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BOARD REPORT ON WE ARE STILL IN: AFFIRMING LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S GLOBAL COMMITMENT TO CLIMATE ACTION (ITEM NO. 53-A, AGENDA OF JANUARY 13, 2026)

In accordance with the Board of Supervisors' (Board) direction on January 13, 2026¹, this report summarizes efforts of Los Angeles County (County) departments to affirm the County's sustainability and climate leadership aligned with cooperative global action and explore pathways for greater County engagement with national and international climate and sustainability platforms and associations. The Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) coordinated with County Departments of Public Works (PW), Internal Services Department (ISD), Parks and Recreation (Parks), Regional Planning (Planning), and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to develop this report.

This report responds to the Board's request to (1) explore the County formally joining as an observer organization to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and actively engaging through the UNFCCC and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) Cities and Regions Process; (2) outreach to national and global climate and sustainability leadership associations to affirm the County's commitment to global climate action and explore formally joining organizations and/or signing on to commitment campaigns; and, (3) inventory key County efforts and commitments that demonstrate how the County is advancing shared national and international climate and sustainability actions.

¹ County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' Board Motion (January 13, 2026). "We Are Still In: Affirming Los Angeles County's Global Commitment to Climate Action": <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/211813.pdf>.

Background

On January 7, 2026, President Trump issued a White House Presidential Memoranda², “Withdrawing the United States from International Organizations, Conventions, and Treaties that Are Contrary to the Interests of the United States.” This reversal included withdrawing the U.S. from 66 international organizations, such as the UNFCCC and IPCC, and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). This follows a January 20, 2025, Executive Order that, among other things, withdrew the U.S. from the Paris Agreement (2015), leaving the United States as the sole signatory to have withdrawn (1 out of 195 nations).

The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. The overarching goal is to hold “the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C [3.6°F] above pre-industrial levels” and pursue efforts “to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C [2.7°F] above pre-industrial levels.” Per the UNFCCC, “The Paris Agreement is a landmark in the multilateral climate change process because, for the first time, a binding agreement brings all nations together to combat climate change and adapt to its effects”³.

As demonstrated in the policy, program and project actions presented in this report, the County remains ‘All In’ and aligned with the Paris Agreement. The County, along with the State of California, has a long history of sustainability and climate leadership, and has remained committed to necessary local action, that, when combined with necessary national and global action, will help ensure safe and thriving communities in the face of a changing climate. While this commitment and leadership have remained steadfast despite changes at the federal level, this report highlights opportunities for the County to engage with entities at new and different levels of climate and sustainability leadership.

Over the past 20 years there has been local, national, and international progress, and setbacks, on the important work of sustainability and climate security. A select timeline includes:

- 2006: California Cap-and-Trade program established
- 2007: Countywide Energy and Environmental Policy Adopted and County Energy and Environmental Team established
- 2015: 195 nations, including the U.S., adopt the Paris Agreement; County Sustainability Council established; County Clean Fleet Policy adopted

² Withdrawing the United States from International Organizations, Conventions, and Treaties that Are Contrary to the Interests of the United States, January 7, 2026: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/01/withdrawing-the-united-states-from-international-organizations-conventions-and-treaties-that-are-contrary-to-the-interests-of-the-united-states/>. Fact Sheet: President Donald J. Trump Withdraws the United States from International Organizations that Are Contrary to the Interests of the United States, January 7, 2026: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2026/01/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-withdraws-the-united-states-from-international-organizations-that-are-contrary-to-the-interests-of-the-united-states/>.

³ UNFCCC, Paris Agreement: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement>.

- 2016: County creates the Chief Sustainability Office and Officer position; County Parks Needs Assessment adopted; County voters approve Measure M, the LA County Traffic Improvement Plan, to fund transit and mobility Enhancements, and Measure A, creating the Regional Parks and Open Space District to fund local parks, beaches, and open spaces
- 2017: U.S. withdraws from the Paris Agreement; in response, many national and international campaigns and associations are created, some cofounded by the state of California, e.g., U.S. Climate Alliance, Under2 Coalition, We Are Still In (County signs on), etc., Clean Power Alliance of Southern California established by the County and two incorporated cities
- 2018: County voters approve Measure W, creating the Safe, Clean Water Program to fund stormwater, water quality, water supply and community benefits projects; County Cool Roof Ordinance adopted
- 2019: OurCounty Sustainability Plan adopted
- 2020: COVID pandemic obligates further County telecommuting practices adding to County municipal emissions reductions from employee commuting (57.7 percent decrease from 2009 baseline through 2023)
- 2021: U.S. re-joins the Paris Agreement; America Is All In replaces We Are Still In initiative (County reaffirms commitment); County Climate Vulnerability Assessment issued
- 2022: County Parks Needs Assessment Plus and 30x30 Plan adopted; County Zero Waste Plan adopted
- 2023: County Water Plan adopted
- 2024: County Climate Action Plan adopted; County Community Forest Management Plan adopted; State voters approve Proposition 4, the Climate Bond, to protect drinking water, reduce wildfire and flood risks, restore natural areas, support healthy working lands, advance clean energy projects, and expand access to parks and outdoor spaces
- 2025: U.S. withdraws from the Paris Agreement; State's Cap-and-Trade program reauthorized and renamed, Cap-and-Invest; County Zero-Emission Vehicle Master Plan adopted; County Indoor Maximum Temperature Ordinance adopted; updated OurCounty Sustainability Plan adopted; County joins California Global Biodiversity Alliance
- 2026: County initiates process to secure observer status for the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD; Biodiversity COP); County Heat Action Plan adopted

The following sections of the report offer pathways for the County to engage more fully in national and international platforms in order to extend its connections and leadership, and to advance progress and exchange learnings with others committed to the work.

Exploring Observer Status at the UNFCCC

In addition to reviewing UNFCCC information, the CSO consulted with both ICLEI USA⁴ and The Climate Registry⁵ to best understand the County's, as a local government, pathways for engagement at the annual UNFCCC Conference of the Parties Climate Change Conference, or Climate COP. UNFCCC sessions are not open to the public. Only the representatives nominated by organizations duly admitted by the COP can attend the UNFCCC conferences as observer representatives.

Per the UNFCCC⁶:

“There are three categories of participants at meetings and conferences in the UNFCCC process: representatives of Parties to the Convention and Observer States [e.g., nations], members of the press and media, and representatives of observer organizations [e.g., local governments].

Observer organizations are further categorized into three types: the United Nations System and its Specialized Agencies, intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) [e.g., ICLEI USA, The Climate Registry]. IGOs and NGOs can register delegates once they have received observer status.”

Within UNFCCC, all subnational (i.e., the County) engagement goes through the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency⁷. ICLEI USA is the liaison to the LGMA from the U.S. and can serve as a resource. The County became an ICLEI member in January 2026.

In addition to this Motion and Report, the Board approved a November 18, 2025, motion, “Advancing Los Angeles County’s Local and Global Leadership on Biodiversity”⁸. In addition to the directive to revise the County’s Water Conservation Policy into a comprehensive Biodiversity and Water Conservation Policy, the Board authorized the CSO to submit applications for the County to become an official observer to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD; Biodiversity COP)⁹ and to join the California Global Biodiversity Alliance¹⁰.

⁴ ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability USA (ICLEI USA): <https://icleiusa.org/>.

⁵ The Climate Registry – Credible Carbon Reporting: <https://theclimateregistry.org/>.

⁶ UNFCCC-Observer organizations: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/parties-non-party-stakeholders/non-party-stakeholders/overview/observer-organizations>.

⁷ Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency (LGMA) - Cities and Regions in the UNFCCC Process: <https://www.cities-and-regions.org/>.

⁸ Board Motion - Advancing Los Angeles County’s Local and Global Leadership on Biodiversity (November 18, 2025): <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/209826.pdf/>.

⁹ UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD): <https://www.cbd.int/>.

¹⁰ California Global Biodiversity Alliance (CalGBA): <https://calgba.org/>.

The following information provides context for both the UN Climate COP and UN Biodiversity COP processes for cities and regions. Also, as noted in Attachment II, through the CSO, the County has initiated steps to become an official observer to the UN CBD and has been accepted as a member of the California Global Biodiversity Alliance as of December 2025.

Local governments can join the Climate COP as observers through the established LGMA constituency, which has observer status, but participation levels and influence differ significantly from the Biodiversity COP. At the Biodiversity COP, subnational actors are more formally integrated, and their actions directly contribute to national commitments, leading to broader and more direct engagement in CBD processes for cities and regions.

- **Climate COP (UNFCCC):**
 - **Observer Status:** Cities and regions join the UNFCCC COP as part of the larger LGMA “constituency” (a group of NGOs and local authorities) to voice concerns and share experiences, but they are technically observers, not formal Parties (nations).
 - **Role:** Cities and regions act as advocates, pushing for ambitious national climate action (e.g., Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)¹¹) and highlighting their own implementation efforts, but their direct negotiation power remains limited to influencing Parties.
- **Biodiversity COP (CBD):**
 - **Direct Integration:** The CBD process explicitly recognizes cities and subnational governments as crucial implementers of biodiversity goals.
 - **Action-Oriented:** Local governments are seen as key actors in delivering targets, leading to more direct engagement and participation in setting and achieving biodiversity commitments, sometimes with clearer pathways to action and reporting than in the climate sphere.
- **Key Difference – Legal Standing & Implementation**
 - **UNFCCC:** Focuses on national commitments (e.g., NDCs), with local governments pushing from the outside as observers.
 - **CBD:** Increasingly integrates subnational action into national strategies (e.g., National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans - NBSAPs), giving cities and regions a more formal and direct role in treaty implementation.

In summary, while both bodies acknowledge the importance of local action, the CBD offers a more formalized and central role for subnational governments in delivering on treaty goals, whereas UNFCCC engagement remains largely through advocacy as the main negotiations are had at the national level (i.e., Parties). The County’s current ICLEI membership provides coordination support for participation at Climate COPs, and the

¹¹ UNFCCC National Determined Contributions: <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/the-paris-agreement/nationally-determined-contributions-ndcs>.

County, along with support from the California Global Biodiversity Alliance, can directly engage regarding potential participation in Biodiversity COPs.

Lastly, it may also be possible to engage the state of California to understand its unique status at COPs and how working with the state may present another option for COP participation.

National and Global Climate and Sustainability Leadership Associations and Potential Membership

The CSO conducted a landscape review of and engaged with national and global climate and sustainability leadership associations to share the County's interest and leadership in the subjects and assess processes and benefits of joining. The complete information is available as Attachment I to this report.

Of the 16 associations reviewed, 11 are member networks, three are campaigns or sign-on opportunities, and three are disclosure or reporting programs. One association, U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), is both a member network and has a disclosure and reporting program (LEED for Cities). Several member networks have specific campaigns and programs that can be separately signed-on/committed to.

The County is already a participant in three of the reviewed associations: 10 Across Resilience Network (member network), America is All In (campaign/signatory), and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (member network). The County became an ICLEI member in January 2026, and ongoing membership requires annual dues of \$10,000 (as of 2026).

In addition to these reviewed associations, the County maintains memberships in several important local and statewide networks. These include the Transportation Electrification Partnership (TEP¹², Greater Los Angeles Region), Clean Energy Partnership (CEP¹³, Greater Los Angeles Region), Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC¹⁴, Los Angeles County) and Local Governmental Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC¹⁵, statewide).

Attachment I presents: the name of the organization or campaign; the type of association it is; provides general information about the association; notes geographic scope; provides annual costs (if any); describes potential benefits of joining along with that association's participation process; lists incorporated cities within the County that participate, other participating U.S. counties, and/or if the state of California participates; provides a website; and notes a current status, if any, as well as a recommendation for next steps with respect to that association.

¹² Transportation Electrification Partnership (TEP): <https://lincubator.org/transportation/>.

¹³ Clean Energy Partnership (CEP): <https://lincubator.org/clean-energy-partnership/>.

¹⁴ Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability (LARC): <https://www.laregionalcollaborative.com/>.

¹⁵ Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC): <https://www.lgsec.org/>.

The County's goals and efforts are aligned with all the identified associations. Though it would be possible to sign-on or join each of the no-cost associations, based on staff capacity and the need to identify points of contact and stay connected and engaged, a more select strategy is appropriate, particularly when considering that in many instances there is cross-association alignment and engagement.

It is recommended that the County take the following actions:

- Budget to maintain annual membership in TEP, CEP, LARC, LGSEC, and ICLEI. TEP, CEP, and LARC are important local platforms and networks, connecting the County on public and private coordination for sustainability and climate action; LGSEC supports statewide coordination on related issues including distributed renewable energy, energy affordability, energy efficiency programs, etc.; and, ICLEI provides network connections and technical assistance, and coordination and connection to other national and international sustainability and climate engagements.
- At no cost, disclose and submit to be scored by CDP in 2026, which also provides simultaneous reporting to multiple key climate initiatives such as ICLEI.
- At no cost, sign on to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Policy (GCoM). The County already meets requirements or has the necessary assessments and plans as required of the GCoM. Along with the County's current ICLEI membership and the recommendation to report activities via CDP, the County could readily sign the commitment and then engage in programming and initiatives as capacity allows, and/or utilize resources that are helpful.
- Continue to investigate and consider USGBC membership and LEED for Cities certification for potential future reporting and peer comparison – formally reporting and/or joining would require budget resources.
- Continue to investigate and consider rejoining the Urban Sustainability Directors Network – the County was last a member in 2021; formally joining would require budget resources.

The CSO will serve as the lead for the above recommendations.

Key County Sustainability and Climate Goals and Commitments

In coordination with County departments, the CSO compiled a comprehensive, top-line list of County policies, plans, and initiatives aligned with the categories (“axes”) of the UNFCCC’s December 2025 *Outcomes Report: Global Action Agenda at COP 30*¹⁶.

¹⁶ [COP30 Action Agenda_Outcomes Report_December_2025.pdf](#)

- **Axis 1 – Transition Energy, Industry and Transport:** Focuses on accelerating the shift to clean energy, improving energy efficiency, decarbonizing industry and transport, expanding access to energy, and ensuring just and equitable transitions away from fossil fuels.
- **Axis 2 – Stewarding Forests, Oceans and Biodiversity:** Supports protection and restoration of forests, oceans, and biodiversity, including securing land rights and conserving ecosystems critical for climate mitigation and resilience.
- **Axis 3 – Transforming Agriculture and Food Systems:** Centers on sustainable agriculture, land restoration, resilient food systems, and equitable access to food and nutrition.
- **Axis 4 – Building Resilience of Cities, Infrastructure and Water:** Focuses on strengthening resilience of cities, infrastructure, and water systems against climate impacts and integrating adaptation measures into planning and investments.
- **Axis 5 – Fostering Human and Social Development:** Places people at the core of climate action by enhancing social resilience, human development, health systems, skills and capacity building, and inclusive climate policies and adaptation measures into planning and investments.
- **Axis 6 – Unleashing Enablers and Accelerators including on Financing, Technology and Capacity Building:** Covers cross-cutting enablers such as finance, technology, capacity building, and other accelerators that can help scale and implement solutions across the other axes.

The complete information is available as Attachment II of this report. The attachment presents the policy or initiative; its theme or sector; purpose and objective; timeline (if there are specific milestone dates for targets); the website or linked reference; and the lead County entity(ies). These key examples include Board Policies, County Ordinances and Codes, Board Motions and their corresponding initiatives, and adopted County plans. These work streams include the themes/sectors of: Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Energy, Conservation, Biodiversity, Coastal Management, Waste Management, Food, Water, Recreation & Access, Heat, Community Forestry, Transportation & Mobility, Sustainability, and Climate Resilience.

Recommendations and Budget Implications

In addition to the specific actions recommended above in the “National and Global Climate and Sustainability Leadership Associations and Potential Membership” section – and the need for sustained funding for existing memberships—should the County want to be present and engaged with either the Biodiversity or Climate COPs, resources and time need to be committed for travel, meeting preparations, and network coordination and other actions related to active engagement. Similarly, this would be necessary for other

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related convenings within the U.S., such as Climate Week NYC¹⁷. Furthermore, the CSO will continue to develop cost estimates for membership and related expenses to support County participation in the UNFCCC and will work with the CEO to identify funding through the annual budget process.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Matthew Gonser, Climate Resilience Officer, at (213) 762-6997 or mgonser@cso.lacounty.gov.

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¹⁷ Climate Week NYC: <https://www.climateweeknyc.org/>.

National and global climate and sustainability leadership associations

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Organization / Campaign	Type	About	Geographic Scope	\$/yr (as of Feb. 2026)	Potential Benefits / Participation Process	Member Entities in LA County and other US Counties, and if the State of California is a member	Status / Recommendation	Website
10 Across Resilience Network	<i>Member Network</i>	The mission of TEN ACROSS™ (housed at University City Exchange at Arizona State University) is to advance resilience by building connections and sharing information across and beyond this critical region of the country. The Ten Across region contains the three most populous states, many of the largest and most rapidly growing metro areas, many of the largest American international ports, extremes in weather and water-related challenges, and great diversity and demographic change.	US jurisdictions along / near the I-10 corridor	\$0	Ten Across is a peer learning and research support network. It convenes diverse perspectives to better share information and to inspire proactive decision-making for resilience and sustainability. The Network drives resilience, adaptation, and change in the face of an increasingly unstable future through the resources developed within our network and platform. Ten Across builds systemic connections between experts, decision-makers and communities that can help translate experience into options to advance climate resilience.	Within LA County: - City of Santa Monica - City of Los Angeles	County, via CSO, is already an active participating jurisdiction.	10across.org/
America Is All In / We Are Still In	<i>Campaign / Signatory</i>	America is All In is an expansive coalition of leaders assembled in support of climate action in the United States. Committed coalition members come from thousands of U.S. cities, states, tribal nations, businesses, schools, and institutions of faith, health, and culture. America is All In champions a whole-of-society mobilization to deliver the transformational change that will meet the challenge of the climate crisis and secure a healthy, prosperous, equitable, and sustainable future for everybody. The coalition works alongside its partners to: - Develop a national climate strategy that meets the urgency of the climate crisis and benefits from the lived experience of subnational partners - Scale climate action around the country to empower workers and communities, while protecting public health - Promote the leadership of non-federal actors on the world stage America is All In (2021) is the follow up and more ambitious successor to the We Are Still In (2017) initiative.	US jurisdictions and companies	\$0	Being part of America Is All In represents a commitment to drive the transformational climate action. That means through direct action and advocacy to meet the United States’ goals under the Paris Climate Agreement, halving U.S. emissions by 2030 and reaching net zero emissions by 2050, while guarding against the impacts of climate disruption. Signatories benefit from coalition advocacy at the national and international levels, networking and learning opportunities with other committed members, and informational resources in support of meeting the commitments.	Within LA County: - City of Culver City - City of Los Angeles - City of Long Beach - City of Malibu - City of Santa Monica - City of West Hollywood Other US Counties: 37 other counties including within the following states - AZ, CA, CO, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, MD, NM, NY, OH, OR, TN, TX, VA, WA, WI	County has already signed on	americaisallin.com/ wearestillin.com/
C40 Cities	<i>Member Network</i>	C40 is a network of mayors of nearly 100 world-leading cities collaborating to confront the climate crisis. Cities in the C40 network earn membership through action; membership operates on performance-based requirements, not fees. C40 helps cities to enable climate action, influence agendas, grow movements, and transform systems. C40 provides research	US and international cities	Membership operates on performance-based requirements, not fees	To be a member of C40, cities must show measurable progress on each of these three missions: cutting emissions by halving fossil fuels by 2030, building resilience, and advancing justice in city climate action. Collective accountability in delivering the missions is the force that drives every city forward.	Within LA County: - City of Los Angeles	Membership process unclear and/or if county-level governments are considered for membership; submitted a	c40.org/

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		and technical capacity in support of cities work, including planning and engagement, and other climate budgeting support.					request for information	
Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance	<i>Member Network</i>	<p>The Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance's (CNCA) mission is to mobilize transformative climate action in cities in order to achieve prosperity, social equity, resilience and better quality of life for all on a thriving planet.</p> <p>CNCA is committed to a just carbon neutral future that recognizes and redresses the disproportionate burdens and the disproportionate benefits of the fossil fuel economy by prioritizing climate action that advances the well-being of low-income people, Indigenous Peoples, communities of color, immigrants and refugees and other historically marginalized communities.</p> <p>CNCA is a collaboration of leading global cities working to achieve carbon neutrality in the next 10-20 years – the most aggressive GHG reduction targets undertaken anywhere by any city.</p> <p>CNCA’s core city representatives are the Sustainability and/or Climate Directors and leads in their cities. The membership sets the strategic direction and work priorities for the Alliance while the CNCA team remains lean and agile in implementing the agenda, responding to member needs and pivoting as necessary to lead in new and emerging policy challenges.</p> <p>CNCA cities have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carbon neutrality goals across sectors - A community-wide implementation plan - Dedicated budget and staff for implementation - Committed to active participation in the Alliance 	Select US and international cities	No information	<p>To accelerate deep carbon reduction activity in a wider set of cities, CNCA fosters sharing between CNCA members and other leading cities around the world.</p> <p>CNCA sponsors a number of activities that open up opportunities for non-members to participate, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inviting other cities to participate in CNCA-led projects and in competitive innovation funding rounds - Requiring CNCA supported projects to be scalable and replicable by other cities - Inviting other cities to participate in CNCA lesson-sharing webinars - Sharing key products and learnings from CNCA supported projects <p>CNCA member cities are globally influential, have demonstrated deep carbon reductions, and are vocal leaders and risk takers.</p> <p>CNCA creates opportunities for members to engage in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peer learning - Transformational leadership - Methodologies, standards and governance tools - Collective influence 	N/A	Membership process unclear and/or if county-level governments are considered for membership; submitted a request for information	carbonneutralcities.org/

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CDP	Disclosure / Reporting	<p>CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world’s only independent environmental disclosure system for companies, capital markets, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts.</p> <p>Now with the world’s largest, most comprehensive dataset on environmental action, the insights that CDP holds empower investors, companies, cities, and national and regional governments to make Earth-positive decisions.</p> <p>By disclosing through CDP, organizations gain a comprehensive understanding of their environmental dependencies, risks, impacts and opportunities, and are able to compare their policies and practices against other leading jurisdictions.</p> <p>Disclosed data is used by the UNFCCC's Global Climate Action Portal. Data collated from cities, states and regions is central to informing policy and decision-making on the road to an Earth-positive economy. By reporting through CDP, reporters' impact reaches far beyond their own boundaries and is used by entities such as the United Nations, the IPCC, and World Bank.</p>	US and international municipal governments and private corporations	\$0	<p>Leading organizations use transparency to drive action: securing capital, reducing risks and boosting efficiency.</p> <p>Report simultaneously to multiple key climate initiatives, such as, ICLEI, C40, WWF One Planet City Challenge and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. Progress can also be measured against UN-backed climate campaigns such as Race to Zero. The CDP-ICLEI Track streamlines your reporting experience through one questionnaire. In 2023, over 1,100 jurisdictions globally reported to CDP-ICLEI Track, gaining essential insight on their progress towards climate leadership.</p> <p>CDP is the global reporting platform for several environmental campaigns, such as, RegionsAdapt Initiative, Under2 Coalition and the UN's Race to Resilience and Race to Zero, offering capacity-building opportunities and access to a network of relevant support.</p> <p>Certain reporting requirements align with those of LEED for Cities.</p>	<p>- State of California*</p> <p>Within LA County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Los Angeles* - City of Long Beach - City of Manhattan Beach - City of Santa Monica* <p>Other US Counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blaine County, ID - Boulder County, CO* - Broward County, FL - Cuyahoga County, OH* - Dane County, WI - City and County of Denver, CO* - Miami-Dade County, FL - Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, TN - Ocean County, NJ - Orange County, NC - City and County of San Francisco, CA* - Santa Fe County, NM - Summit County, UT <p>* = A List</p>	Complete the disclosure questionnaire during the 2026 reporting period (June-September).	cdp.net/en
Climate Mayors	Member Network	<p>Climate Mayors is a bipartisan network of nearly 350 mayors, demonstrating climate leadership through meaningful actions in their communities since 2014. Representing 46 states and nearly 60 million Americans, Climate Mayors reflects U.S. cities’ commitment to climate progress and its diverse membership provides for a common sense, bipartisan approach to climate</p> <p>In addition to local climate leadership, Climate Mayors build political will for federal and global climate action. Hundreds of members have signed the Climate Mayors letters committing to the Paris Agreement and calling on Congress to invest in green and equitable economic prosperity. Climate Mayors organizes topical learning sessions for participating officials and staff, as well as, topical technical support and other peer learning opportunities. Climate Mayors believes that learning from each</p>	US city mayors	\$0	<p>Mayors from across the United States are welcome to join Climate Mayors. By signing on cities indicate that they are pursuing actions to achieve an emissions reduction target, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing a community Greenhouse Gas inventory 2. Setting near and long-term targets to reduce emissions 3. Developing a Climate Action Plan aligned with the city’s targets. 	<p>Within LA County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Carson - City of El Monte - City of Los Angeles - City of Long Beach - City of West Hollywood <p>Other US Counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Miami-Dade County, FL 	Unclear if LA County is eligible. There are no county members except for certain municipalities that are joint city and county and/or a county with a mayor (e.g., Denver, Honolulu, Miami-Dade, Nashville, San Francisco); submitted a	climatemayors.org/

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		other and our diversity is the key to progress and depends on peer-to-peer learning.					request for information	
Extreme Heat Resilience Alliance	Member Network	<p>The Extreme Heat Resilience Alliance (EHRA) is a coalition of leaders and practitioners dedicated to protecting frontline communities from the worst impacts of extreme heat. Founded and convened by the Climate Resilience Center, EHRA is led by its diverse steering committee and advisory science panel.</p> <p>EHRA is made up of local and global experts, working in fields ranging from public health to disaster management. All are committed to reducing the impacts of extreme heat in their respective fields.</p> <p>By bringing together this coalition, EHRA empowers more effective and informed heat resilience leadership at local, regional, and national scales and accelerates innovation to address complex challenges that require multi-sectoral collaboration. The coalition is committed to protecting lives and livelihoods from the impacts of extreme heat, with a particular focus on the communities most impacted by the climate crisis.</p>	Select US and international cities	No information	<p>The alliance is made up of stakeholders invested in building heat resilience to protect lives and livelihoods. The multisectoral and global nature of EHRA makes it possible to envision and accelerate innovative solutions to the most complex challenges of extreme heat and the threat it poses to people, the environment, and entire systems.</p> <p>Joining EHRA is typically done through strategic partnerships with the founding organization, the Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht-Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Center. It is primarily a coalition of organizations, not an open membership for individuals.</p>	<p>Within LA County: - City of Los Angeles</p> <p>Other US Counties: - Miami-Dade County</p>	Confer with City of LA and local LA non-profit, Climate Resolve, who are both listed as members regarding program benefits, and opportunities to benefit from their participation and/or pursue LA County inclusion.	onebillionresilient.org/project/extreme-heat-resilience-alliance/

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Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Policy	<i>Campaign / Signatory</i>	<p>Cities and partners committed to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) share a long-term vision to combat climate change. The GCoM is the largest international alliance of cities, local governments, and partners committed to combating climate change. Together, leaders are working towards a low-emission and climate-resilient future.</p> <p>The GCoM builds upon the commitment of thousands of cities and local governments, which stand ready to partner with national and international institutions to tackle the climate crisis through local initiatives, innovative financing models, citizens engagement and sustainable infrastructure. This commitment is overseen by a set of overarching principles.</p> <p>The GCoM's mission is to galvanize climate and energy action across cities worldwide. It collaborates with city and regional networks, national government, and other partners to spark city climate leadership.</p> <p>By becoming part of the alliance, cities and local governments are empowered to drive climate action in their communities by working with city/regional networks, national governments, and international institutions.</p> <p>The GCoM committed cities are supported by an alliance of partners, including Global City Networks and Partners such as, C40 Cities, CDP, and ICLEI, and Regional Networks such as ICLEI and USDN.</p>	US and International jurisdictions	\$0	<p>Benefits include: encouragement and inspiration, cooperation through city networks and regional covenants, guidance and practical support, visibility and recognition, better financial opportunities, and the opportunity to shape the future.</p> <p>The GCoM welcomes any local government in the world to commit to the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, regardless of size or location. Cities or local governments that want to formalize a commitment to GCoM should are to commitment document, which must be signed by an appropriately mandated official according to local governmental procedures.</p> <p>Once the signed commitment is accepted, it is expected that the participating jurisdiction develop knowledge, goals, and plans that aim at least as high as its country's own climate protection commitment(s) or Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Climate Agreement. With support from GCoM, global and regional networks, and other partners, a jurisdiction will, if it hasn't already done so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory - Assess climate risks and vulnerabilities of your city - Define ambitious climate mitigation, resilience and energy targets - Create full climate action plans <p>The GCoM has two official reporting platforms through which cities can share their progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CDP-ICLEI Track - MyCovenant 	<p>Within LA County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Lancaster - City of Long Beach - City of Los Angeles - City of Manhattan Beach - City of Santa Monica - City of West Hollywood <p>Other US Counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adams County, CO - Augusta-Richmond County, GA - Cuyahoga County, OH - City and County of Denver, CO - City and County of Honolulu, HI - King County, WA - Miami-Dade County, FL - Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, TN - Orange County, NC - City and County of San Francisco, CA 	<p>Sign on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy Policy (GCoM). The County already meets requirements or has the necessary assessments and plans as required of the GCoM. Along with the County's current ICLEI membership and the recommendation to report activities via CDP, the County could readily sign the commitment and then engage in programming and initiatives as capacity allows, and/or utilize resources as are helpful.</p>	globalcovenantofmayors.org/

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ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Member Network	ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, is a global network working with more than 2500 local and regional governments committed to sustainable urban development. Active in 125+ countries, ICLEI supports sustainability policy and driving local action for zero emission, nature-based, equitable, resilient and circular development.	US and International jurisdictions	\$10,000	<p>ICLEI support is practical, flexible, and tailored to a community’s climate and sustainability journey. Membership benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Dedicated Advisor – Work directly with an expert who understands local government needs. - Tailored Technical Assistance – Receive hands-on technical support customized to your community’s priorities and capacity. - Tools & Resources That Work – Use ClearPath 2.0, LEARN, and other resources trusted nationwide. - Practical Support – Get help with planning, data, funding, and implementation. - Peer Connection & Exchange – Learn from communities like yours through trainings, cohorts, and workshops. - National & International Leadership – Show your residents and peers that your community is taking action - Access to subject-matter support to ClearPath 2.0 for climate action planning and emissions tracking. - Ongoing technical advising tailored to your priorities. - Support for local climate, energy, biodiversity, and resilience planning. - Guidance on funding opportunities, climate finance, & public-private partnership development. - Recognition programs that showcase leadership on the national and global stage. 	<p>Within LA County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Long Beach - City of Los Angeles - City of Santa Monica - City of West Hollywood <p>Other US Counties: 63 other counties including within the following states - AZ, CA, CO, FL, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, MD, MT, NC, NJ, NM, NY, SC, TC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI</p>	The County became a member January 2026. Sustained annual membership budget will be required.	icleiusa.org/

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Local Government and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency - Cities and Regions in the UNFCCC Process	<i>Member Network</i>	<p>The Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency (LGMA) is the voice of cities and regions in the climate negotiation process, connecting them directly to global climate processes.</p> <p>The LGMA works on behalf of the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments, a joint global policy advocacy initiative of the major international networks of local governments, in the area of climate.</p>	US and international jurisdictions	\$0	<p>Provides coordination and support for engagement in COPs.</p> <p>Within UNFCCC, all subnational (i.e., the County) engagement goes through the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency.</p> <p>ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, serves as the focal point for the LGMA.</p>	N/A	Through the County's ICLEI membership, engage with LGMA for future Climate COP participation.	cities-and-regions.org/
Powering Past Coal Alliance	<i>Campaign / Signatory</i>	<p>The Powering Past Coal Alliance (PPCA) is the world’s leading coalition of governments and businesses working to accelerate global coal phase out. To meet the Paris Agreement, analysis shows that phase-out of unabated coal is needed no later than by 2030 in the OECD and EU, and no later than by 2040 in the rest of the world. Our membership continues to grow, reflecting the increasing significance and impact of our work.</p> <p>Joining the PPCA means committing to take concrete action as a national or sub-national government, utility, business, or industry institution to achieve the phase out of unabated coal on timelines aligned with the Paris Agreement.</p> <p>All members are encouraged to endorse the PPCA Declaration.</p> <p>Government members commit to phasing out existing unabated coal power generation and to a moratorium on any new coal power stations without operational carbon capture and storage, within their jurisdictions.</p> <p>All members commit to supporting clean power generation through their policies (whether public or corporate, as appropriate) and investments, and to restricting financing for unabated coal power generation, i.e. without carbon capture and storage.</p>	National and Subnational governments, and businesses	\$0	<p>Subnational government members of the PPCA commit to using all policy and regulatory levers under their authority, and to encouraging national governments, other subnational governments and businesses in their respective countries to phase out unabated coal power: by 2030 in the OECD and EU, and by no later than 2040 in the rest of the world.</p> <p>Signing on provides credibility and recognition, knowledge and expertise, and a leadership platform.</p> <p>Joining requires submitting an application and endorsing the Powering Post Coal Alliance Declaration, identifying a contact person, and sharing highlights of what is being done to support coal phase-out.</p>	<p>- State of California</p> <p>Within LA County: - City of Los Angeles</p> <p>Other US Counties: - City and County of Honolulu</p>	The City of Los Angeles and state are already coal free. County electricity generation has nominal, if any, coal sources.	poweringpastcoal.org/

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Resilient Cities Network, North America Members	<i>Member Network</i>	<p>The Resilient Cities Network consists of cities that are committed to building and investing in urban resilience located in five geographical regions: Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe and Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America.</p> <p>Using insights gained from Rockefeller Foundation 100 Resilient Cities Initiative experience, R-Cities now brings together global knowledge, practice, partnerships, and funding to empower member cities. Chief Resilience Officers (CRO) across the network lead their city’s resilience efforts, guided by their City Resilience Strategy. R-Cities work is broadly organized into three pillars: Climate Resilience, Circularity and Equity.</p> <p>R-Cities supports cities and their CROs in future-proofing their communities and critical infrastructure. R-Cities guided by four principles in building a safer, more equitable, and sustainable future for all: city-led, impact-focused, regionally-driven, and partnership-based.</p>	US and international cities primarily, but also including US counties	\$0	<p>The Resilient Cities Network is a membership-based organization with regional and global peer learning opportunities. The North America Members group includes US and Canadian jurisdictions.</p> <p>Participation in the network provides a new member with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity-building and advisory on resilience - Training and Technical support - Network services, global communications, and access to all relevant multi-city programs and partnerships. <p>The specific elements of the program will be co-designed together with the member, to ensure they align with the priorities of both organizations.</p> <p>Member cities commit to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creating a permanent Office of Resilience within city administration. - Implementing resilient initiatives derived from a citywide resilience agenda. - Participating in regional and global network activities. <p>Any city or local government interested in joining R-Cities should write to us to discuss the specific opportunity. Application processes can be initiated with eligible candidates. New members must be confirmed by the cohort of existing members in the candidate’s region, as well as by the Global Steering Committee of CROs.</p>	<p>Other US Counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broward County, FL - Miami-Dade County, FL - Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, TN - City and County of San Francisco, CA 	Though eligible, not pursue membership due to staff capacity and other existing/new memberships.	resilientcitiesnetwork.org/

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The Climate Group	<i>Member Network</i>	<p>The Climate Group has multiple initiatives for private companies and/or governments. Climate Group programs drive action through commitments and the necessary policies to drive impact, while also providing networking and visibility.</p> <p><u>ConcreteZero</u>: Bringing together pioneering organizations to create a global market for net zero concrete. By harnessing members' collective purchasing power and influence, ConcreteZero sends a strong demand signal to shift global markets, investment and policies towards the sustainable production and sourcing of concrete.</p> <p><u>SteelZero</u>: Bringing together leading organizations to speed up the transition to a net zero steel industry. Organizations that join SteelZero make a public commitment to procure 100% net zero steel by 2050. By harnessing their collective purchasing power and influence, these organisations are sending a strong demand signal to shift global markets and policies towards responsible production and sourcing of steel.</p> <p><u>Under2 Coalition</u>: A global community of state and regional governments committed to ambitious climate action in line with the Paris Agreement. The Under2 Coalition brings together over 220 governments representing more than 1.3 billion people and 43% of the global economy. Members commit to keeping global temperature rises to well below 2°C with efforts to reach 1.5°C. 29 states and regions in the Coalition have committed to reaching net zero emissions by 2050 or earlier. The Under2 Coalition is the largest global network of states and regions committed to achieving net zero emission by 2050 at the latest.</p>	States, regions, corporations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ConcreteZero: \$8,250 - SteelZero: \$8,250 - Under2 Coalition: \$21,000 (Based on GDP per capita) 	<p>Members are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a leader and ambassador for driving climate action by sharing knowledge and best practices across forums and events such as member meetings and Climate Week NYC. - Honor commitments and be accountable by reporting on progress accurately and on time, through annual disclosure reports. - Engage with the member community through working groups and by supporting policy change, where relevant. <p>The Under2 Coalition brings together signatories of the Under2 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), a climate agreement for subnational governments. The Coalition is primarily driven by state and regional governments. However, jurisdictions at all levels of government may sign the Under2 MOU.</p> <p>In line with their Under2 Memorandum of Understanding commitments, members report long-term emissions reduction targets and future plans to the Under2 Ambition Tracker.</p> <p>Net zero targets are a vital part of efforts to keep global temperature rises to 1.5 degrees. However, these targets alone are not enough. It is vital that they are accompanied by thorough planning and short-term targets to ensure both progress and government transparency. Disclosure via CDP meets Under2's reporting requirements.</p>	- State of California	Due to budget, not pursue membership at this time.	theclimategroup.org/

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The Climate Registry	<i>Disclosure / Reporting</i>	<p>The Climate Registry (TCR) is a nonprofit organization that empowers organizations to be climate leaders by providing best-in-class programs and services for measuring, verifying, disclosing, and reducing carbon emissions. TCR connects, educates, and empowers organizations with the resources to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to mitigate climate change.</p> <p>TCR offers a variety of tools and guidance that allow businesses and organizations to track their emissions, helping you become more efficient, sustainable, and accountable. Registries and resources include: Carbon Footprint Registry; Water-Energy Nexus; and, Net-Zero Portal.</p>	US jurisdictions, universities, utilities, and private corporations	<p>\$6,250 (County)</p> <p>\$4,550 (if ISD reinstated its membership)</p> <p>Both options are based on organizations' annual budget amounts.</p>	<p>With nearly 20 years of experience, TCR brings deep insight and expertise to the carbon reporting space. TCR empowers organizations across every sector to reduce their carbon footprint.</p> <p>TCR advises organizations of all sectors on reporting, verifying, and managing GHG emissions. TCR offers this support through a variety of services, uniquely tailored to allow businesses, nonprofits, utilities, and government entities to make significant strides in lowering their carbon footprints.</p> <p>TCR provides members with credible carbon reporting tools, services, and initiatives that support companies, governments, and institutions on the road to net zero. TCR members have access to world-class proprietary reporting software, optional third-party verification, best-in-class guidance and tools, a live Help Desk, and the Climate Registered™ recognition program.</p>	<p>- State of California (many individual departments)</p> <p>Within LA County: - City of Pomona</p> <p>Other US Counties: - San Diego County, CA</p>	<p>ISD was formally a member.</p> <p>Due to budget, not pursue membership/disclosure at this time and opt for free reporting opportunities</p>	theclimateregistry.org/

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USDN - Urban Sustainability Directors Network	<i>Member Network</i>	<p>USDN brings local government sustainability practitioners together to learn, collaborate, and accelerate the work of local sustainability. By equipping them with the knowledge, resources, and partnerships they need to succeed, USDN helps advance change locally in member communities as well as across the field of practice. The aggregate impact and influence of our collective work makes an equitable, resilient, and sustainable society more attainable.</p> <p>USDN's programs delve into High Impact Practices through peer learning groups and workshops.</p> <p>USDN membership is open to U.S. and Canadian municipal sustainability directors who want to actively engage with and learn from their peers.</p> <p>Potential members must be local government staff with cross-departmental and community-wide responsibility for sustainability programs. They must have proven sustainability practices to share and commit to active participation in the network.</p>	US and Canadian jurisdictions	\$9,568	<p>USDN members report that access to the network enables them to work faster and more effectively.</p> <p>Members find solutions to key challenges, get new ideas, and avoid replicating problems already faced by peers. Perhaps most importantly, members develop valuable relationships and create a sense of community while developing the professional field of practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All activities are member-driven, designed to meet the evolving needs of the field. - Members focus on climate change mitigation, preparedness, and social equity. <p>USDN activities fall into two main categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peer Learning: USDN is a safe place for members to freely learn from peers about what does and does not work. Members do this by (1) networking virtually and in person, (2) learning from peers' successes and challenges, and (3) accessing data and model resources. 2. Collaboration: USDN also proactively supports members that band together to achieve a common goal. Members do this by (1) innovating around shared challenges, (2) learning together as they adopt similar practices, and (3) exerting their collective influence on the field. <p>Membership dues are based on jurisdiction population size with LA County at the maximum of the dues range.</p>	<p>Within LA County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Burbank - City of Los Angeles - City of Manhattan Beach - City of Santa Monica - City of West Hollywood <p>US Counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Boulder County, CO - Cuyahoga County, OH - Hennepin County, MN - Hawai'i County, HI - City and County of Honolulu, HI - Kaua'i County, HI - Maui County, HI - Miami-Dade County, FL - Missoula County, MT - Multnomah County, OR - Oakland County, MI - Palm Beach County, FL - Pierce County, WA - Snohomish County, WA 	<p>The County has been a member in the past, and was last a member in 2021.</p> <p>Due to budget, not pursue at this time, however, confer with local cities and consider potential future membership / budget request</p>	usdn.org/

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USGBC and LEED for Cities	<i>Member Network and Disclosure / Reporting</i>	<p>US Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED): LEED for Cities is a self-evaluation and rating system for sustainability efforts at the municipal scale.</p> <p>Cities, towns, counties and other local government jurisdictions use the rating system to measure and manage their sustainability performance.</p> <p>The purpose of the LEED for Cities rating system is to enhance the ability of local governments to address evolving urban sustainability challenges and to empower them to drive impactful, long-term sustainability outcomes.</p>	US and International jurisdictions	<p>Using an example of LEED Silver membership and LEED for Cities in the same year:</p> <p>-Year 1 payment of \$10,850 (i.e., \$1500 membership + \$1350 one time registration fee for LEED for Cities + \$8000 LEED for Cities certification fee)</p> <p>-Years 2-4 payment of \$1500 for membership</p> <p>-Year 5 payment of \$9500 (i.e., \$1500 membership + \$8000 LEED for Cities certification)</p> <p>And then repeat the cycle minus the initial \$1350 and with any futures fees increases.</p>	<p>Local government leaders are encouraged to use LEED for Cities to guide plan and policy development, track progress on global goals, advance equity and measure community resilience.</p> <p>The certification process involves evaluating existing conditions in a community compared to the requirements of the prerequisites and credits in LEED for Cities. This requires an integrative process with support from a cross-disciplinary team to gather and report jurisdiction-wide data and information.</p> <p>Certification has many benefits, including serving as a springboard for data-driven decision making, cross-agency coordination, integrated budgeting and performance management, partnerships with philanthropy, civic engagement, economic development and more.</p> <p>Certain reporting requirements align with those of CDP.</p>	<p>Within LA County:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City of Santa Monica - City of West Hollywood <p>Other US Counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arlington County, VA - Broward County, FL - Frederick County, MD - Hillsborough County, FL - Howard County, MD - Johnson County, KS - King County, WA - Lee County, FL - Lexington-Fayette County, FL - Memphis-Shelby County, TN - Miami-Dade County, FL - Oakland County, MI - Orange County, FL - Orange County, NC - Orange County, NY - Palm Beach County, FL - Pinellas County, FL - Pueblo County, CO - San Diego County, CA - Sarasota County, FL 	Continue to investigate and consider USGBC and LEED for Cities for potential future reporting and peer comparison – formally reporting and/or joining would require budget resources	usgbc.org/leed/rating-systems/leed-for-cities

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COP Axis 1 – Transitioning Energy, Industry and Transport:					
Focuses on accelerating the shift to clean energy, improving energy efficiency, decarbonizing industry and transport, expanding access to energy, and ensuring just and equitable transitions away from fossil fuels.					
Policy / Initiative	Theme / Sector	Purpose / Objective	Timeline	Source	Lead County Entity(ies)
Los Angeles County 2045 Climate Action Plan	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<p>The targets require reducing GHG emissions from within unincorporated areas according to the following: 40% below 2015 levels by 2030, 50% below 2015 levels by 2035, and 83% below 2015 levels by 2045.</p> <p>These targets will ensure that the County contributes its fair share to statewide GHG emissions reduction as defined by Senate Bill 32 (reduce statewide anthropogenic GHG emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030) and Assembly Bill 1279 (reduce statewide anthropogenic GHG emissions at 85% below 1990 levels by 2045). The 2045 CAP also includes an aspirational goal to reach carbon neutrality by 2045 to further align with the State’s climate goal in AB 1279 to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible, but no later than 2045.</p>	2045	<p>LA County Climate Action Plan (June 2024): planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/climate-action-plan/</p>	LA County Planning
Los Angeles County Municipal Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Municipal Climate Action Plan	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<p>This report presents Los Angeles County’s 2023 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for its municipal operations, providing a comprehensive update since the County’s 2009 baseline inventory. It details a significant 42% reduction in emissions over that period—rising to 46% when comparing operations under consistent control guidelines—highlighting the County’s sustained efforts to reduce its environmental impact through energy, water, and fuel conservation. The report outlines the sources of emissions across 11 operational sectors, explains the methodology behind the data, and examines past trends as well as projected future emissions through 2045. Readers will gain valuable insight into the County’s climate progress, challenges, and strategies—making this report a key resource for understanding how local government action contributes to broader climate goals.</p> <p>A Municipal Climate Action Plan (MCAP) to drive down operational climate pollution, increase efficiency, and realize operational cost-savings is in-development with a target completion date of end of the year 2027.</p>	2045	<p>LA County Municipal GHG Inventory (2023): isd.lacounty.gov/los-angeles-county-municipal-greenhouse-gas-inventory/</p>	Internal Services Department (ISD)
Los Angeles Community Choice Energy Adoption	Energy	<p>Community Choice Aggregation, authorized in California under AB 117 (2002) and SB 790 (2011), allows local governments, including counties and cities, to purchase electricity in the wholesale power market and sell it to their residents and businesses at competitive rates as an alternative to electricity provided by an investor owned utility (IOU).</p> <p>By switching to 100% renewable energy, the County will zero out greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity use. This is more than a 10% reduction in climate pollution from 2015 and is one of the most important actions that the County has taken to feasibly reduce so climate pollution so quickly. This is a big part of how the County will meet its commitment to the Paris Climate Agreement.</p> <p>The Clean Power Alliance (CPA) is a not-for-profit and the default electricity provider for the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties and now 36 cities in those two counties. It serves over 3 million residents and businesses through approximately 1 million customer accounts. Los Angeles County led the creation of CPA to provide customers with an alternative to Southern California Edison and to create a locally controlled electricity provider.</p> <p>Learn more at: https://cleanpoweralliance.org/.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Board Motion (April 18, 2017): file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/113105.pdf</p>	Chief Executive Office (CEO), ISD
Clean Fuel - Sustainable Fleet	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<p>Establishes a clean air and sustainable fleet policy to improve air quality and address the climate crises in Los Angeles through the expanded use of clean fuels for County vehicles in conjunction with other County sustainability programs. This policy establishes standards for new vehicle purchases and vehicle replacement cycles that will ensure the County's vehicles are replaced in a fiscally responsible and consistent manner that reduces energy and fuel consumption and air and climate pollutant emissions.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Sec. 3.020 (June 30, 2015): library.municode.com/ca/la_county_-_bos/codes/board_policy?nodeId=CH3ADGE_GO_3.020CLFUUSFL</p>	ISD

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Los Angeles County Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Master Plan	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	<p>A Shared and Electric Mobility Plan to Transition to Electric Vehicle Fleet and Employee Ridesharing: The plan assists multiple departments across the County in meeting targets outlined in the OurCounty Sustainability Plan, with the objective of transitioning to a fossil-fuel-free LA County by 2045. The Plan includes three components: (1) Fleet Transition Pan, (2) Employee Rideshare Plan, and (3) Electric Vehicle (EV) and Charging Community Outreach and Input.</p> <p>The targets for fleet transition are:</p> <p>(1) by 2025, 100% of light-duty vehicle purchases should be zero-emissions (with exemptions) and 5,000 EV chargers installed (2) by 2035, 100% of medium duty vehicle purchases should be zero-emissions and 15,000 EV chargers installed (3) by 2045, 100% of the County fleet should be zero-emissions</p>	2045	<p>County of Los Angeles Zero-Emission Vehicle Mobility Plan (February 2025):</p> <p>www.isd.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/LA_County_ZEV_Mobility_Plan_Report_2025.pdf</p>	ISD
Revised Oil Well Ordinance	Energy	<p>The Revised Oil Well Ordinance builds upon the previously adopted (and rescinded) Oil Well Ordinance by including updates to the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District (CSD) and the County of Los Angeles General Plan.</p> <p>On September 15, 2021, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved three motions highlighting the County’s commitment to safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare for residents living near oil drilling sites, and initiating a just transition away from fossil fuels and towards economic decarbonization. These long-term initiatives involve multiple County departments and will span several decades for full implementation.</p> <p>The Revised Oil Well Ordinance is now being proposed to reaffirm and extend this regulatory framework, integrating the previously recommended amendments to the Baldwin Hills CSD and amendments to the County of Los Angeles General Plan. This step is necessary to clearly establish and apply local regulatory authority granted by Assembly Bill 3233 (Addis), effective January 1, 2025, which explicitly authorizes local governments to limit or prohibit oil and gas operations within their jurisdictions.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Revised Oil Well Ordinance:</p> <p>planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/revised-oil-well-ordinance/</p>	Planning
Advancing the County’s Long-term Health, Accountability, and Just Transition Goals During the Phase Out of Urban Oil Drilling	Energy	<p>Goal 1: Provide oil workers impacted by the phase-out of drilling and extraction of oil with the necessary support to transition their skills into jobs of comparable, family-sustaining compensation or retirement in ways that promote livelihoods and dignity. Goal 2: Properly remediate and monitor impacts of closing oil well sites and integrate co-visioning and input from sovereign Native Nations on whose ancestral homelands Los Angeles is built—Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash—and frontline communities in community visioning, remediation and land use redevelopment planning processes. Goal 3: Leverage public and private funds to equitably and sustainably finance and coordinate the successful implementation of Strategy and Action recommendations, with ongoing accountability, transparency and advising from the Just Transition Task Force.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Board Motion (May 13, 2025):</p> <p>file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/202937.pdf</p>	LA County Public Health, Planning, Chief Sustainability Office (CSO)
Renewable Energy Ordinance Update	Energy	<p>The Renewable Energy Ordinance (REO), originally adopted in 2016, updated planning and zoning codes for permitting small-scale and utility-scale solar projects. It aims to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to minimize environmental impacts.</p> <p>On December 19, 2023, the Board of Supervisors directed LA County Planning, in collaboration with various partners, to add regulations for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to the Zoning Code.</p> <p>On April 29, 2024, the Board further directed LA County Planning to update the REO. The REO update will address both directives and include regulations for BESS.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Renewable Energy Ordinance Update (underway):</p> <p>planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/reo-update/</p>	Planning

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**COP Axis 2 – Stewarding Forests, Oceans and Biodiversity:
Supports protection and restoration of forests, oceans, and biodiversity, including securing land rights and conserving ecosystems critical for climate mitigation and resilience.**

Policy / Initiative	Theme, Sector	Purpose / Objective	Timeline	Source	Lead County Entity(ies)
Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) and 30x30 Plan	Conservation	<p>The 2022 PNA+ is Los Angeles County’s 30x30 Plan which focuses on 1) Conservation and Restoration, 2) Regional Recreation, and 3) Rural Recreation. It builds upon and supplements the 2016 PNA with a wealth of data about regional and rural park facilities and needs as well as information to help guide future environmental conservation and restoration efforts. The 30x30 initiative is a commitment to conserve at least 30% of lands and waters by 2030.</p> <p>30x30 refers to the goal of conserving 30% of lands and coastal waters by the year 2030 to fight climate change and advance biodiversity and conservation. Both the federal and state governments have committed to achieving this goal.</p>	2030	<p>County Parks Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) (December 2022):</p> <p>lacountyparkneeds.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/PNA-Plus-Report-Dec2022-2.pdf</p>	Parks & Recreation
Advancing Los Angeles County’s Local and Global Leadership on Biodiversity	Biodiversity	<p>Revise the County's Water Conservation Policy into a comprehensive Biodiversity and Water Conversation Policy, and formalize the County's role in global biodiversity efforts.</p> <p>The County will updates policies and practices to integrate biodiversity with water conservation, e.g., requirements and guidelines for the use of California native plants at new and existing County facilities with consideration of reasonable exclusions for arboretums and functional turf for recreational uses where native plants are not viable, and guidelines for biodiversity-supportive management practices.</p> <p>The County has initiated steps to become an official observer to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and has been accepted as a member of the California Global Biodiversity Alliance.</p>	2026 and Ongoing	<p>Board Motion (November 18, 2025):</p> <p>file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/209826.pdf</p>	CSO
Los Angeles County Coastal Resilience Initiative	Coastal Management	<p>The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors operates and maintains 18 public beaches along the Pacific Ocean coastline, mostly in the Santa Monica Bay, between the City of Malibu and San Pedro, a coastal community within the City of Los Angeles. The unique urban setting of Los Angeles County’s shoreline makes it one of the most valuable coastal resources in California. Its regional beaches provide recreation and enjoyment for more than 70 million visitors annually.</p> <p>Due to forecasts of rising sea levels caused by climate change, L.A. County initiated a process of proactive preparedness by assessing the potential threat that its public beach assets may face through the year 2100. The 2016 Sea-level Rise Vulnerability Assessment and 2023 LA County Coastal Resilience Study documented and evaluated the vulnerability of existing coastal public infrastructure, including access roads, parking lots, coastal access points, beaches, restrooms, bike paths, maintenance yards, lifeguard stations, and other recreational amenities (volleyball courts, picnic tables, etc.), to sea level rise and coastal flooding.</p> <p>The County is leading regional coastal efforts including developing a Regional Coastal Strategic Adaptation Plan and implementing demonstration living shoreline projects with input from coastal management partners, community-based organizations, academia, and the public and identifying innovative beach management practices. The County is also launching a regional shoreline monitoring program to collect data that supports long-term planning and decision-making.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Coastal Resilience:</p> <p>beaches.lacounty.gov/coastal-resilience/</p>	Department of Beaches & Harbors

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COP Axis 3 – Transforming Agriculture and Food Systems: Centers on sustainable agriculture, land restoration, resilient food systems, and equitable access to food and nutrition.					
Policy / Initiative	Theme, Sector	Purpose / Objective	Timeline	Source	Lead County Entity(ies)
Organic Waste Management Programs	Waste Management	Establishes requirements for County departments to implement organic waste management programs, donate excess edible food, collect and divert organic waste from landfills, and procure certain products made from organic waste.	Ongoing	Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Sec. 3.190 (November 16, 2021): library.municode.com/ca/la_county_-_bos/codes/board_policy?nodeId=CH3ADGE_GO_3.190ORWA	LA County Public Works
Reduce Food Waste to Fight Climate Change	Waste Management	California State Law Senate Bill (SB) 1383 aims to keep food and other compostable materials known as organic waste out of landfills to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Mandatory Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance (2023; 2021) that requires all residents and businesses to subscribe to organic waste collection services. The separate collection of organic waste helps to divert it from entering landfills where it would decompose, release methane gas, and pollute the air impacting the climate.	Ongoing	Organic Waste Disposal Reduction Ordinance: pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/environmental-services/fight-food-waste-la/	Public Works
Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Food Procurement	Food	Transforming the county’s food procurement policies presents a unique opportunity to advance health outcomes, address climate change, and meet economic goals. Specifically, Action 147 in the County’s Sustainability Plan calls to “Promote plant-based menu options through nutrition and food procurement policies in food service settings such as County facilities, hospitals, higher learning institutions, school districts, jails, and other food settings.”	Ongoing	Board Motion (February 27, 2024): file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/189000.pdf	Public Health
Expanding County Action to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Food Procurement	Food	In advancement of the initiative, "Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions through Food Procurement:" work with County departments to develop a protocol for amending existing contracts if feasible, and to integrate Public Health’s updated Standards for Prepared Foods, Snacks, and Beverages in all new and renewing County food service solicitations and contracts; develop evaluation criteria for use in food service RFPs; collect annual food purchasing data from County departments that purchase, serve, or distribute food; provide an annual report on the total amount of meat, poultry, fish, dairy and egg products, and the total amount of plant-based food products for all County departments that purchase, serve, or distribute food, including County vendors; establish baseline GHG emissions data for incorporation into the County's Municipal GHG Inventory and MCAP; and, incorporate targets into the OurCounty Sustainability Plan.	Ongoing	Board Motion (January 07, 2025): file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/199011.pdf	Public Health, CSO, CEO, ISD
Coolfood Pledge	Food	The County of Los Angeles, which provides more than 37 million meals annually, has committed to the Coolfood Pledge, a science-based target to reduce food-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 25% by 2030. In November 2025, LA County officially signed the Coolfood Pledge, making a public commitment to reducing its food-related emissions by 25% by 2030, a target that is in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement. By partnering with World Resources Institute’s Coolfood initiative, the County will provide plant-rich, sustainable meals across its hospitals, correctional facilities, employee dining, entertainment destinations and more.	2030	County of Los Angeles Coolfood Pledge: coolfood.org/resources/county-of-los-angeles-takes-coolfood-pledge/	Public Health, CSO, Office of Food Systems

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COP Axis 4 – Building Resilience for Cities, Infrastructure and Water: Focuses on strengthening resilience of cities, infrastructure, and water systems against climate impacts and integrating adaptation measures into planning and investments.					
Policy / Initiative	Theme, Sector	Purpose / Objective	Timeline	Source	Lead County Entity(ies)
Los Angeles County Water Plan	Water	<p>Los Angeles County Public Works, together with water management organizations and a diverse array of interested parties, collaborated to support the Los Angeles County Water Plan (CWP), charting a path to achieve our collective vision of equitable and sustainable water resources and a secure water future for everyone.</p> <p>Four focal areas describe shared desired outcomes, each of which are accompanied by four targets. These four focal areas are also complemented by 14 strategies, each of which is supported by a suite of detailed actions that will be taken throughout CWP implementation.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Water Supply Reliability 2. Groundwater Management and Quality 3. Small At-Risk System Resilience and Drinking Water Equity 4. Watershed Sediment Management 	Ongoing	<p>Los Angeles County Water Plan (December 2023):</p> <p>lacountywaterplan.org/</p>	Public Works
Water Recycling	Water	Establishes guidelines to encourage potable and non-potable water uses of recycled water in Los Angeles County. Instructs the Director of Public Works, or designated staff, to assess the complex nature and issues surrounding the development and use of recycled water in Los Angeles County and to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding recycled water which will support the goals and actions outlined in the County's OurCounty Sustainability Plan.	Ongoing	<p>Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Sec. 3.046 (February 20 2007):</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/la_county_-_bos/codes/board_policy?nodeId=CH3ADGEGO_3.046WAREPO</p>	Public Works
Water Conservation	Water	To establish a water conservation policy for County departments to ensure that water is used efficiently and that water uses are prioritized in alignment with County sustainability goals. This policy sets limits on how water is used and establishes requirements regarding high water use applications such as irrigation, in order to reduce water demand. This policy is being updated through the Advancing Los Angeles County's Local and Global Leadership on Biodiversity Board Motion into a comprehensive Biodiversity and Water Conversation Policy.	Ongoing	<p>Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Sec. 3.047 (August 30, 2022):</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/la_county_-_bos/codes/board_policy?nodeId=CH3ADGEGO_3.047WACOPO</p>	Public Works
LA River Master Plan	Water	<p>Under the leadership of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board), Public Works updated the LA River Master Plan (LARMP) through a transparent and stakeholder-driven process. The updated LARMP was developed with multi-faceted and innovative approaches to focus on flood risk, water quality, water conservation, public health, recreation, access, homelessness, open space, and habitat while encouraging artistic expression.</p> <p>On June 14, 2022, the Board approved the final updated LARMP, Program Environmental Impact Report, and a motion directing Public Works to establish the LARMP Implementation Team to work to develop guidance to prioritize County projects along the River while focusing on obtaining stakeholder input, addressing community needs, and meeting the goals of the Plan.</p> <p>LARMP Key priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Develop large scale regional opportunities through incorporation of existing River planning efforts -Determine existing planning gaps and establish solutions and guidelines -Provide a decision-making tool to outline project opportunities along the River -Maximize River adjacent right of way for community enhancement -Create continuous, healthy, and equitable open space that doesn't compromise flood control or water stewardship 	Ongoing	larivermasterplan.org/	Public Works

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Safe, Clean Water Program	Water	<p>Through Measure W (2018), the Safe, Clean Water Program provides local, dedicated funding to increase Los Angeles County’s local water supply, improve water quality, and enhance communities. The program generates up to \$285 million each year to fund multi-benefit stormwater and urban runoff capture projects.</p> <p>The Program is essential, especially as climate change causes unpredictable and destructive weather patterns, such as droughts and historic storms, that pollute our waterways.</p>	Ongoing	<p>safecleanwaterla.org/</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=FLCODIC_O_CH16LOANRESACLWAPRSPATAPRSTURRU_CARESTURRUPO</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=FLCODIC_O_CH18SACLWAPRIMOR</p>	Public Works
Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling Ordinance	Waste	<p>The County of Los Angeles Construction and Demolition (C&D) Debris Recycling Ordinance, adopted January 4, 2005, requires 50% of all debris generated from construction, demolition, and/or grading projects in unincorporated areas of the County to be recycled or reused. The 50% recycling rate and other requirements in the County ordinance met or exceeded the original minimum requirements in the State’s Green Building Standards Code (CalGreen).</p> <p>C&D debris refers to any material that is generated by a project from activity that includes construction, demolition, renovations/remodel, tenant improvement, and/or grading/excavation. Grading/excavation activity refers to soil intended to be hauled away from the project site. Updated August 19, 2024, notable changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increases recycling rate for mixed C&D from 50% to 70% -Increases recycling rate for soil debris from 50% to 100%. 	Ongoing	<p>Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling - CleanLA:</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT20UT_DIV4SOWA_CH20.87CODEDERERE</p>	Public Works
Reduce Single-Use Plastics	Waste Management	<p>Establishes requirements for County departments to eliminate the use of single-use plastics, purchase sustainable alternatives, implement zero-waste guidelines for County sponsored events, and establish data collection protocols.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Sec. 3.185:</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/la_county_-_bos/codes/board_policy?nodeId=CH3ADGEGO_3.185RESIEPL</p>	Public Works
Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products	Waste Management	<p>Adopted April 19, 2022, this ordinance updates, expands, and renames the "Single-Use Foodware Accessories Upon Request" (2021) ordinance which itself updated and expanded upon the foundational "Plastic Straws and Stirrers Upon Request" (2019) ordinance.</p> <p>Key components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Food facilities (including restaurants, bars, cafes, and grocery stores) in unincorporated areas must use reusable, recyclable, or compostable foodware articles (such as clamshells, pizza boxes, plates, cups and food trays) as of May 1, 2023. Mobile food facilities such as food trucks must comply as of November 1, 2023, and temporary food facilities such as farmers' markets and caterers must comply as of May 1, 2024. -Single-use foodware accessories (such as straws, forks, and spoons) must only be provided upon customer request and must be compostable or recyclable. -Full-service restaurants are required to serve ready-to-eat food in, and/or with, multiservice utensils. -Online food-ordering businesses must include a way for food facilities to offer single-use foodware accessories on their platforms so customers may select which accessories, if any, they choose to be packaged with their order. -Retail establishments shall not sell, rent, or offer Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam) products. 	Ongoing	<p>LA County Code Title 12. Environmental Protection, Chapter 12.86 (2022):</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT12ENPR_CH12.86REWASIEAREXPOPR</p>	Public Works

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LA County Carryout Bag Ordinance	Waste Management	<p>Adopted in 2010, the intent of the ordinance is to promote the use of reusable bags over single use plastic and paper carryout bags in order to reduce the negative economic and environmental impacts associated with single use bags.</p> <p>The ordinance bans single use plastic carryout bags at stores in the County unincorporated areas, while requiring they charge 10¢ for each paper carryout bag sold to a customer. The 10-cent charge on paper bags is not subject to State sales tax and will be retained by stores for use in complying with the ordinance.</p> <p>Learn more at: https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/aboutthebag/.</p>	Ongoing	<p>LA County Code Title 12. Environmental Protection, Chapter 12.85 (2010):</p> <p>library.municode.com/ca/los_angeles_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT12ENPR_CH12.85CABA</p>	Public Works
LA County Zero Waste Plan		<p>A Roadmap to Greener and More Sustainable Communities: The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted the Zero Waste Plan on September 13, 2022, which outlines strategies and initiatives to reduce the amount of waste going to landfills and the greenhouse gas emissions created by landfill waste.</p> <p>The Zero Waste Plan has three Focus Areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional/Countywide 2. County Unincorporated Communities 3. County Operations <p>The Zero Waste Plan includes three strategies with supporting initiatives to reduce waste and divert material from landfills:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Programs & Services 2. Measuring Results 3. Facilities & Infrastructure <p>The Zero Waste Plan establishes the following long-term targets to divert waste going to landfills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2025: 80% diverted / 20% landfill, or, the equivalent to disposing no more than 3 pounds per person per day. -2035: 90% diverted / 10% landfill, or, the equivalent to disposing no more than 1.5 pounds per person per day. -2045: 95% diverted / 5% landfill, or, the equivalent to disposing no more than 0.75 pounds per person per day. 	2045	<p>LA County Zero Waste Plan (September 2022):</p> <p>zerowaste.lacounty.gov/</p>	Public Works
Cool Roof Ordinance	Heat	<p>Establishes requirements for reflective roofing materials on new construction and major roof replacements in unincorporated areas, lowering indoor temperatures, reducing cooling demand, and laying an early regulatory foundation for heat resilience.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Green Buildings Standard Code:</p> <p>file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/128172.pdf</p>	Public Works

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COP Axis 5 – Fostering Human and Social Development:
Places people at the core of climate action by enhancing social resilience, human development, health systems, skills and capacity building, and inclusive climate policies and adaptation measures into planning and investments.

Policy / Initiative	Theme, Sector	Purpose / Objective	Timeline	Source	Lead County Entity(ies)
Parks Needs Assessment	Recreation & Access	<p>Unprecedented in scope and scale, the Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment (PNA) is a comprehensive study of the diverse parks and recreation facilities throughout LA County’s cities and unincorporated communities. Prepared by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the PNA gathered data to determine the scope, scale, and location of park need in Los Angeles County. Since its completion in 2016, the PNA has been invaluable in informing planning, decision-making, and resource allocation for parks and recreation.</p> <p>The Parks Needs Assessment establishes a new way to understand and think about parks, recreation, and open space by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Considering parks as key infrastructure needed to maintain and improve the quality of life for all County residents -Using a new series of metrics to determine park need -Supporting a need-based allocation of funding for parks and recreation -Emphasizing both community priorities and deferred maintenance projects <p>Building on the 2016 Parks Needs Assessment (PNA) and the expanded data and analysis of the 2022 PNA+, the 2025 PNA+ Implementation Plan focuses on the highest need areas within the County, identifying 6 goals to guide efforts, 56 priority projects and 7 policy changes to make planning and funding more equitable. Developed with a coalition of community-based organizations, the PNA+ Implementation Plan equips community advocates, policymakers, and funders with practical tools to help direct resources to the communities with the greatest need; align park investments with broader goals in public health, housing stability, environmental conservation, and climate justice; and coordinate efforts across jurisdictions, agencies, and sectors for greater impact.</p>	Ongoing	County Parks Needs Assessment (May 2016): lacountyparkneeds.org/	LA County Parks & Recreation
County Heat Action Plan	Heat	<p>The Los Angeles County Heat Action Plan (CHAP) is an all-of government agenda for ensuring communities and ecosystems can thrive in the face of rising temperatures and more extreme heat. Developed through a multi-layered engagement process launched in summer 2024, the CHAP guides regionwide action, investment, and collaboration for heat resilience. The CHAP lays out three primary goals:</p> <p>GOAL 1: Cool Outdoor Spaces GOAL 2: Create Heat-Resilient Indoor Spaces GOAL 3: Expand Heat Safety Communications and Programs</p> <p>Implementation of the plan will reduce heat exposure, support everyday safety, and build long-term resilience — especially in communities facing the greatest risks.</p>	Ongoing	County Heat Action Plan (February 2026): cso.lacounty.gov/ourcounty-plan/cso-current-initiatives/county-heat-action-plan	CSO
Safe Maximum Indoor Temperature Thresholds for Residential Dwelling Units	Heat	<p>The Los Angeles County Indoor Maximum Temperature Ordinance, adopted in 2025, established a threshold of 82°F for rental units in unincorporated LA County, creating a regulatory framework to protect tenants from extreme indoor heat and advance housing-related climate resilience.</p> <p>For most landlords, this requirement will apply to all habitable rooms by January 1, 2027. If you are a small landlord—meaning you own 10 or fewer rental units total across all properties—you will need to meet the standard in at least one habitable room per unit by January 1, 2027, and in all habitable rooms by January 1, 2032, to comply with the ordinance.</p> <p>Learn more at: https://coolhealthyhomes.org/.</p>	2027 and Ongoing	Health and Safety of the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 11.20 of Title 11: file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/205511.pdf	Public Health, ISD, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA)

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<p>Room to Grow, LA County Community Forest Management Plan</p>	<p>Community Forestry</p>	<p>Room to Grow is Los Angeles County’s first ever Community Forest Management Plan (CFMP). Adopted by the Board of Supervisors in October 2024, the CFMP is an actionable, long-term strategy to manage trees in the unincorporated communities of LA County. It also provides information, analyses, and guidance relevant to the entire LA region so that everyone can share the benefits of trees today and for generations to come. CFMPs are sometimes referred to as Urban Forest Management Plans, or UFMPs. LA County is using the term “community” rather than “urban” to reflect the diverse array of community types across LA County, with some communities identifying as urban and others as rural.</p> <p>In this CFMP, “community forest” is defined as the collection of all trees in our communities, including along streets, between buildings, in parks, and around all of the places we live, work, and play. The CFMP covers all parts of managing our community forest, including tree planting and establishment, tree maintenance, tree protection and preservation, and community engagement and education. The CFMP does not include naturally forested areas, such as state and federal forests, or other natural areas.</p> <p>The CFMP identifies five crosscutting goals that intersect with the interrelated challenges of equity, climate resilience, and regional coordination:</p> <p>GOAL 1: Equitable Tree Canopy GOAL 2: Regional Community Forest GOAL 3: County Tree Management GOAL 4. Workforce and Economic Opportunities GOAL 5. Commitment to Funding and Partnerships</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Community Forest Management Plan (October 2024): cfmp.lacounty.gov/</p>	<p>CSO, Public Works</p>
<p>Step by Step LA County Pedestrian Plans for Unincorporated Communities</p>	<p>Transportation & Mobility</p>	<p>Step by Step Los Angeles County provides a policy framework for how the County proposes to get more people walking, make walking safer and support healthy, active lifestyles. It also includes Community Pedestrian Plans for unincorporated communities in LA County.</p> <p>Plans are currently in development for the communities of Alondra Park/El Camino Village, Del Aire/Wiseburn, Lennox, Rancho Dominguez, South San Jose Hills/West Puente Valley/Valinda, and West Carson.</p> <p>The following communities have adopted plans: East Los Angeles, East Rancho Dominguez, Florence-Firestone, Willowbrook / West Rancho Dominguez, Lake Los Angeles, Walnut Park, Westmont / West Athens, West Whittier / Los Nietos.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Step by Step Los Angeles County - Pedestrian Plans for Unincorporated Communities: publichealth.lacounty.gov/place/stepbystep/lacounty.htm</p>	<p>Public Health</p>
<p>LA County Bicycle Master Plan</p>	<p>Transportation & Mobility</p>	<p>The Bicycle Master Plan was adopted by the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors on March 13, 2012, and as a sub-element of the Transportation Element of the County’s General Plan. As an adopted regional planning document, the Bicycle Master Plan guides the implementation of proposed bikeways as well as various bicycle-friendly policies and programs to promote bicycle ridership amongst users of all ages and skill sets within the County. The Plan supports healthy lifestyles by identifying bikeway infrastructure and programs that encourage people to utilize active transportation. The 2012 Bicycle Master Plan is currently being updated.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>LA County Bicycle Master Plan: pw.lacounty.gov/core-service-areas/transportation/bikeways/bicycle-master-plan/</p>	<p>Public Works</p>
<p>Vision Zero, LA County</p>	<p>Transportation & Mobility</p>	<p>Vision Zero is a traffic safety initiative to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries on roads. Throughout Los Angeles County unincorporated communities, an average of 100 people are killed in traffic crashes with an additional 450 people severely injured each year. Vision Zero, Los Angeles County utilizes data to prioritize safety planning, projects, and programs in communities that are most impacted. Vision Zero efforts aim to benefit all road users, no matter how they get around.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Vision Zero, LA County: pw.lacounty.gov/visionzero/</p>	<p>Public Works</p>

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COP Axis 6 – Unleashing Enablers and Accelerators: Covers cross-cutting enablers such as finance, technology, capacity building, and other accelerators that can help scale and implement solutions across the other axes.					
Policy / Initiative	Theme, Sector	Purpose / Objective	Timeline	Source	Lead County Entity(ies)
OurCounty Countywide Sustainability Policy and OurCounty Sustainability Plan	Sustainability	<p>The OurCounty Countywide Sustainability Plan ("OurCounty Plan") is the strategic vision for sustainability in Los Angeles County. Created by the Chief Sustainability Office at the direction of the Board as part of a stakeholder-driven process, in collaboration with the County Sustainability Council and other partners, the OurCounty Plan will guide County actions related to promoting a regional vision for sustainability environment, economy, and equity in Los Angeles. The OurCounty Plan is also intended to serve as a template and resource for cities within the County as they pursue their own sustainability strategies.</p> <p>Originally adopted by the Board of Supervisors in August 2019, the OurCounty Sustainability Plan puts forth a bold, inclusive, and regional vision for the future of LA County. On November 4, 2025, the Board adopted an update to the plan that further elevates the County's ambitious agenda and advances sustainability efforts region wide.</p> <p>The 2025 OurCounty plan provides a guide to County departments, cities, and partners to improve the well-being of communities, reduce damage to the natural environment, and adapt to a changing climate. It centers the co-equal values of environment, equity, and economy, while elevating climate resilience and cross-departmental coordination to meet the challenges of the future ahead.</p> <p>OurCounty maintains twelve intersectional goals, which are complemented by targets, strategies, and actions.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Board of Supervisors Policy Manual, Sec. 3.045:</p> <p>https://library.municode.com/ca/la_county_-_bos/codes/board_policy?nodeId=CH3ADGEGO_3.045OUCOSUPO</p> <p>OurCounty Sustainability Plan (2025):</p> <p>https://cso.lacounty.gov/ourcounty-plan/</p>	CSO
Addressing the Need to Create Climate Resilience Communities	Climate Resilience	<p>In response to the County Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA), the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, through a March 2022 Board Motion, directed the creation and implementation of a climate resilience initiative requiring a whole-of-government approach to adapt to a changing climate, and a framework for solutions, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Coordinating of policies and regulations -Supporting individual and worker protections -Adapting existing infrastructure and facilities and investing in new, resilient projects -Strengthening community information channels and regional partnerships for community resilience -Maximizing funding and financing to reinvest in communities today and for the future <p>New and revised actions are included in the 2025 OurCounty plan with implementation going and coordinated through internal efforts of the Climate Ready Communities initiative and other external collaboration.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Board Motion (March 1, 2022):</p> <p>https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/166689.pdf</p>	CSO
Building Climate Ready Communities and Infrastructure in Los Angeles County	Climate Resilience	<p>Leveraging the County's Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA, 2021), develop key adaptation strategies and actions to help prepare communities and infrastructure to be climate ready. Led by an Executive Committee and managed through the Working Group, departments collaborate, prioritize, and consider multi-benefit and climate-ready projects for unincorporated areas, and work to secure funding support for County-led projects and other collaborative intergovernmental and community partnerships countywide through County-led coordination initiative, InfrastructureLA.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Board Motion (April 18, 2023):</p> <p>https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/179857.pdf</p>	Public Works, CSO