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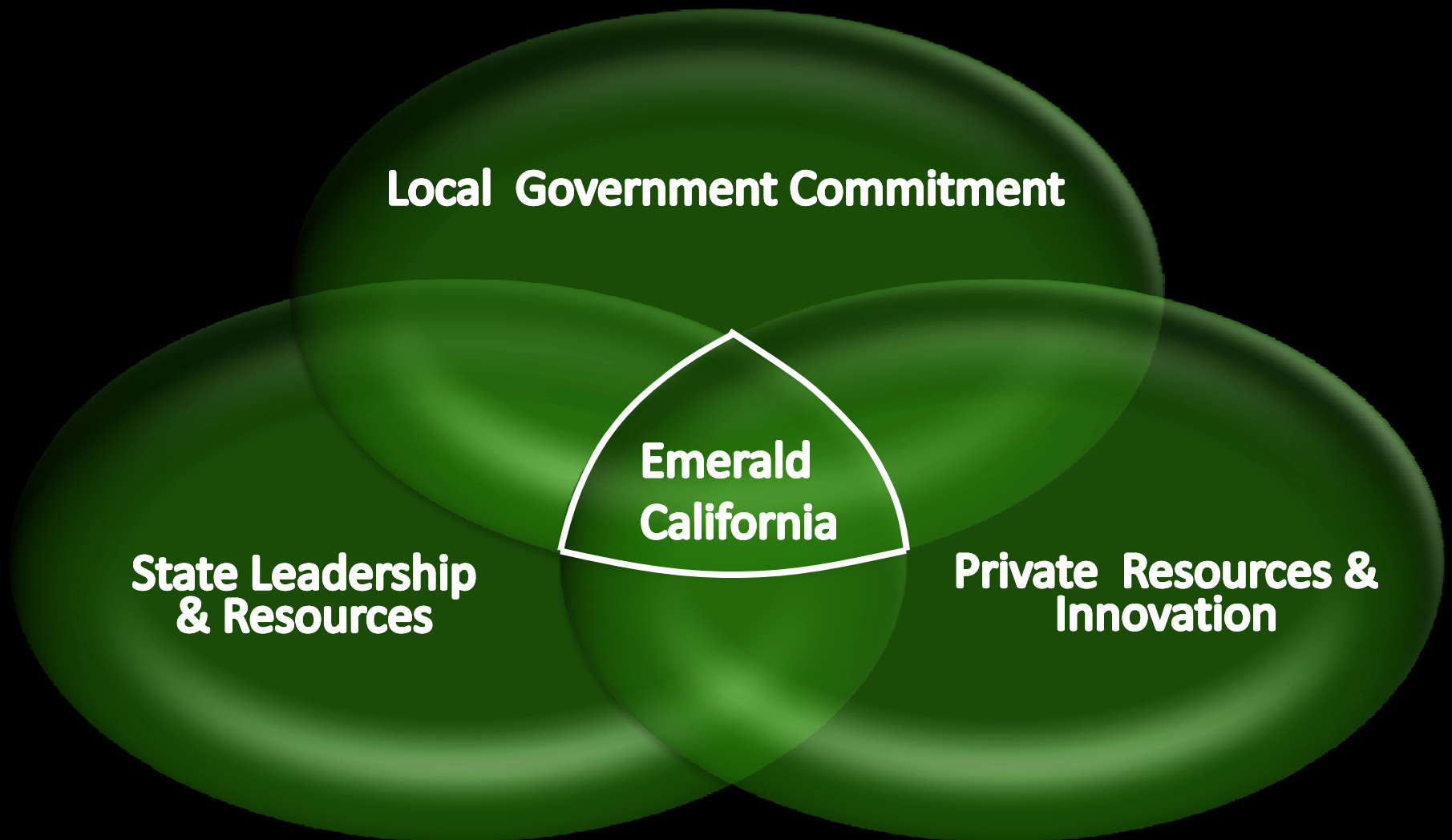
# EMERALD CALIFORNIA

## LOCAL SOLUTIONS TO STATEWIDE CHALLENGES



WHAT IS  
EMERALD CALIFORNIA ?

# ELEMENTS FOR ACTION



# VOLUNTARY & COLLABORATIVE PROCESS

STEP 1: COMMIT - A city/county adopts a  
resolution, committing to help achieve  
California's environmental targets.

# NEXT STEPS

## STEP 2 & 3:

- Conduct a GHG inventory of facilities/community.
- Commit to support Regional Blueprint Plan , if adopted in your region.

## THEN DOC & Local Officials Jointly:

- Conduct a Categorical Assessment.
- Select Environmental Priorities.
- Develop an Action Plan.

# EMERALD CALIFORNIA TARGETS

GHG Emissions	Air	Energy	Water	Health	Economic
Achieve 15% absolute reduction from today's levels (2008) on or before 2020	Join The Climate Registry & inventory GHG emissions	Reduce municipal peak load by at least 10% within 5 years	Reduce consumption 20% by 2020  By 2015, implement policies that eliminate all contamination into rivers, lakes, coastal zones & other state waters	Implement development standards that increase walkability & reduce auto use as measured by VMT  Increase availability of community centers to improve local health	Create/maintain jobs  Monetary savings

# TARGETS (CONTINUED)

Waste	Transportation		Land	
	Automobile Use	Fuel Consumption	Land Use & Development	Natural Resources
Set a municipal target & implementation plan that exceeds the state waste diversion & recycling goals by at least 10%	Promote & implement transportation options such as bicycle trails, commute trip reduction programs, incentives for carpooling, & public transit	Convert or replace at least 10% of all municipal vehicles each year to alternative fuels	Adopt & enforce land-use planning policies & development standards that reduce sprawl, increase higher density, mixed use, walkable-bikeable, & disabled accessible neighborhoods	Implement actions within 3 years that minimize conversion of agricultural lands to non agricultural uses
Increase beverage container recycling rate by 5% annually to meet State's 80% recycling goal				Protect critical habitat corridors & other key habitat characteristics for unusable development

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHALLENGES

## Identify & Overcome Barriers to Local Action

- Lack of Resources (technical & financial)
- Easy access to meaningful, technical Information
- Education of public & decision-makers in creating a sustainable community



# STATE SERVICES TO LOCAL CHALLENGES

- Identifies Potential Funding Opportunities
- Links LG Action to State Targets
- Centralized, Easy Access to State Information
- Coordinates Amongst State Agencies
- Shares Lessons Learned

# EMERALD CITIES

Riverside & Tracy

Other LGs have Expressed Interest in Receiving Program Services:

- Analysis & Assessment of Sustainability Status
- Strategic Planning Assistance
- Identification of Technical Services & Resources
- Assistance Benchmarking, Monitoring, Tracking & Reporting Achievements

# BENEFITS

- Increases collaboration between state agencies, local governments & other entities
- Links state funds & technical resources to local needs
- Achieves state environmental goals & targets.
- Faster & effective implementation of sustainable practices

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