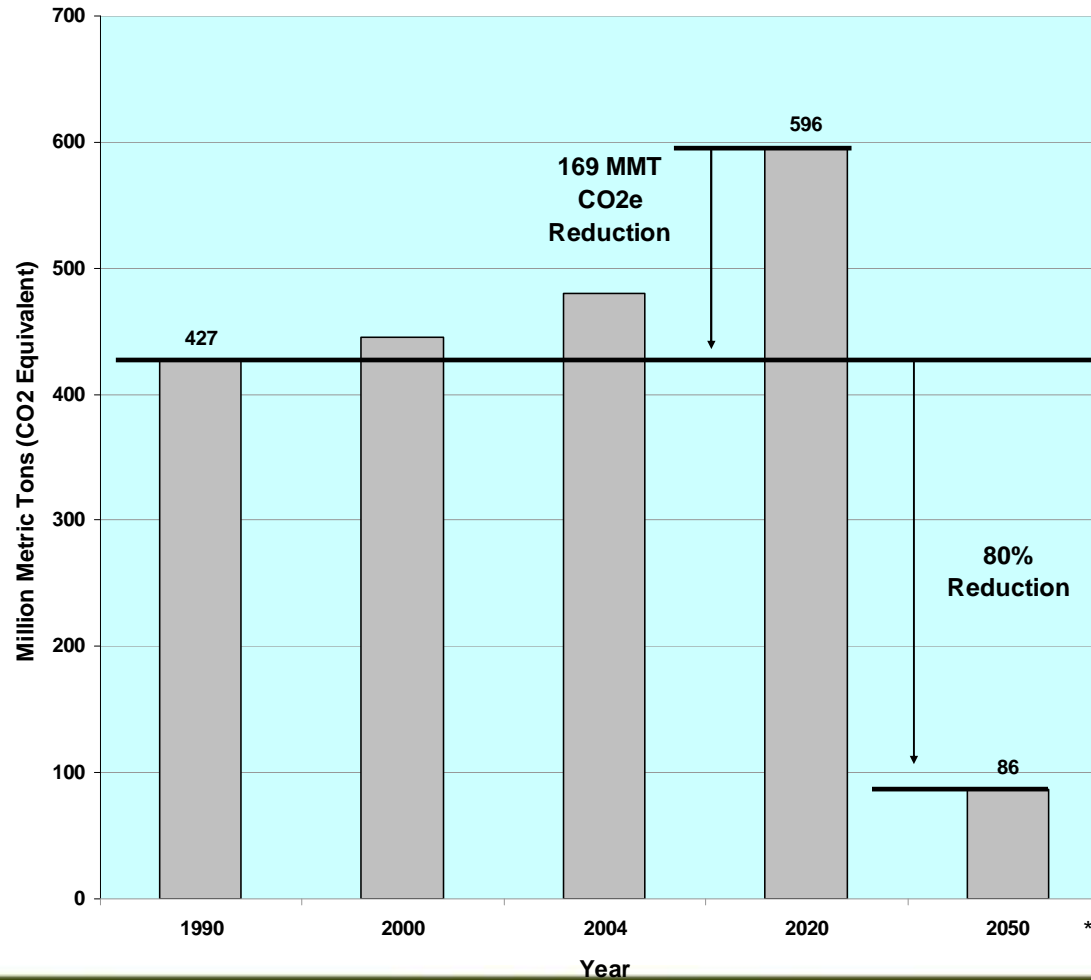
"We simply must do everything we can in our power to slow down global warming before it is too late. The science is clear. The global warming debate is over."
- Arnold Schwarzenegger



*Source: California Air Resources Board



AB 32 GHG Reduction Requirements



The State's Plan Summarized

AIR AND ENERGY

- 7 measures
- 40% of target

RESOURCE CONSERVATION

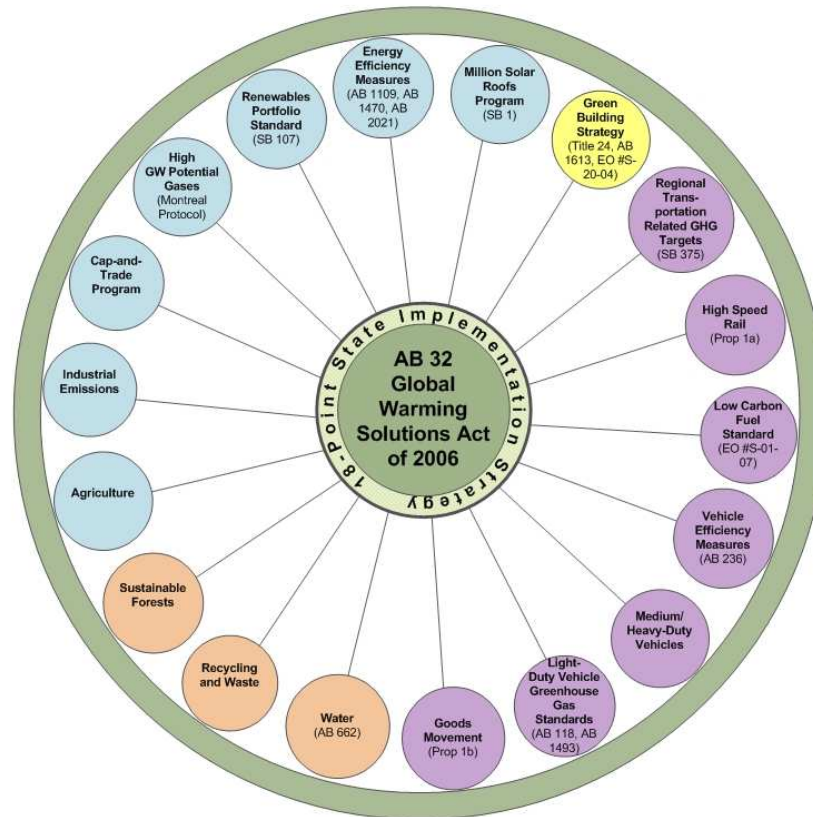
- 3 measures
- 11% of target

GREEN BUILDING

- 1 measure
- 14% of target

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE

- 7 measures
- 35% of target



Subsequent Legislation: SB 375

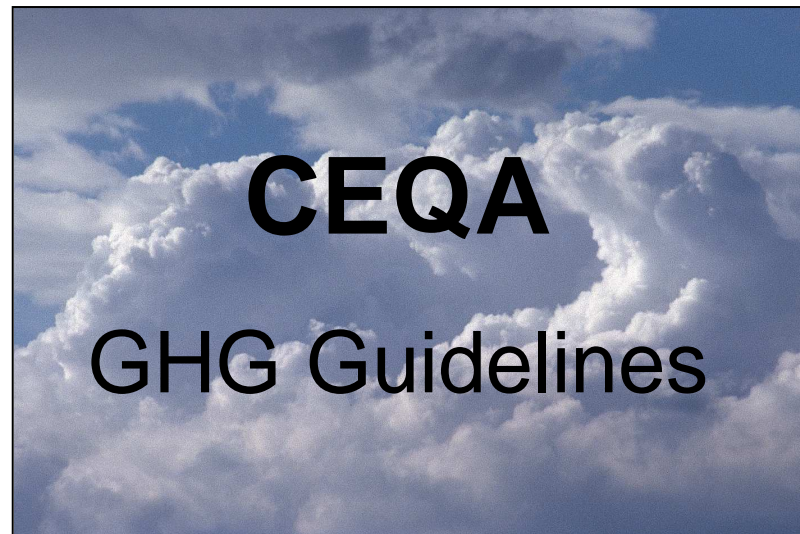
Regional Transportation Related GHG Targets



SB 375



Subsequent Legislation: SB 97



Opportunity for Local Leadership

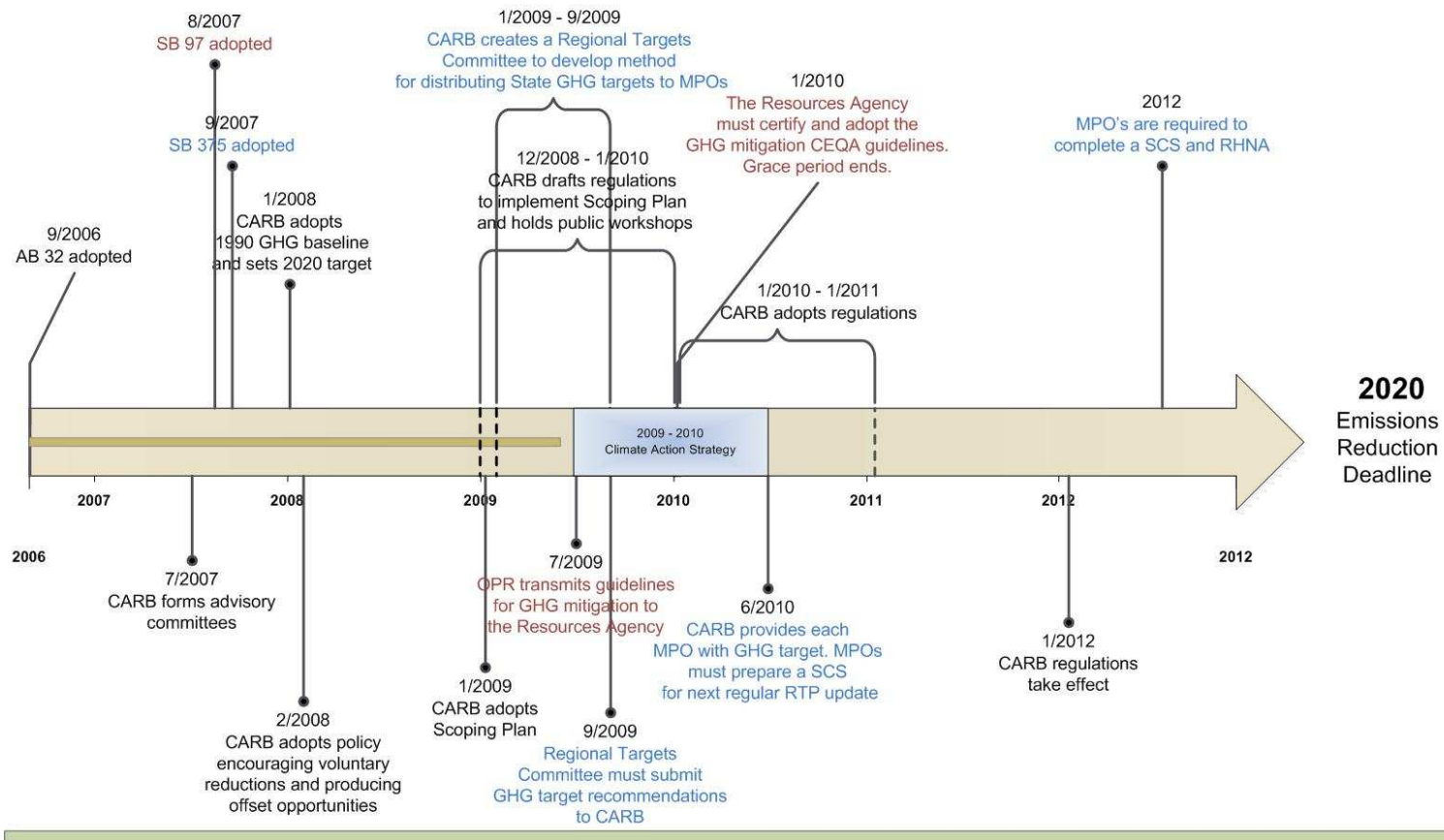
EXHIBIT 1: SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

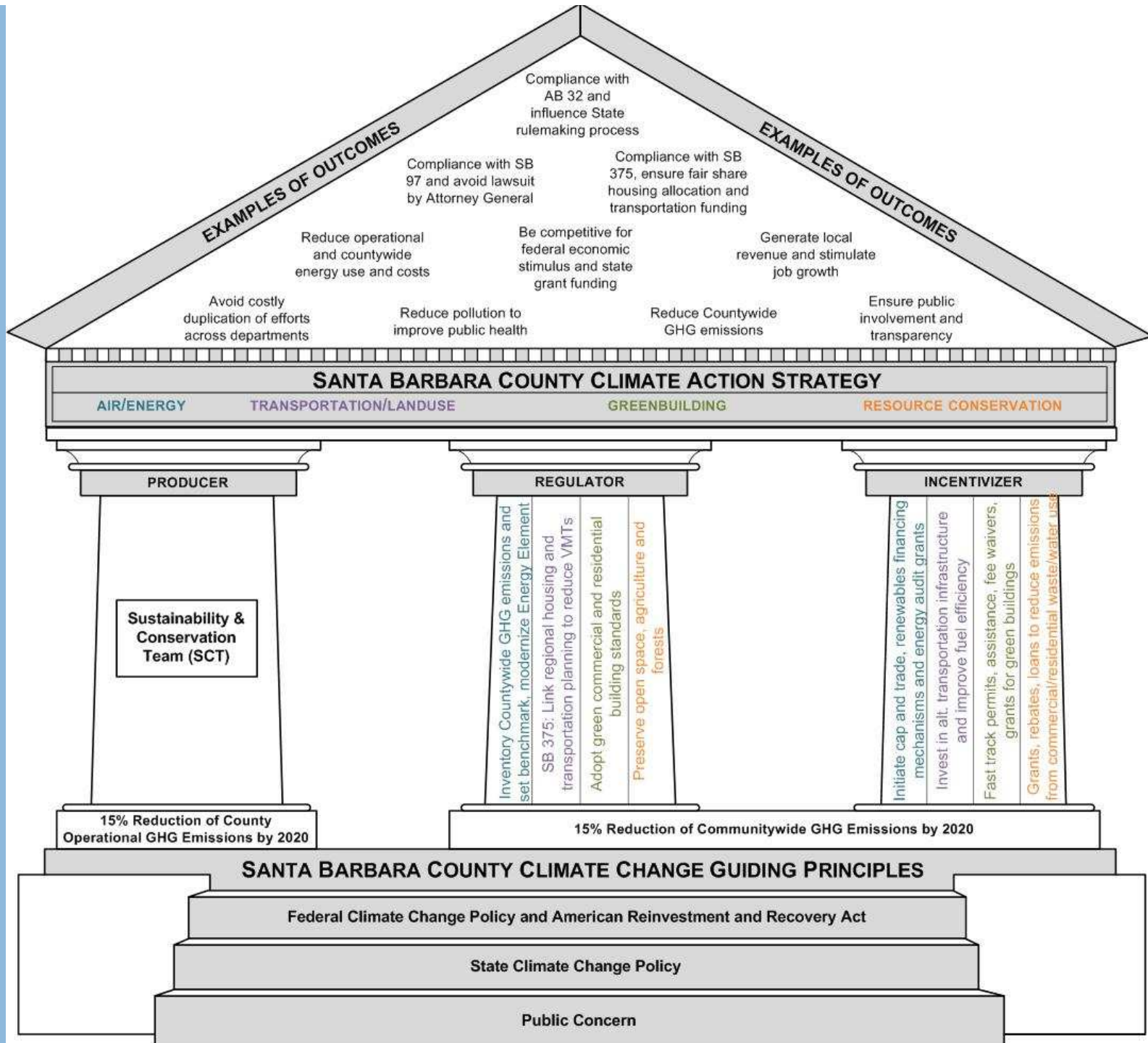
1. Protecting the community from the effects of climate change is a high priority for Santa Barbara County (County).
2. The County recognizes the State of California's climate change goals, regulations, and requirements set forth by AB 32 to reduce Statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and will implement programs to comply with these requirements.
3. As outlined in the State's AB 32 Scoping Plan, the benefits of investing in actions to reduce GHG emissions can outweigh the costs in numerous ways, including: economic vitality; public health and safety; natural resource protection; and infrastructure stability.
4. In order to maintain long-term regional well-being, health and prosperity of current residents, as well as future generations of residents, the County will preserve and balance our shared social wellbeing, economic prosperity, environmental resources, and biodiversity.
5. The County recognizes that challenges associated with climate change are regional in nature and can best be addressed in partnership with both public and private sectors.
6. The County has three strategic roles to play in reducing GHG emissions: 1) a producer of GHG emissions, 2) a regulator of GHG emitting activities, and 3) an incentivizer of communitywide enhancements to reduce GHG emissions.
7. The County will preserve its fiscal health by conserving resources and promoting renewable resources, thereby reducing costs.
8. The County will enhance our local economy through the incubation of clean technology, by attracting innovative firms and talent through private sector incentives, and by creating opportunities for local residents to attain jobs and training in the growing regional green economy.
9. A key component in a successful climate strategy is the development of an effective and inclusive decision making process that promotes the sharing of information and encourages diverse public input.
10. Through coordinated planning, measurement, evaluation, and reporting, the County will continue to address state requirements, capitalize on economic opportunities, and protect the regional quality of life while strategically progressing towards regional sustainability.



Climate Action Strategy

Climate Action Strategy Timeline







Questions

