



**Project:** Subregional Sustainability Plan Framework

**Location:** Western Riverside County

**Timeframe:** 2011-2012

**Project Partners:** WRCOG, California Air Resources Board, USDOT

### Project Services

- Sustainable Practice Development
- Transportation Planning
- Water Management
- Energy Production
- Economic Development
- Community Outreach



The Sustainability Plan Framework promotes sustainability in Western Riverside County by focusing on six components: economic development, education, health, transportation, water and wastewater, and energy and the environment.

### Goals:

- Provide a starting point for dialogue about sustainability and its importance to the region, and articulate a framework for the development of a subregional sustainability plan.
- Provide a vision for a sustainable Western Riverside County and establish goals to inform and guide regional collaboration and local action until the subregional sustainability plan is prepared.
- Define and prioritize short-term actions that WRCOG can pursue in the interim to begin realizing the Framework’s vision and goals for sustainability.
- Define initial indicators, benchmarks, and targets by which WRCOG can measure the effectiveness of efforts to create a more sustainable subregion.

WRCOG intends for the produced Framework to serve as a basis for public discussion about sustainability in our region—what it is and how best to achieve it. WRCOG expects to facilitate public discussions about sustainability at many levels and in many contexts and to use those discussions to formulate a subregional sustainability plan. The Framework establishes a work plan by which WRCOG can seek funding and implement new projects and programs that support the vision without having to wait until the subregional sustainability plan is prepared, fully vetted, and adopted. This is a “living” document that will be updated on a regular basis to address changing needs and evolving programs.

### Results:

- Developed goals and action items for each of the six Framework components, intending them to work individually and collectively toward realizing this long-term vision.
- Identified 55 sustainability indicators to measure progress in the six topic areas. Each indicator has a quantifiable objective to encourage progress and celebrate successes.