



Climate Protection Leadership

Alameda County's Board of Supervisors provides strong leadership in protecting the climate in order to protect the quality of life for our residents. The County has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050 and has already taken numerous climate protection actions. A cross-agency executive team led the County in creating a comprehensive Climate Action Plan for reducing emissions from government services and operations as well as in our unincorporated communities. Recognizing that it will take all of us working together to address climate change, the County actively builds climate partnerships with other agencies, businesses, and residents.

AT A GLANCE

Key Actions:

- 3.3 megawatts of solar at County facilities
- Large-scale habitat restoration project to help prepare for sea-level rise
- Strategic land use and transportation planning

Partnerships: Engaging all 14 cities within the County in regionally coordinated climate action

Leadership: Helped launch national Cool Counties initiative (2007); passed Climate Leadership Resolution (2006)



Solar power reduces the County's emissions.



Protecting our climate improves quality of life.



We all have a role in addressing climate change.

CHALLENGES

- Climate change will impact our community's quality of life
- Energy use in buildings and transportation are the largest sources of County greenhouse gas emissions
- Government, businesses, and individuals will all need to take action

SOLUTIONS

- Strong leadership and visionary policies prioritize climate protection
- Planning for sustainable land use and transportation; restoring ecosystems; energy efficiency and solar at County buildings
- Partnerships with businesses, other agencies, and the community

BENEFITS

- Protecting quality of life by protecting our climate
- Saving taxpayer dollars through projects such as energy efficiency and clean energy (saves about \$6.5 million annually)
- Collaborative, strategic action on region-wide issues

