

# ALISO VIEJO GREEN CITY INITIATIVE




It's all about GREEN  
It's all about the FUTURE



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## The meta-narrative of the Aliso Viejo Green City Initiative

- Improving the already great quality of life residents enjoy
  - Promoting and retaining a competitive economic advantage
  - City response to climate change and to State legislative requirements



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Initiative is being developed on solid basis of conservation ordinances and practices presently in effect in the City



- A desire to distinguish Aliso Viejo's Green City Initiative from similar municipal efforts in Orange County
  - Emphasis on saving money for residents and businesses
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  - Integral input from City business owners, regional business organizations, volunteer organizations, student population

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## Initial Stages of the Green City Initiative

- UCLA Extension classes
- Research about other jurisdictions' accomplishments
- Frequent and extensive presentations to City Council
  - Draft Work Program and Schedule

Formation of a "Working Group" and a "Green City Team"

- City Hall and municipally owned facilities as examples
- 2008 as baseline year



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## Work to Date

### City Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions Footprint (multiple reviews)

- Transportation (59%)
- Electrical use (25%)
- Natural gas use (9%)
- Water consumption and solid waste disposal (6.8%)



Municipal facilities  
(28%)

### ▣ Reduction Targets



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## Community Outreach

- Public Workshops
- Annual Sustainability Forum
- Email Blasts
- American Planning Association Newsletter
- Business Associations Outreach



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# Community Outreach

- Webpage
- Facebook Page/Twitter Account
- Aliso Viejo Patch.com Page
- KOCE Interview



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# Public Workshops

Public Workshop Topics/  
Public Comments (83  
different people attended)

- Introductory and Colloquial
- Energy Conservation
- Water Conservation
- Vehicle Management/Transportation
- Recycling/Waste Management
- Land Use

Poster Boards  
Support vs. Opposition



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# Remaining Work Program

**Public Workshops  
City Council Meetings  
Grant Applications**



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# Relation to Comprehensive General Plan Update

**General Plan Element  
vs. Goals, Policies,  
Implementation  
Measures Incorporation  
Environmental  
Documentation**

## General Plans

The General Plan is the local government's blueprint for development. OPR is responsible for updating the General Plan Guidelines – the "how to" resource for drafting a General Plan. OPR also tracks General Plan implementation with annual progress reports from cities and counties. OPR also grants general plan extensions for qualified cities and counties.

### General Plan Guidelines update

OPR is in the process of updating the 2003 General Plan Guidelines which provides guidance to cities and counties in the preparation of their local general plans. The next edition will reflect legislative requirements enacted since 2003, new guidance on addressing climate change and other changes to make the document more user-friendly.

### Annual Progress Reports

General law cities, charter cities with over 1 million people, and all 50 counties are required to file annual progress reports on the implementation of their General Plan with their local legislative body, OPR and the Department of Housing and Community Development. These reports are due April 1st of each year.

### Extensions

The Director of OPR is authorized to grant reasonable extensions of time (up to two years) for the preparation of new general plans or the update of existing general plans upon application by cities or counties. The statutory basis of this authority and OPR's procedures and criteria for granting extensions are described here.



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# Questions



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