

THE CALIFORNIA SUSTAINABILITY ALLIANCE RELEASES NEW RESOURCES INCLUDING SHOWCASES, PILOT PROGRAMS AND TOOLKITS, AND MULTIFAMILY HOUSING STRATEGIES

Sacramento, CA – March 30, 2010--The California Sustainability Alliance recently released new resources to help communities, local governments, and public agencies reach their sustainability goals. These include sustainability showcases, information on the Emerald California Pilot Program, strategies for sustainable multifamily housing, and additions to the Green General Plan Toolkit.

The Alliance presents features on the [2009 Sustainability Showcase Award recipients](#) highlighting the organizations' best practices so that others can learn about successful strategies, tools and techniques to adopt and adapt to their own sustainability efforts. Showcases are available on each of the following organizations: City of Santa Monica, County of San Diego, Jones Lang LaSalle, Los Angeles Community College District, Los Angeles Housing Partnership, Sonoma County Water Agency, and Town of Los Gatos.

New resources and information are also available on the [Emerald California Pilot Program](#). Through the program, the Alliance and the California Department of Conservation are providing the City of Riverside with technical and advisory assistance to support the City's sustainability initiatives and programs. Summaries of City's goals and the Alliance's assessments and recommendations are now available.

The Alliance is also launching a new [multifamily housing program section](#) outlining the challenges and opportunities in this market and including case studies and strategy guides for planning, financing, and managing sustainable multifamily units.

Results of a new [local government survey on sustainable planning](#) are also available as part of the Alliance's Green General Plan Toolkit. An overwhelming 94% of respondents expressed an interest in tools to green their General Plan. The Alliance plans to invite survey participants and other stakeholders to workshops commencing in mid-2010 to further develop the Green General Plan Toolkit and assess what other tools would be valuable to local governments.

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