

Partners for Places Project Lessons Report

Project Name: *Advancing Chula Vista's Resiliency through Water Reuse Opportunities*

- **Year Complete:** 2017
- **Local Government:** City of Chula Vista, CA
- **Local Foundation:** The San Diego Foundation

Project Purpose

To instigate the next level of water management and resiliency that supports the City's broader goal of becoming a sustainable world-class city.

Key Lessons Learned

Lessons learned about tools and tactics through the project that other sustainability directors could use to advance their work.

Workshops were convened for both internal and external stakeholders, and were able to facilitate significant engagement through the use of several interactive exercises. Participants used post it notes to identify best management practices and contribute their ideas and prioritize the broad range of strategies that were identified over the course of the planning process.

Lessons for developing a collaborative process between a local government sustainability director and local place-based foundation(s).

The Plan created at the workshop was achievable because it was developed by the people that will be responsible for implementing it, and the goals were attainable because the planning process utilized generated buy-in from key stakeholders. The City of Chula Vista staff underwent some reorganization and established a more holistic Office of Sustainability.

Additional Information and Resources

The water stewardship plan developed for Chula Vista successfully identified major areas for improvement, including [opportunities](#) to save 20 percent of the city's irrigation water and 30 percent in wasted water through audits and leak detection systems. Read more about the Water Stewardship Plan [here](#).