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Air District launches climate website for Bay Area local government

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District, in partnership with the Institute for Local Government, has launched a new climate website for local government to easily access tools and resources for implementing climate protection projects.

The San Francisco Bay Area Climate Action Portal is now live at www.baaqmd.gov/climateplanning.

"This site is a go-to resource for anyone seeking information on climate action for local governments," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "We invite all local leaders to explore how the climate portal can help cities reach their climate protection goals."

The newly launched web portal provides:

- The Bay Area's greenhouse gas emission inventory
- Specific policy examples and resources with the portal's search tool
- Information on the progress of Bay Area cities and counties in climate planning
- Local climate-related events
- Discussion forums and listserves

"This unique portal provides access to a wide variety of climate action resources, case stories and best practices," said JoAnne Speers, executive director of the Institute. "ILG is extremely pleased to partner with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to make this site available to local officials in the Bay Area."

The climate action web portal was developed as joint project between the Air District and the Institute for Local Government and marks the first stage in a statewide climate action Internet resource for local governments.

The Institute for Local Government is the non-profit research and education affiliate of the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties (www.ca-ilg.org).

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the Bay Area. For more information, visit www.baaqmd.gov.