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Hayward wins A-List recognition as global leader in environmental action

HAYWARD, Calif., Nov. 20, 2020—Hayward is among just 88 cities worldwide and only three in the San Francisco Bay Area to receive a grade of A in 2020 for leadership on environmental action from the nonprofit organization CDP.

The CDP [A-List designation](#) was announced earlier this week and is the second time in two years that Hayward has received it. The designation recognizes the City for moving Hayward electricity customers to entirely carbon-free sources of power; for municipal investment in on-site renewable energy generation and recycled water infrastructure; for commitment to zero-net-energy facilities development; strategic planning to respond to rising sea levels; and for new building standards to phase out reliance on natural gas.

Other Bay Area cities making the A-List for 2020 were San Francisco, San Jose and Berkeley.

[CDP](#), formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project, is a not-for-profit charity based in the United Kingdom that runs a global disclosure system for investors, companies, cities, states and regions to manage their environmental impacts.

Every year, more than 600 cities report their climate data through CDP's environmental disclosure platform and in so doing demonstrate commitment, transparency and ambition in climate protection. All disclosed data is made available free of charge on CDP's [Open Data Platform](#).

In 2018, CDP began to score cities from A to D based on their disclosures for how effectively they are managing, measuring and working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for

adapting to climate risks. That year, Hayward was one of just seven percent of cities who reported their environmental data through CDP to receive a grade of A.