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**OCEANSIDE RECEIVES BEACON SPOTLIGHT AWARD
*Wins Gold Level Award for Sustainability Best Practices***

The City of Oceanside was honored yesterday with a Beacon Spotlight Award at the League of California Cities annual conference in Long Beach. Oceanside received a Gold Level award for Sustainability Best Practices from the League and the Institute of Local Government. Deputy Mayor Chuck Lowery accepted the award on behalf of the city.

"The City of Oceanside continues to strive to be a better steward of the Earth and implement programs that protect and conserve our natural resources," said Cari Dale, Water Utilities Director for the City of Oceanside. "It is an honor to be recognized on a state-wide level for our sustainability and conservation efforts."

The Beacon Program is sponsored by the Institute for Local Government and Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative, and provides a framework for local government to share best practices that create healthier, more vibrant and sustainable communities. The Beacon Award program has served as a catalyst for innovative and effective solutions addressing climate change and honors voluntary efforts by local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, save energy and adopt policies that promote sustainability.

The Institute's sustainability best practices framework offers options for local action in ten areas. The City of Oceanside demonstrated the practices with various environmental efforts including outreach through its Green Oceanside campaign for businesses and residents, working with schools for a Zero Waste policy, adopting green building codes, creating and maintaining community gardens and a local Farmer's market and retrofitting 7,700 street lights.

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“Oceanside is proud to receive this award,” added Dale. “As a city on the coast, we know it is important to take care of the environment. We look forward to continuing to make Oceanside a great place to live, work and play.”

About the City of Oceanside: The City of Oceanside is located in northern San Diego County with a population of approximately 170,000. Oceanside’s vibrant coastal community includes MiraCosta Community College, Camp Pendleton and the world-renowned 1,601-foot fishing pier and 1,000-slip public marina. Oceanside is located 83 miles south of the City of Los Angeles and just 35 miles north of the City of San Diego. The City of Oceanside offers outstanding public amenities such as 30 city parks, four community recreation centers, two municipal swim centers, two senior centers, two city-owned golf courses, and 3.5 miles of public beaches. More than 6,000 businesses operate within the City of Oceanside, including Genentech Pharmaceuticals, Te Connectivity, Hydranautics, Nitto Denko, Gilead Sciences, Hobie Cat, and Tri-City Medical Center, as well as emerging craft and entrepreneurial ventures.

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