

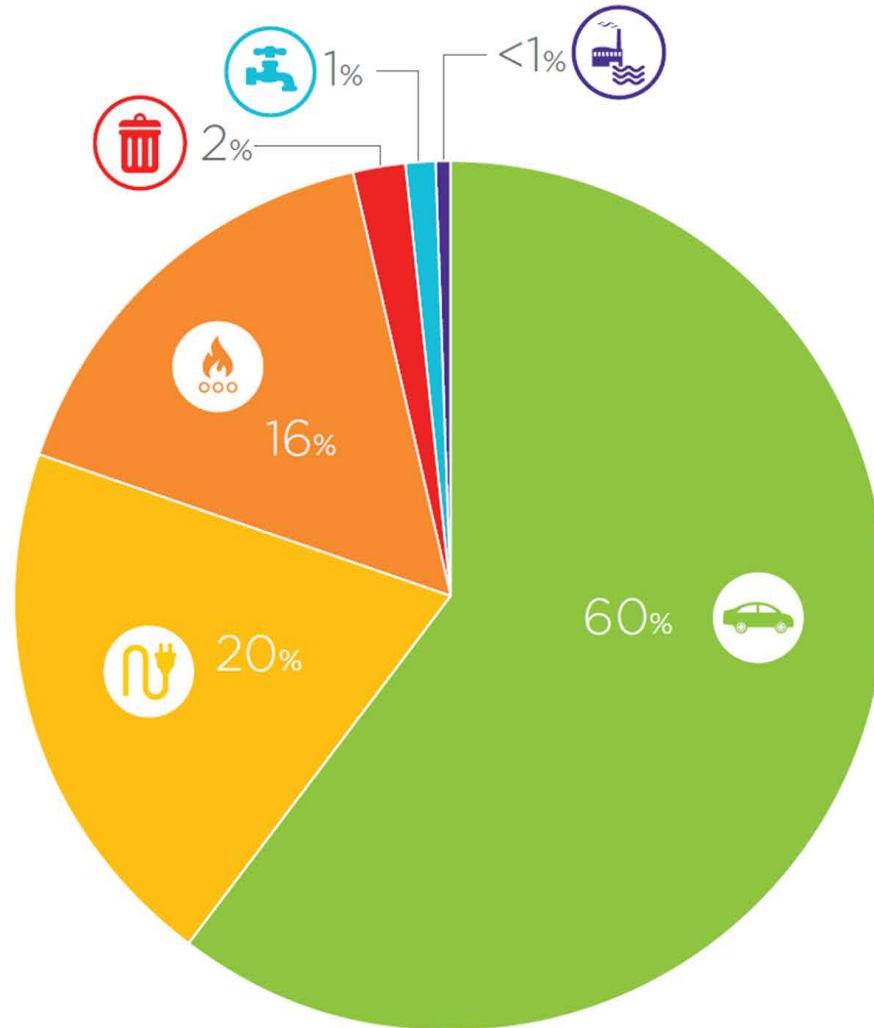


GHG INVENTORY*

*This GHG inventory is based on 2016 data.

383,800 MT CO₂e
Total GHG emissions estimated for 2016

- ON-ROAD TRANSPORTATION
- ELECTRICITY
- NATURAL GAS
- SOLID WASTE
- WATER
- WASTEWATER



JURISDICTION QUICK FACTS

60,735
population in 2016

9.1
square miles

25,581
occupied housing units in 2016*

Current CAP progress:
Adopted 2018

Subregion:
East County

* Occupied housing does not include group quarters.

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Progress Updates by Measure

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Energy					
E-1	<p>Building Retrofit Program</p> <p>Reduce residential and commercial energy use</p>	<p>Reduce electricity consumption by 36.4 million kWh/yr.</p> <p>Reduce natural gas consumption by 260,000 therms from the 2010 baseline</p>	<p>Reduce electricity consumption by 91.6 million kWh/yr. from the 2010 baseline</p> <p>Reduce natural gas consumption by 962,500 therms from the 2010 baseline</p>	On-Track	<p>Direct savings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between 2010 and 2017 La Mesa residents and businesses avoided more than 27,232,000 kWh of electricity consumption through SDG&E energy efficiency programs. <p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City launched the DIY Energy and Sustainability Toolkit in September 2019. The DIY Toolkit gives residents the tools and resources they need to complete an at home DIY energy audit. The toolkit contains no-cost giveaways including showerheads, LED light bulbs, and weather stripping, and teaches users the importance of energy, water, and waste efficiency. 46 residents utilized the DIY Toolkit between the September 2019 launch and December 2019. The Toolkit program was made possible thanks to a grant from SDG&E's Emerging Cities program and the City will continue offering the program in 2020. The City website was updated to include information and resources to encourage energy conservation efforts and promote rebate and incentive programs. <p>PACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City continued participation in six Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs: HERO, Figtree, CaliforniaFIRST, Ygrene, California Statewide Communities Development Authority Open PACE, and the California Municipal Finance Authority. PACE Programs provide property owners and businesses with financing options for energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation upgrades. The City continues to promote PACE programs on the website and building counter.
E-2	<p>Shade Tree Program</p> <p>Develop a shade tree program</p>	250 new shade trees planted	1,575 new shade trees planted	On-Track	<p>Community Forestry Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City was awarded a \$385,000 grant from CalFire in 2019 to fund the development of a Community Forestry Plan. The City completed a competitive RFP and hired Dudek to support the City in the development of the Plan, which will guide municipal policies and efforts for the next 40 years to ensure the growth of a healthy urban forest. The City will also work with Tree San Diego and other community partners to provide education and outreach to the public on key urban forestry concepts. <p>Tree Planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Coast Arborists, Sporting San Diego, and the City partnered to plant and maintain 200 new trees in Harry Griffen Park in 2019. This initiative was funded by CalFire. Through La Mesa's CalFire grant, the City will plant 300 new trees in the right of way across the City. This work will be done in partnership with Urban Corps of San Diego County during calendar year 2020. <p>Tree Canopy Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through the CalFire grant, the City is evaluating the City's tree canopy to better understand opportunities for enhanced growth for years to come. <p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban forestry information has been added to the City's website. The City, West Coast Arborists, and Sporting San Diego hosted an educational tree workshop to educate residents on tree care and best management practices. More than 50 people were in attendance.

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E-3	<p>Municipal Energy Efficiency</p> <p>Reduce municipal energy use.</p>	<p>Reduce electricity consumption at municipal facilities by 124,000 kWh from 2005 municipal inventory levels</p> <p>Reduce natural gas consumption at municipal facilities by 1,275 therms from the 2004 municipal inventory</p> <p>Implement all improvements recommended in the La Mesa Energy Roadmap</p>	<p>Reduce electricity consumption at municipal facilities by 248,000 kWh from 2005 municipal inventory levels</p> <p>Reduce natural gas consumption at municipal facilities by 2,550 therms from the 2004 municipal inventory</p>	On-Track	<p>Energy Efficiency Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City upgraded 1,800 lighting fixtures in municipal facilities to energy efficient LEDs in 2019. This reduces the energy consumption of these fixtures by 50%. <p>Municipal Energy Use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2018 La Mesa initiated a benchmarking program to monitor energy and water use at all City facilities. This will enable the City to manage energy and water use and track savings over time. Relevant facilities have also been benchmarked in EPA Portfolio Manager. Electricity consumption in municipal facilities remained flat between 2016 and 2018 at 4,026 MWh. Natural gas consumption in municipal facilities decreased approximately 8% between 2016 to 2018, to 38,248 therms. <p>SANDAG Energy Roadmap Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In October 2018 the City partnered with SANDAG to evaluate City facilities for energy efficiency upgrade opportunities. Relevant City facilities have been evaluated and implementation planning is currently underway.
E-4	<p>Public Lighting</p> <p>Reduce energy consumption in the City's traffic signals, street lights, and park lighting</p>	Retrofit all City-owned traffic and street lights to energy efficient alternatives	Reduce public lighting energy consumption by 50% from 2005 levels	On-Track	<p>Exterior Lighting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All City-maintained street lights were retrofitted to high-efficiency induction street lights in 2011. 140 fixtures were retrofitted from induction to LED in FY19, saving an additional XX kWh. All City-owned street and park lighting were benchmarked in the City's asset management database to track outages, upgrades, and other efficiency opportunities. Parking lot lighting was evaluated as part of the municipal facility energy evaluation in 2019. Energy efficient recommendations were made and are being evaluated for implementation. Draft lighting standards have been developed by the City's Public Works Department to streamline bids and ensure energy efficiency efforts are being prioritized in projects
E-5	<p>Solar Photovoltaic Program</p> <p>Install solar PV systems on residential and non-residential property, and identify opportunities for municipal installations</p>	6.4 MW solar capacity installed community wide	12.9 MW solar capacity installed community-wide	On-Track	<p>Solar Installations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 517 photovoltaic solar permits were issued in 2019. This was a 23% increase compared to 2018 when 420 permits were issued. Collectively the 517 systems added 3.0 MW of renewable energy generation capacity within the City. To date, 26 MW (DC) of solar capacity have been installed in La Mesa. <p>Education & Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City website was updated with information and resources on solar programs and incentives to encourage increased adoption of distributed renewable energy. <p>Permitting Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City continues to expedite permit review for roof-mounted solar installations of 10kW or less on one and two-family dwellings. This initiative has been in place since 2015. The average time from application submittal to permit issuance for photovoltaic systems is 1.3 days. <p>City Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City completed a high-level assessment of solar potential for municipal facilities. It is now exploring opportunities to complete a more thorough analysis to prioritize installations.

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E-6	<p>Solar Hot Water Heater Program</p> <p>Install solar water heaters in new construction and building retrofits</p>	5,100 therms/yr. saved	6,300 therms/yr. saved	Ahead	<p>Solar Hot Water Installations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 solar hot water heating systems were installed in 2019 totaling 2,461 therms saved. • 14 solar hot water heating systems have been installed between 2010 and 2019, totaling 7,100 therms saved. <p>Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City website was updated with information and resources on solar hot water heating programs. <p>City Facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar hot water heating opportunities were evaluated at municipal facilities as part of the municipal energy efficiency evaluation. The La Mesa municipal pool was identified as the primary location where the technology would be most beneficial. A cost analysis was completed for the site, but due to a longer payback period for the project and the pending improvements to McArthur Park and the municipal pool, the project is not viable at this time. Municipal pool facilities constructed as part of the McArthur Park improvements will include an evaluation of solar hot water heating.
E-7	<p>Solar-Ready Construction</p> <p>Incorporate solar-ready design into new construction.</p>	-	-	-	<p>Green Building Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2019, Council adopted the 2019 Green Building Code, which define zero net energy building requirements. These standards are being enforced as of January 2020.
E-8	<p>Zero Net Energy Construction</p> <p>Implement California's zero net energy building standards for new residential construction starting in 2020 and new non-residential construction starting in 2030</p>	-	<p>14,800 MWh of new residential electricity demand is off-set</p> <p>708,450 therms of new residential natural gas demand is off-set</p> <p>5,800 MWh of new non-residential natural gas demand is off-set</p> <p>83,000 therms of new non-residential natural gas demand is off-set</p>	On-Track	<p>Green Building Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2019, Council adopted the 2019 Green Building Code, which define zero net energy building requirements. These standards are being enforced as of January 2020.
E-9	<p>100% Clean Energy</p> <p>Partner with other San Diego County jurisdictions to develop a regional Community Choice Aggregation program with 100% renewable energy</p>	-	80% of La Mesa residents and businesses participate in a CCA or similar program that provides 100% renewable electricity	On-Track	<p>Community Choice Aggregation (CCA or community choice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October 2018 the cities of Chula Vista, La Mesa, and Santee partnered on a CCA Feasibility Study. The Study was completed in July 2019 and found that a community choice program could offer competitive rates to La Mesa residents and business and support the City's CAP goals. • In September 2019, La Mesa City Council approved community choice through a regional program in partnership with Chula Vista, Encinitas, Imperial Beach, and San Diego. The regional program, called San Diego Community Power, will begin serving customers in 2021. SD Community Power's founding documents also commit the agency to serve customers with 100% renewable electricity by 2035.

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Transportation and Land Use					
T-1	<p>Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure</p> <p>Continue to plan for and construct safe, attractive bicycle and pedestrian paths and facilities.</p>	<p>Install 3 miles of new Class II bike lanes (in addition to existing 12.8 miles)</p>	<p>Install 10 miles of new Class II bike lanes (in addition to existing 12.8 miles)</p> <p>Increase percentage of bike commuters by 0.3% from 2010 levels</p>	<p>On-Track</p>	<p>Bike Lanes and Sidewalks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City added 5.05 miles of Class II bike lanes in 2019. • The City added 2.08 miles of sidewalk in 2019. <p>Infrastructure Improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the roadway improvements in West La Mesa (a \$2M grant award), the City added 2.8 miles of new Class II bike lane, and 2 miles of new Class III bike lanes. Additional pedestrian safety measures were added to promote safe walking conditions along University Avenue including bulb outs, safer pedestrian crosswalks, and additional lighting. • Additional infrastructure improvements completed include: improvements to Jr. High Drive, North Spring Street Phase I, sidewalks and bike lanes over North Spring Street Bridge, North Spring Street Phase II (in design), sidewalks along Nebo Drive, and compliant rail-pedestrian crossing at Spring Street. • Traffic Safety Improvements were made at three signalized intersections: 1) La Mesa Blvd and Glen Street 2) Center Drive and Entrance #6 to Grossmont Center 3) Amaya Drive and Amaya Court (by Trolley Station). Improvements included key pedestrian equipment upgrades, protected turning movements, and video detection for improved operations. <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City was awarded a \$169,000 grant from SANDAG to develop a Street Design Manual. The project will establish standards and streamline future street improvements with bike and pedestrian-friendly opportunities. The City launched the development of the Manual in 2019 and expects to have a final document by the end of 2020. • The City was awarded a \$64,800 grant from Caltrans to develop a Local Roadway Safety Plan. This Plan will identify and improve roadway safety for all modes of transportation in La Mesa.
T-2	<p>Bicycle Safety Program</p> <p>Implement a bicycle program to advance community-wide bikeability through safety programs, bicycle tune-up clinics, and partnerships with bicycle advocacy groups, local school, and cycling clubs.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>On-Track</p>	<p>Vision Zero</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In September 2018, City Council adopted a Vision Zero Policy. The policy strives to reduce traffic fatalities to zero by 2025 through infrastructure improvements, data analysis, education, and planning. In support of this initiative, the City: 1) launched the development of a Street Design Manual to establish standards and streamline future street improvements with bike and pedestrian-friendly opportunities; 2) received grant funding to prepare a Local Roadway Safety Plan to identify and improve roadway safety for all modes of transportation; 3) hosted 11 educational events including Bike to Work Day, transit 101 and bike workshops; and 4) invested more than \$4.5 million in grant funding towards bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements across the City. <p>Safe Routes to School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City continued its work with 6 elementary schools and 1 middle school through the Safe Routes to School Program which educates students and parents on safe biking and walking habits as a way to commute to and from school. <p>La Mesa Walks!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City led 43 community walks totaling 101 miles around La Mesa. This was used as a forum to educate residents of City projects, programs and events while also promoting walking as a fun means of transportation. <p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Mesa Police Department was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety to fund a year-long program aimed at improving the safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The grant will support bicycle training classes and education on safe biking and walking practices.

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T-3	<p>Transportation Safety and Demand Management Program</p> <p>Utilize SANDAG's iCommute program to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips community-wide</p>	-	Reduce VMT per capita by 6% compared to 2010 levels (25.1 daily VMT per capita in 2010)	On-Track	<p>City of La Mesa + iCommute Collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019 the City and SANDAG's iCommute program partnered to bring additional programs and information to City staff to encourage alternative commuting solutions. City staff completed a commuter survey in October 2018 that identifies employee commuting patterns and helped inform 2019 and 2020 educational programming. The City and iCommute hosted a Trip Planning Event in 2019 to connect employees to free resources and iCommute programs. <p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City website was updated with information and resources about SANDAG's iCommute program to make residents aware of the free programs and incentives available through iCommute. The City provided iCommute resources at tabling events throughout the year.
T-4	<p>Mixed-Use and Transit-Oriented Development</p> <p>Continue to encourage mixed-use and transit-oriented development through land use and zoning designations to support alternative transportation opportunities.</p>	-	Reduce VMT per capita by 6% compared to 2010 levels (25.1 daily VMT per capita in 2010)	On-Track	<p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019 the City was awarded a \$149,000 Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant to conduct a feasibility study for transit oriented development at the Spring Street and Amaya Drive trolley stations. This effort will begin in 2020. In 2019 the City submitted a \$310,000 SB2 Planning Grant application for two projects: creation of an accessory dwelling units (ADU) Guidebook to facilitate the permitting and construction of new accessory dwelling units and development of objective design guidelines to provide a ministerial alternative to the Design Review process. Successful projects will be notified by Summer 2020. <p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City adopted ordinances providing for the development of ADUs and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs). 55 ADUs were permitted in 2019, providing more efficient housing options for La Mesa residents. The City partnered with the SDSU Sage Project to evaluate highest and best use development alternatives on key opportunity sites within the City.
T-5	<p>Alternative Refueling Infrastructure Development</p> <p>Support community-wide use of alternative fuel vehicles through expansion of alternative vehicle refueling infrastructure.</p>	-	Reduce VMT per capita by 6% compared to 2010 levels (25.1 daily VMT per capita in 2010)	On-Track	<p>Electric Vehicle Charging Stations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 electric vehicle (EV) charging station permits were issued in 2019. There are now 28 public EV charging stations in La Mesa as of 2019, and 10 workplace chargers were made available through SDG&E's Power Your Drive Program. <p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City's website was updated with information on EV incentives and resources.
T-6	<p>Municipal Fleet</p> <p>Continue to transition the municipal vehicle fleet from gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles to alternative-fuel or other low-emissions vehicles.</p>	220 gallons of gasoline/yr. saved from passenger vehicle replacement	340 gallons of gasoline/yr. saved from light-duty truck replacement	On-Track	<p>Fleet Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 2019, the City has 4 hybrid vehicles in its fleet. The City partnered with the Clean Cities Coalition to complete a vehicle replacement strategy. The study identifies the vehicles within the City's fleet that are top candidates for replacement with an alternative fuel vehicle, which will inform future vehicle procurement. The City partnered with SDG&E to install 10 Power Your Drive electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall (not included in PYD number above). These chargers are available to all Civic Center Complex staff. The units were available for workplace and fleet charging starting January 2019. <p>Transition to Renewable Diesel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019 the City transitioned its diesel fleet to renewable diesel, an environmentally sustainable, nonpetroleum fuel sourced from food waste and agricultural products. The change to renewable diesel will reduce GHG emission from the City's diesel fleet by approximately 65%.

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	Water				
W-1	<p>Urban Water Management Plan Programs</p> <p>Support Helix Water District in outreach and community education</p>	Achieve water use levels of 103 gallons per capita per day	Achieve water use levels of 89 gallons per capita per day	Ahead	<p>Community-wide Consumption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2016 community-wide potable water consumption decreased to 89 gallons per capita per day. <p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City website was updated with information and resources on water conservation opportunities. The City also continues to cross promote Helix Water District educational opportunities via social media and other communication strategies. Helix Water District continues to offer numerous programs to La Mesa residents and businesses. These efforts are cross-promoted where feasible. 14,000 square feet of turf was converted to water wise landscaping in 2018 and 2019 through participation in Helix Water District's turf replacement program. More than 1,600 elementary students from La Mesa schools traveled to the Water Conservation Garden, co-founded by Helix Water District, in 2018. Students learned water conservation and environmental stewardship concepts with Ms. Smarty-Plants during fun interactive field trips. <p>Municipal Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City continued benchmarking municipal water use in 2019 and transitioned to an online database to monitor data. Municipal water consumption increased by 24% in 2018 compared to the previous year. This was attributed to an especially dry year with minimal rain.
W-2	<p>Water wise Landscape Design and Irrigation</p> <p>Conserve water through efficient landscaping design and irrigation</p>	-	-	On-Track	<p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Building staff continue to promote water conservation measures. Additional resources have been made available on the City's website for residents and businesses.
W-3	<p>Pure Water Program</p> <p>Participate in the Pure Water Program to convert wastewater to potable drinking water</p>	-	-	On-Track	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Council approved La Mesa's participation in the Pure Water San Diego program in July 2018. Pure Water San Diego is a phased, multi-year program that will use proven water purification technology to clean recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water locally by 2035. This is a key initiative to provide reliable, sustainable water supply to the region.

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Solid Waste					
SW-1	<p>Food Scrap and Yard Waste Diversion</p> <p>Work with local waste hauler to develop residential organics collection program</p>	<p>Household and businesses divert 5% of food scraps and compostable paper</p> <p>Households and businesses divert 85% of yard waste</p>	<p>See Measure SW-3</p>	<p>On-Track</p>	<p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City and EDCO continue to conduct education and outreach to the public and large waste generators. EDCO conducted 47 site visits in 2018 to educate multi-family complexes and businesses on best management practices. • The City and the San Diego Food Systems Alliance completed a Food Waste Recovery Map to map and visualize waste patterns in La Mesa. • 42% of the waste generated by La Mesa residents was diverted from the landfill in 2018. <p>Organic Waste Recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council approved organics recycling in 2019. Organics services will launch in 2021, once EDCO's anaerobic digester facility is operational. • The City partnered with SDSU Sage program to crowdsource ideas from students on strategies to educate and engage La Mesa residents on these new services. Students have completed surveys, prepared reports, videos, and other tools the City will leverage as it begins to roll out the program in 2020. The City will continue this collaboration into the Spring semester of 2020. <p>Backyard Composting Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City continues to offer a backyard composting voucher program, which offers La Mesa residents a half off voucher for a backyard compost bin. The City issued 62 vouchers to La Mesa residents in 2019.
SW-2	<p>Construction & Demolition Waste Diversion</p> <p>Continue to enforce the City's construction and demolition waste diversion ordinance.</p>	<p>Projects divert 75% of construction and demolition waste, per City's ordinance</p>	<p>See Measure SW-3</p>	<p>On-Track</p>	<p>Construction and Demolition Ordinance Implementation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City continues to implement the 75% C&D diversion requirement for applicable projects. • The City's C&D diversion rate in 2018 was 71%. • The City launched an evaluation process of the C&D program in 2019 to identify strategies to strengthen the program and increase diversion rates. • Additional resources and information are available on the City's website, including resource recovery information.
SW-3	<p>Divert 75% Waste from Landfill</p> <p>Maximize waste diversion efforts community-wide with particular focus on organic and recyclable waste</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>12,500 tons or less of solid waste disposed in landfills (75% waste diversion)</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>See measure SW-1</p>
Green Infrastructure					

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GI-1	<p>Urban Forest Master Plan</p> <p>Support the development and maintenance of a healthy urban forest</p>	500 net new trees planted from 2015 onward	See measure GI-2	On-Track	<p>Community Forestry Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City was awarded a \$385,000 grant from CalFire in 2019 to fund the development of a Community Forestry Plan. The City completed a competitive RFP and hired Dudek to support the City in the development of the Plan, which will guide municipal policies and efforts for the next 40 years to ensure the growth of a healthy urban forest. The City will also work with Tree San Diego and other community partners to provide education and outreach to the public on key urban forestry concepts. <p>City Tree Inventory Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2019 La Mesa initiated a comprehensive inventory of all City-maintained trees. The City maintains more than 9,900 trees across the City. The updated information will provide key data on the size and health of trees in parks and the right of way, and also identify new locations suitable for additional trees in the future.
GI-2	<p>Expanded Urban Forestry</p> <p>Increase La Mesa's urban forest canopy coverage</p>	-	Increase tree canopy by 1,400 acres from 2014 baseline	On-Track	<p>Tree Planting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Coast Arborists, Sporting San Diego, and the City partnered to plant and maintain 200 new trees in Harry Griffen Park in 2019. This initiative was funded by CalFire. Through La Mesa's CalFire grant, the City will plant 300 new trees in the right of way across the City. This work will be done in partnership with Urban Corps of San Diego County during calendar year 2020. <p>Tree Canopy Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through La Mesa's CalFire grant, the City is evaluating the City's tree canopy to better understand opportunities for enhanced growth for years to come. <p>Education and Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban forestry information has been added to the City's website. The City, West Coast Arborists, and Sporting San Diego hosted an educational tree workshop to educate residents on tree care and best management practices. More than 50 people were in attendance.