

**ATTACHMENT H**

**STAFF PRESENTATION FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**



# ENVISION **CONTRA COSTA**

County Board of Supervisors Meeting on  
Draft General Plan and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

September 10, 2024

# Envision Contra Costa



**General  
Plan**



**Climate  
Action and  
Adaptation  
Plan**



**Zoning  
Ordinance**

**Environmental Impact Report**

# General Plan Themes



**Environmental Justice**



**Community Health**



**Economic Development**



**Sustainability**

# General Plan Elements

Stronger Communities

Land Use

Transportation

Housing

Conservation, Open Space, and Working Lands

Public Facilities and Services

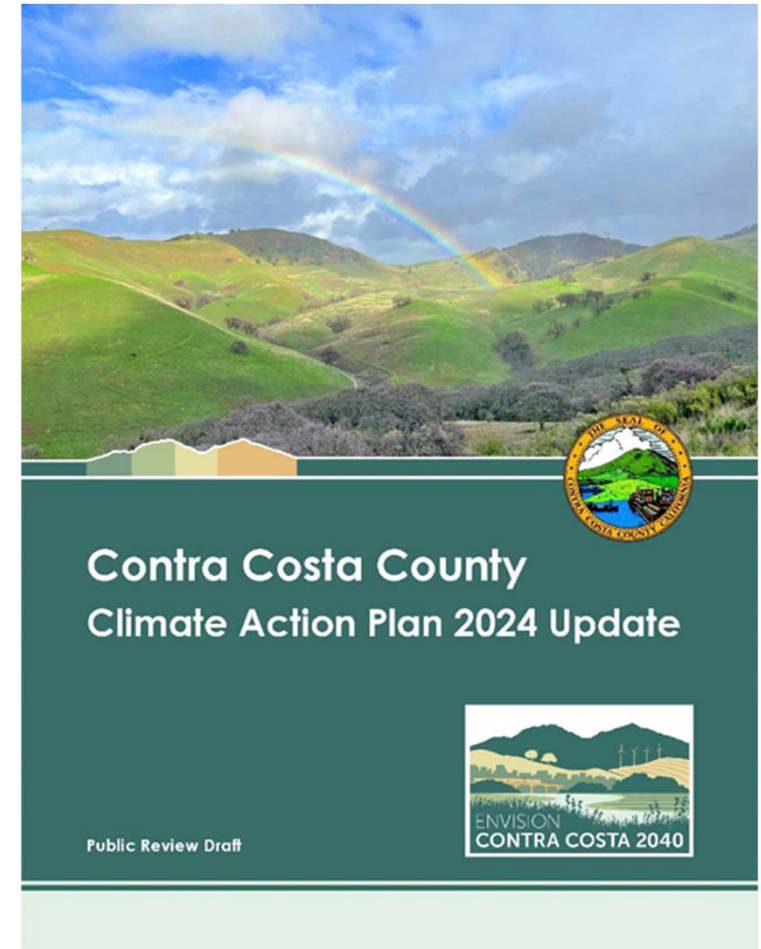
Health and Safety

Growth Management



# Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)

- » **The County's strategic plan to address climate change**
  - Reduce GHG emissions through 2045 and beyond
  - Improve climate resilience and adaptation
  - Promote equity on climate issues
  - Demonstrate County leadership
- » **Meets State GHG reduction targets for 2030 and 2045**
- » **Implements some aspects of the General Plan**



# CAAP Strategies

Clean and Efficient Built Environment

No Waste Contra Costa

Reduce Water Use & Increase Drought Resilience

Clean Transportation Network

Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure

Climate Equity

Leadership

Implementation



# General Plan & CAAP Relationship

- » General Plan creates a high-level framework for the CAAP
- » CAAP helps mitigate future development allowed by GP
- » Land use aspects of the CAAP's strategies are grounded in the GP and repeated in the CAAP
  - CAAP includes cross-references to General Plan policies and actions
- » CAAP addresses County operations in more detail





# Public Review Process

- » Publish Draft General Plan and CAAP October 2023
- » Publish Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Feb. 2024
- » Public comment period: Oct. 17, 2023 – Apr. 22, 2024
- » Digital and in-person activities:
  - 2 webinars
  - 5 district open houses
  - 2 meetings of the Board of Supervisors or Board subcommittee
  - 13 Municipal Advisory Council meetings
  - 4 County committees and commissions meetings
  - 12 community group meetings
  - Verbal and written comments (email and online comment platform)
- » **Over 300 attendees at events with attendee counts**



# Public Review Process

## » Promotion materials and channels:

- Over 14 eblasts to 1,277 Envision Contra Costa mailing list subscribers
- Supervisor's eblasts and newsletters reaching over 20,000 subscribers countywide
- 12 social media posts with almost 6,000 views
- Video series with over 1,300 views
- Nextdoor posts about video series (almost 600,000 followers): viewed by 181,364 users
- Twitter/X posts about video series (over 23,000 followers): viewed by 10,160 users
- 2-page user guide on draft plans and comment process
- 12-page detailed booklet on draft plans
- Spanish language presentation



# Public Review Process: Written Comments

- » Comments received via online document platform Konveio and via email
- » 39 comments from 19 individuals submitted through Konveio on the Draft General Plan
- » 24 comments from 14 individuals submitted through Konveio on the Draft CAAP
- » 84 comment letters and emails from individuals, public agencies, and NGOs on the Draft General Plan and CAAP

# Public Review Process: Video Series



## General Plan


Communications & Media


5 videos 348 views Last updated on Mar 18, 2024


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# Overview of Proposed Changes to the General Plan

- » **Refinements would largely retain the published draft with improvements**
- » **Refinements based on:**
  - Public comments
  - New information available since publishing draft documents
  - Content clarifications
- » **Consistency with Climate Action and Adaptation Plan**
  - Considered comments on both documents
  - Updated name
  - Suspension of all-electric reach code

# Overview of Proposed Changes to the General Plan

## » Stronger Communities Element

- Community Profiles refinements
- New action to nominate the Rodeo Refinery and surrounding industrial areas as a Priority Production Area

## » Land Use Element

- Refinements to the land use map
- New action to quantify the acreage designated for urban land uses at least every five years to maintain consistency with 65/35 standard of 2006 Measure L (Urban Limit Line measure)
- New background text and policy about maintaining Priority Development Areas

# Overview of Proposed Changes to the General Plan

## » Transportation Element

- New action related to bikeway and sidewalk installation, striping, and related infrastructure considerations for the Active Transportation Plan and Capital Road Improvement and Preservation Program

## » Conservation, Open Space, and Working Lands Element

- Finetuning of policy language related to trees, wetlands, creeks, streams, and other important ecological resources
- New policy related to wildlife-friendly lighting
- New action related to wildlife crossings in future road projects



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# Overview of Proposed Changes to the General Plan

## » Health and Safety Element

- New policy to encourage industrial modernization projects that support State energy and climate goals and improve safety and air quality
- Clarifications to Policy HS-P7.1, calling for denial of entitlements for projects creating additional units in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and to discourage them in High Fire Hazard Severity Zones
- Revision to Policy HS-P9.9, calling for denial of entitlements for construction of new large-scale facilities that treat, store or dispose hazardous waste from off-site sources and negatively impact Impacted Communities



# Overview of Proposed Changes to the CAAP

- » **New name: Climate Action and Adaptation Plan**
- » **Changes based on suspension of all-electric reach code in February 2024**
  - Built Environment Strategies BE-1 and BE-2 now anticipate a code that requires high energy efficiency performance, either all-electric OR mixed fuel
  - Based on Board of Supervisors direction on June 4, 2024
  - Changes to strategy language and GHG reduction projections



# Overview of Proposed Changes to the CAAP

- » **Revisions to GHG reduction projections for zero-emission vehicles and related equipment**
  - Consistency with State projections as modeled in 2022 Scoping Plan
  - Reflected in assumptions in Appendix B
- » **Revisions to strategies to ensure CAAP implementation supports State and regional modeling and projections**
  - Zero-NOx water- and space-heaters
  - Increasing EV-charging infrastructure
  - Complete streets
  - Micromobility for low-income residents
  - Reduced transit fare for some residents



# Overview of Proposed Changes to the CAAP

- » **Additional text to clarify or correct information**
  - Explanation of why stationary sources of emissions have been excluded from CAAP
  - New definitions to the glossary and additional clarifying text to explain data tables, technical terms, and methods
  - Clarifying language about carbon sequestration
- » **New Appendix D to discuss progress in implementing strategies in 2015 Climate Action Plan**

# Implementation

- » **General Plan Action Program: Track implementation through 2045**
  - Contains all actions, organized by Element
  - Identifies County departments and partner agencies responsible
  - Proposes a timeframe for completion
  - Estimates a cost range for implementation
- » **CAAP Action Items will also be tracked, reported**
- » **Will be prepared following approval of the General Plan and subsequently presented to the Board**

# Environmental Impact Report

- » **Comment period: February 3 to April 8, 2024**
- » **14 comment letters from agencies and organizations**
  - State agencies
  - Cities
  - Public utility and service districts
  - Environmental, community, industry, and trade organizations and associations
- » **Verbal comments received at Zoning Administrator comment hearing on March 18, 2024**
- » **Some comments relate to the General Plan and CAAP**

# General Plan Fiscal Impact Analysis

- » New annual revenues minus new annual service expenditures for new development at current levels of service
- » Development assumptions consistent with EIR
- » Estimated 2045 revenue of \$54M vs. 2045 expenditures of \$51M
- » Slight projected net annual fiscal surplus

# CAAP Cost Analysis

- » Analysis focuses on financial implications of the CAAP for County budget
- » Many actions will require significant resources for full implementation; however, the financial implications for the County are limited because listed actions are already being undertaken or required, can be self-funded, or will be undertaken only when new external funding can be secured
- » Doing nothing or reacting in an emergency will be more expensive

# Next Steps

- » **General Plan and Climate Action and Adaptation Plan**
  - Fall 2024: County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors adoption hearings
- » **Environmental Impact Report**
  - Publish Final EIR responding to comments on the Draft EIR
  - Certify EIR at fall 2024 adoption hearings



# Planning Commission Recommendation

## General Plan:

- » Include the Franklin Canyon area in the Alhambra Valley, Reliez Valley, and Briones Community Profile

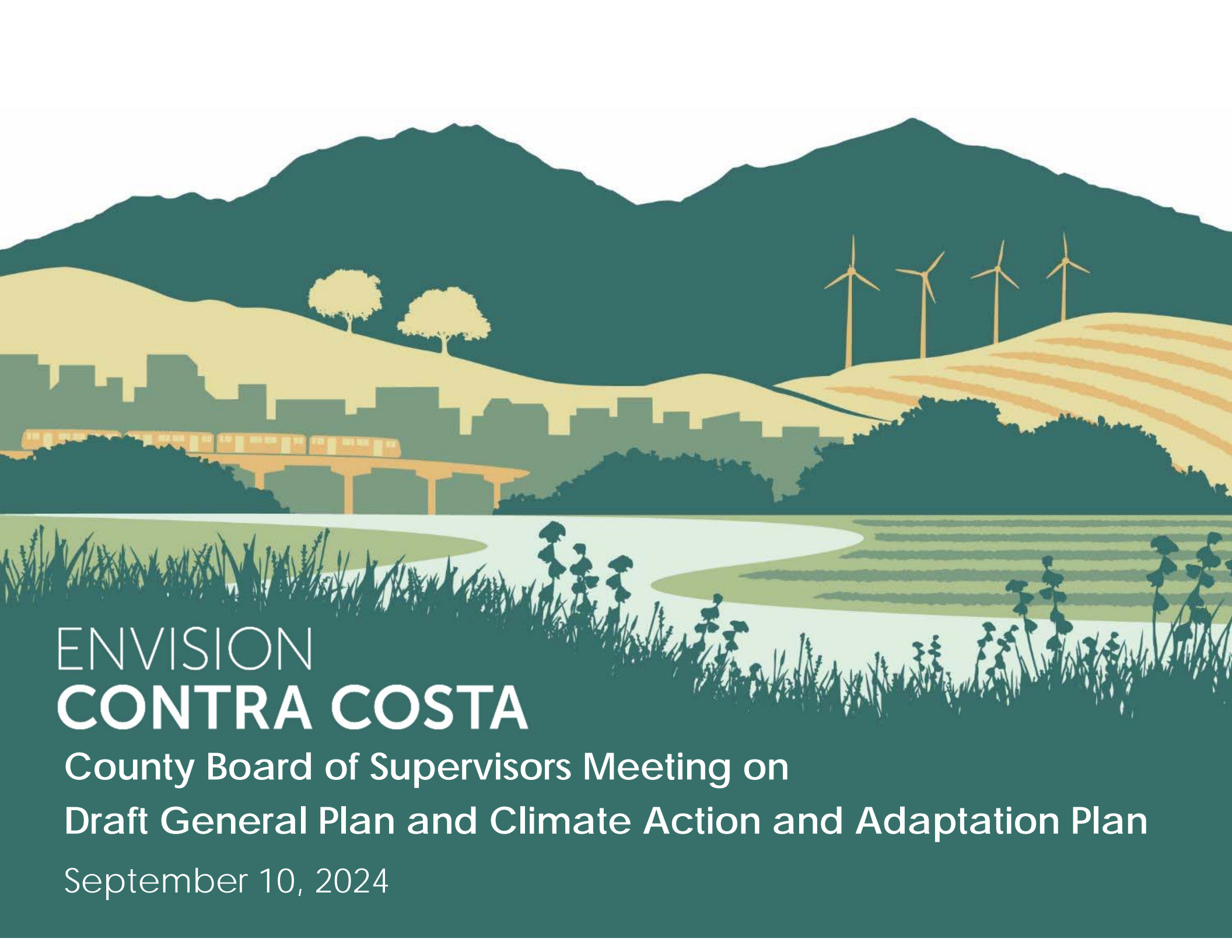
## Climate Action and Adaptation Plan:

- » Develop a comprehensive funding strategy for the CAAP
- » Incentivize and increase public-private partnerships

Staff concurs with these recommendations.

# Recommendation

- » Provide direction to prepare the final drafts of the Contra Costa County 2045 General Plan and Contra Costa County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan 2024 Update and bring these plans back to the Board of Supervisors for adoption, as recommended by the County Planning Commission and Director of the Department of Conservation and Development.



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