Deadline: **Friday, October 2nd**
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Sustain SoCal

Sustainable Government of the Year

2026

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Southern California

Introduction

Sustain SoCal annually recognizes excellence in the sustainability initiatives of groups that are based, or conduct operations, in Southern California. The **Sustainable Government of the Year Award** recognizes the outstanding performance, initiatives, and/or projects of a government entity that goes beyond the norm to advance environmentalism and sustainability. These awards serve to remind other municipalities and agencies of what is possible.

The winner will be presented with the **2026 Sustainable Government of the Year Award** at Sustain SoCal's 17th Annual Energy Event on October 22nd, 2026.

Eligibility

You may nominate your organization, or any other government entity, that demonstrates environmental improvements and cost savings associated with resource use efficiency. The nominee must be environmentally responsible through its services, products, technologies, operations or projects. The organization must have a positive impact on employees, customers, the environment and/or the community. Consultants and service firms may assist with the award application, but the award recipient would be the organization where the improvements actually took place. Applicants or projects must:

Nominees must be willing to:

- ❒ Agree to share their project or program with others
- ❒ Provide supporting documentation within the last two years

Third-party nominations must be accompanied by a written authorization from the nominated party agreeing to be considered for the award.

Application

Directions: Please fill out the information below completely. All applications must be received by Friday, October 2nd at 11:59pm. All responses are reviewed by the Awards Committee unless otherwise noted. Only submissions completed in full are eligible. Supplemental documents are allowed, but it is at the discretion of the reviewers to review them. Confidential or proprietary processes, technologies, or business practices should be clearly identified.

Nominee Name:	
Address:	
Contact Name:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Are you a Sustain SoCal Member? If not, how did you hear about us and this award?	

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Attach written responses addressing all topics listed below. Submissions that do not address every point within each section will be less competitive. These narratives are the most crucial aspect of the application and should shed light on why the nominee deserves this recognition.

I. About the Nominee (500 Words Max)
   a. Does your organization have a singular, overarching sustainability initiative or multiple projects? How are these priorities determined? Give some insight into your environmental, economic, and social considerations.
   b. What obstacles have you encountered in the process of getting this initiative or project(s) up and running?
   c. Who are the managing directors? Biographical information does not count towards the word count.

II. Looking Forward (500 Words Max)
   a. How has this initiative or project(s) made a positive difference? Consider examining GHG accounting, cost savings, or community education.
   b. Are there plans to expand the initiative or project(s)? Are the benefits of the initiative or project(s) transferable to others?
   c. How can Sustain Southern California help? Explain where your future partnership needs lie, especially those regarding business gaps.

III. Further Considerations (400 Words Max)
   a. What are other benefits or unique aspects of the initiative or project(s) that do not fit into the above sections?
   b. How has your project made a positive environmental difference compared to the current standards? Highlight cases where you have gone beyond the average calls of environmental protection.

About the Awarding Organization:

Sustain SoCal accelerates sustainability initiatives and cleantech economic growth through innovation, collaboration and education in Southern California.

The Fine Print

Confidential or proprietary processes, technologies, or business practices should be clearly identified in the application. Finalists may be visited for verification of activities. An organization must be in good standing with environmental laws and regulations to be eligible for an award. Awarded optionally, based on nominations received that meet award requirements.