

## RESOURCE INFORMATION

### **CEQA, Climate Change and General Plans (2009)**

#### **Office of the Attorney General's Website**

This website offers important information on how local governments can incorporate climate change into their general plans and contains examples of comment letters the Attorney General has sent to jurisdictions on the issue.

Visit: <http://ag.ca.gov/globalwarming/ceqa/generalplans.php>

### **Climate Change, the California Environmental Quality Act and General Plan Updates FAQ (2009)**

#### **Office of the Attorney General's Website**

This PDF offers straightforward information on Frequently Asked Questions from local jurisdictions about greenhouse gas emissions, determining existing environmental conditions, the relevance of this global problem to the local agencies and much more.

Visit: [http://ag.ca.gov/globalwarming/pdf/CEQA\\_GP\\_FAQs.pdf](http://ag.ca.gov/globalwarming/pdf/CEQA_GP_FAQs.pdf)

### **Local Climate Action Initiative Toolkit (2008)**

#### **Planning and Conservation League Foundation**

This toolkit is a how-to manual for community organizations that want to lower the carbon footprint of new growth in their area by working with their local governments to develop sound development policies.

Available for FREE at: <http://www.pclfoundation.org/publications/climatetoolkit.html>

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### **California Climate Action Network (2008)**

#### **Institute for Local Government & League of California Cities**

The California Climate Action Network has outlined in its Best Practices Framework - Climate Leadership Opportunity Areas for local jurisdictions to utilize in agency operations. These suggestions include energy efficiency and conservation; efficient transportation; and land use and community design, among other topics.

Visit: [http://www.cacities.org/resource\\_files/26286.BestPracticesFramework%20v5.0.pdf](http://www.cacities.org/resource_files/26286.BestPracticesFramework%20v5.0.pdf)

### **Marin Countywide Plan (2007)**

#### **County of Marin**

The Marin Countywide Plan has the overarching theme of "Planning Sustainable Communities" and includes policies that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, preserving natural assets, and providing efficient and effective transportation among other policies. This General Plan has received national recognition for its innovative policies.

Visit: <http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/CD/main/comdev/ADVANCE/cwp/index.cfm>

### **Solano County General Plan (2008)**

#### **County of Solano**

The County of Solano's General Plan "focuses on creative and innovative solutions to meet both human needs and the needs of the natural environment. Their respect for human and environmental needs will guide land use decisions and where development takes place."

Visit: <http://solanocountygeneralplan.net>



## **Yolo County General Plan (2009)**

### **County of Yolo**

The Yolo County General Plan's Land Use and Circulation elements both include important policies. First, under the Land Use element, the Plan establishes goals for green building standards, sustainable community design and net community benefits from new growth. Second, the Circulation element encourages non-vehicular travel; and balances safety, levels of service, air quality (including greenhouse gases) and smart growth. This Plan is currently being updated.

Visit: <http://www.yolocounty.org/Index.aspx?page=1620>

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## **The Global Warming Solutions Act (2006)**

### **California Legislation - AB 32**

California adopted an important climate change tool in AB 32. This legislation works to halt the growth of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions statewide and then reduce annual emissions back to 1990 levels by 2020.

Visit: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab\\_0001-0050/ab\\_32\\_bill\\_20060927\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/05-06/bill/asm/ab_0001-0050/ab_32_bill_20060927_chaptered.pdf)

## **The Anti-Sprawl Bill (2007)**

### **California Legislation - SB 375**

California adopted a new law that ties regional planning to greenhouse gas reduction. This law has three main components to achieve reductions (1) using the regional transportation planning process, (2) offering CEQA incentives, and (3) coordinating the regional housing needs allocation with the regional transportation planning process.

Visit: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb\\_0351-0400/sb\\_375\\_bill\\_20080930\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0351-0400/sb_375_bill_20080930_chaptered.pdf)

## **Setting Greenhouse Gas Emissions Criteria in CEQA (2008)**

### **California Legislation - SB 97**

California adopted additional legislation which requires the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to develop new CEQA Guidelines establishing criteria for evaluating global warming.

Visit: [http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb\\_0051-0100/sb\\_97\\_bill\\_20070824\\_chaptered.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/07-08/bill/sen/sb_0051-0100/sb_97_bill_20070824_chaptered.pdf)

