## City of Vista

Introduction to San Diego Regional Green Business Network (SDRGBN)

And

The California Green Business Network's Certification







# What is the San Diego Regional Green Business Network?











#### What we do:

- Provide free technical and financial assistance to small and medium-sized businesses.
- Offer easy to use framework
- Recognize and promote businesses for their green accomplishments.
- Provide a local green marketplace for consumers and employees.

#### Who/How?

- Local GBP
- CA Green Business Network
- Coordinate w Cities, Waste Haulers, & other community partners
- Funding from Municipalities and State

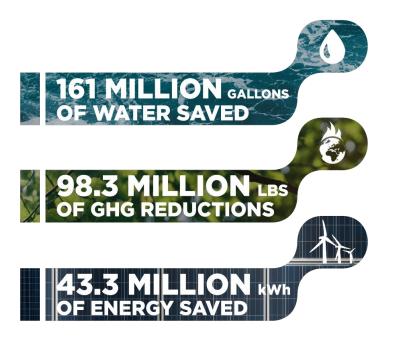
## California Green Business Network

- Over 4,500 businesses certified
- 48 Green Business Programs
- Over 4,500 recognized businesses
- Over 2,000 interested businesses
- 32 business sectors
- And growing!



### OUR IMPACT in 2022

Businesses that join our network conserve precious resources, prevent harmful pollution, and enhance their bottom-line.





### Why Our Businesses Get Certified



It's good for the environment and saves valuable resources



Cost savings in energy, water and garbage bills



Improve employee wellness and productivity by using less toxic products



Receive free promotion as environmental leaders by the city/county



Marketing edge over competition -42% of GB reported an increase in business

#### What Makes a Green Business?



Reduced Water Use Low flow toilets and auto-off faucets.



Conserve Energy
Upgrade lighting and
equipment to save
energy.



Commute Sustainably
Promote and incentivize
alternative transportation
for employees.



Prevent Pollution
Eliminate and/or properly
dispose of harmful
chemicals.



Use Non-Toxic Cleaners
Use safer, environmentally
preferable cleaning
chemicals.



Avoid Waste
Eliminate unnecessary
packaging, printing, and
purchasing.



Recycle Materials
Divert waste from the landfill through reuse, recycling, and composting.



**Hire Local Vendors**Working locally means less vehicle use.

#### **Sectors Served**

#### 30+ Business Types

- · Office/Retail
- Restaurant
- Hotel
- Brewery
- Auto Repair
- Small Manufacturer
- Printers
- Medical/Dental

And many more.



#### **Certification Process**

- **STEP 1** Enrollment and Registration
- STEP 2 Initial Walk-Through and Consultation
- **STEP 3** Implementation of Measures
- STEP 4 Final Site Visit and Verification
- **STEP 5** Certification!



#### **Areas of Focus**

Energy

Pollution Prevention

Solid Waste

Transportation

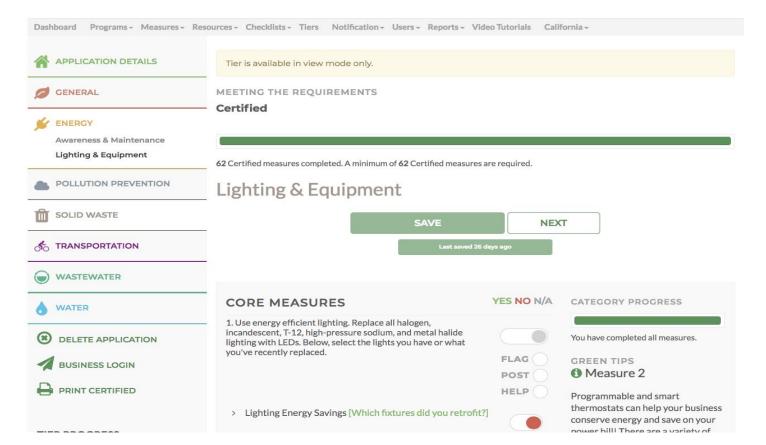
Wastewater

Water

Community

Common Green Business Measures	Saves money	Preserves the environment and climate	Supports people's health
Only use LED lights		<b>Ø</b>	
Maintain A/C and heater systems frequently		<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>
Separate waste into landfill, recycling and compost		<b>Ø</b>	
Use certified less-toxic cleaning products		<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>
Offer employee commuting options		<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>
Use low flow toilets, urinals, and faucets		<b>Ø</b>	
Protect storm drains from pollutants and litter		<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>
Invite another business to the program		<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>
Do business with another Green Business	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>	<b>Ø</b>

#### Online GreenBiz Tracker



#### **Certified Business Benefits**

- Digital logo
- Listed on California Green Business Directory
- The process is currently <u>free</u> for businesses
- Window decal
- Social media acknowledgement
- Marketing toolkit access









### **SDRGBN Partner Benefits**

- Delivery of a packaged local green business certification program
- Support in meeting climate action and sustainability goals in partnership with local businesses
- A new avenue for engagement with your business community, member networks, or peers
- Use of SDRGBN and CAGBN-San Diego Regional logo on your communications platforms showcasing support for the program
- Opportunity to celebrate local green businesses who complete certification
- Acknowledgement as a Partner on the SDGBC and SDRGBN websites





## Thank you!

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