



GreenGov Challenge Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND:

- A civic code-a-thon (a merge of the words 'Code' and 'Marathon') is an event where government officials, software engineers and amateur programmers collaborate to find innovative ways to solve existing challenges within government.
- One of the identified problems throughout state government is finding better ways to share and disseminate the large amount of data maintained by state government with the wider public.

OBJECTIVES:

As the state continues to deal with the effects of environmental change and the drought, California government seeks to find innovative ways to reduce waste in resources and increase sustainable practices.

As part of the Innovation the Department of General Services and Government Operation Agency will host an open data code-a-thon in late October. This GreenGov Challenge will leverage publicly-available data sources to help state government improve its sustainability operations and better engage with the public.

CONTEST GUIDELINES:

Drawing at least one data set available through the pilot Statewide Open Data Portal, this innovation contest will focus on creating apps, visualizations, and other tools that can help improve government sustainability practices. Contestants should be able to harness and visualize data sets to empower citizens and policy makers with data to evaluate the progress of each department toward established sustainability goals that will lead to better informed policy and implementation decisions.

PRIZES:

A total of \$25,000 in prize money will be awarded to the winning entrants on the following basis:

- \$10,000 for the first place winner
- \$7,500 for the second place winner
- \$5,000 for the third place winner
- \$2,500 for the People's Choice

LEARN MORE:

For sign up information, further details and more detailed rules of the contest, please visit the contest webpage at: www.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/Home/GreenGovChallenge.aspx