



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Sustainability Commission

Jamie Duran, Business Seat 1  
Vacant, Business Seat 2  
Luz Gomez, Community Seat 1  
Howdy Goudey, Community Seat 2  
Shoshana Wechsler, District 1 Seat  
Kim Jones, District 1 Alternate  
Victoria Smith, District 2 Seat  
Christopher Easter, District 2 Seat Alternate  
Julie Haas-Wajdowicz, District 3 Seat  
Vacant, District 3 Seat Alternate  
Brandon Matson, District 4 Seat  
Wesley Sullens, District 4 Seat Alternate  
Solomon Belette, District 5 Seat  
Reilly Kent, District 5 Seat Alternate  
Devin Jackson, Education/Research Seat  
Vacant, Environmental Justice Seat 1  
Sarah Foster, Environmental Justice Seat 2

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**Monday, April 27, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**1025 Escobar Street, Room 110  
Martinez, CA 94553**

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1. INTRODUCTIONS Call to order and Roll Call.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

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3. APPROVE Record of Action for February 23, 2026, Sustainability Commission Meeting. [26-1792](#)  
**Attachments:** [3a. 2.23.26 Minutes DRAFT](#)
  4. CONSIDER Electing new Vice-Chair for the Sustainability Commission for 2026. [26-1793](#)
  5. RECEIVE Report on Bay Area Air District Local Community Benefits Fund opportunities. [26-1794](#)
  6. RECEIVE Reports on Staff Activities that support Sustainability Goals. [26-1795](#)  
**Attachments:** [6a. Sustainability Staff Report for Sustainability Commission - FINAL](#)
  7. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission members and alternates, and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed. [26-1796](#)
  8. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission Chair and IDENTIFY TOPICS for next report to the Committee on Sustainability. [26-1797](#)
  9. **ADJOURN until the next Sustainability Commission meeting to be held on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 5:00pm.**

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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-1792

**Agenda Date:** 4/27/2026

**Agenda #:** 3.

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### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2026

**Subject:** APPROVE Record of Action for February 23, 2026, Sustainability Commission Meeting

**Submitted For:** SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Demian Hardman-Saldana || Principal Planner - Commission Staff | DCD

**Contact:** Demian Hardman-Saldana | (925) 655-2816

### **Referral History and Update:**

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Any handouts or printed copies of testimony distributed at the meeting will be attached to this meeting record. Links to the agenda and minutes will be available on the Committee web page, to be announced.

### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

APPROVE Record of Action for February 23, 2026, Sustainability Commission Meeting with any necessary corrections.

### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Sustainability Commission

Jamie Duran, Business Seat 1  
Susan Hurl, Business Seat 2  
Luz Gomez, Community Seat 1  
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1. INTRODUCTIONS Call to order and Roll Call.

*Chair Wechsler called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.*

**Absent:** Susan Hurl, Business Seat 2

**Staff Present:** Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, Dept. of Conservation and Development;

Demian Hardman-Saldana, Principal Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;  
 Emily Groth, Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;  
 Blake McPherson, Energy & Resilience Fellow, Dept. of Conservation and Development;  
 Jamar Stamps, Principal Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;  
 Jennifer Quallick, Chief of Staff, Office of Supervisor Andersen;  
 Alyson Greenlee Escarzaga, Economic Development Manager, Dept. of Conservation and Development

**Attendees:** Scott Alman, Carol Weed, Susan Harris, Benisa Berry, and Richard Free

**Present** Solomon Bellette, Jamie Duran, Christopher Easter, Sarah Foster, Luz Gomez, Howdy Goudey, Julie Haas-Wajdowicz, Devin Jackson, Kim Jones, Victoria Smith, and Shosana Wechsler

**Absent** Reilly Kent, Brandon Matson, Kiara Pereira, and Wesley Sullens

2. PUBLIC COMMENT on any item under the jurisdiction of the Commission and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

*There was no public comment on this item.*

3. APPROVE Record of Action for December 8, 2025, Sustainability Commission Meeting.

**Attachments:** [Minutes 12.08.25](#)

*Chair Wechsler moved to approve the Record of Action. Second: Haas-Wajdowicz. The Record of Action was unanimously approved.*

4. ELECT OFFICERS for the Sustainability Commission for 2026.

*Gomez moved to nominate Chair Wechsler as Chair and Haas-Wajdowicz as Vice Chair for 2026. Both Wechsler and Haas-Wajdowicz accepted these nominations. Second: Jackson. After Commission discussion, Gomez amended the motion to nominate and vote on one role at a time, nominating Chair Wechsler as Chair for 2026. Second: Jackson. The motion was unanimously approved.*

*The Commission deliberated over the Vice Chair position. Commissioners noted that historically, the Commission has not conducted an election for a Chair or Vice Chair position in which the incumbent is willing to continue serving for another term.*

*Gomez motioned to nominate Haas-Wajdowicz as Vice Chair for 2026. Second: Foster. Votes Yes: Goudey, Wechsler, Belette, Gomez, Foster, and Haas-Wajdowicz. Votes No: Duran and Smith. Abstained: Jackson. The motion failed with 6 votes yes, 2 votes no, and 1 abstention.*

*Smith motioned to continue with Vice Chair Matson as Vice Chair for the upcoming year. Second: Jackson. Votes Yes: Smith and Jackson. Votes No: Duran, Foster, Goudey, Wechsler, Gomez, Belette, and Haas-Wajdowicz. The motion failed with 2 votes yes and 7 votes no.*

*Foster motioned to retain Vice Chair Matson as Vice Chair until the next meeting and table voting on the Vice Chair position for the rest of 2026 until the next meeting. Second: Jackson. The motion was unanimously approved.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*There was no public comment on this item.*

5. REVIEW and Possible ADOPTION of Draft Contra Costa County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan 2025 Progress Report.

**Attachments:**                    [5. 2025 CAAP Progress Report Overview Presentation 02.23.26 Attachment B: Draft Contra Costa County CAAP 2025 Progress Report](#)

*Emily Groth, Planner from the Dept. of Conservation and Development, provided a visual presentation on the Draft Contra Costa County Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) 2025 Progress Report. Groth provided annual updates for the 2025 calendar year compiled from at least 18 County departments. The report covered 29 CAAP strategies organized under 8 categories, including a total of 231 individual Implementation Actions.*

*Groth stated that for 2025, just over half of all CAAP Implementation Actions were reported as Complete/Ongoing or On-track. Two CAAP strategies with the largest percentage of Implementation Actions with Complete/Ongoing or On-track status were the Clean and Efficient Built Environment and the Clean Transportation Network, which are the two largest greenhouse gas emissions emitting sectors in Contra Costa County. The two CAAP strategies where the most action is needed to successfully implement CAAP actions are Climate Equity and Reduce Water Use and Increase Drought Resilience.*

*Updates presented of the County's CAAP implementation progress made in 2025 were grouped by overall strategies in the CAAP, such as Clean and Efficient Built Environment and No Waste Contra Costa. Some highlights of details presented include:*

- *The Clean Energy Roadmap for Existing Buildings was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 4, 2025.*
- *The Bay Point/Pittsburg Energy Enhancement Pilot Program that provides incentives for heat pump appliances was very successful, with all available rebates reserved in 2025.*
- *Keller Canyon Landfill operated the first renewable natural gas plant powered by captured landfill gas. This operation is estimated to reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 62,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.*
- *Dept. of Conservation and Development and Public Works Dept. received multiple grants to fund bike and pedestrian improvements.*
- *Staff began implementing two academies for community members: the Resilient Shoreline Leadership Academy and the Neighborhood Tree Plan Academy.*
- *There were 20 year-round and 4 seasonal certified farmers' markets in the county.*
- *The Sustainability Fund was utilized to begin energy-efficient lighting upgrades and increase implementation of electric vehicle chargers at County facilities.*
- *Staff completed the greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the calendar year of 2023.*

***Commission Discussion:***

*The Commission discussed the details of the transit-oriented communities planning and implementation grants funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). Jamar Stamps, Principal Planner at Dept. of Conservation and Development, stated that the grants are technical assistance opportunities in which MTC hires a consultant to analyze a specific scope of work. The County partners with MTC for this work. Typically, the analysis looks at transportation station access gaps and determines opportunities to close bike and pedestrian gaps between major facilities and mobility corridors.*

*The Commission suggested correcting “leftover food” in slide 12 of the presentation to another word or phrase that does not include “leftover.” The Commission also recommended adding a legend for abbreviations to the report’s figure for CAAP Implementation Actions Progress by Category.*

*The Commission discussed the closure of the United States Environmental Protection Agency’s Community Change Grant for \$19 million that was previously awarded to the County then cancelled in 2025. Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, explained that the County had to close out the grant with the federal government to not risk potentially losing all of the County’s federal grants.*

*The Commission suggested for next year’s report to include information about wildfire mitigation efforts from other Fire Protection Districts besides Contra Costa Fire Protection District that also cover some unincorporated areas of the county.*

*The Commission discussed challenges associated with estimating transportation-related emissions in the unincorporated county, including variability in data sources and limited staff capacity to conduct inventories.*

*Smith motioned to adopt the Draft CAAP 2025 Progress Report with the incorporation of suggestions of replacing “leftover food” and including a legend in the specified figure. Second: Wechsler. The motion passed unanimously.*

***PUBLIC COMMENT:***

*There was no public comment on this item.*

**6. RECEIVE Report on Bay Area Regional Energy Network Programs.**

**Attachments:**                    [6. BayREN Programs Overview](#)

*Demian Hardman-Saldana, Principal Planner at Dept. of Conservation and Development, provided a visual presentation on the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) programs offered through Contra Costa County. BayREN was formed in 2012 as one of the first two regional energy networks in the United States. BayREN has participation from all 9 Bay Area counties and has grown to offer 9 programs, up from 3 programs at the organization’s inception.*

*The BayREN Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) program began in 2025 to cover 80% of core energy efficiency measures targeting moderate-income single-family households. EASE has received applications from low-income households as well, possibly because it offers more extensive services (like mold remediation) that similar program offerings for low-income households do not include.*

*Home Energy Score is a popular program that provides incentives to homeowners for contractors to inspect and rate aspects of the home’s energy efficiency. Home Energy Score started in the Bay Area but has now launched statewide. Over 1,000 participants used this program in the county in 2025.*

*The Green House Call program provides no-cost energy and water savings toolkits. This program also trains youth energy specialists to visit households and conduct energy audits. The Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements program offers free, no obligation technical assistance for building assessment and project scoping for multifamily buildings, such as apartment buildings. The program now has many extra incentives for multifamily buildings that are based on equity parameters and the owner’s intent to completely electrify the building(s). The BayREN Business program provides incentives to contractors for completing energy efficiency projects at small businesses. Similarly, the BayREN Refrigerant Replacement program will provide incentives to cover 80% of project costs to contractors to replace refrigeration systems or high global warming potential refrigerants in businesses, launching in 2026.*

*BayREN Public Programs help local governments and special districts improve energy performance and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in public buildings.*

*Commission Discussion:*

*The Commission discussed the possibility of BayREN partnering with the Electrify My Block program for neighborhood gas line removals to stack incentives and ensure satisfaction for both programs. Staff agreed to reach out to the Electrify My Block program.*

*The Commission suggested inviting MCE to present at a future meeting on their energy efficiency programs. Staff agreed to engage with MCE to see if they would be interested in presenting to the Commission.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*There was no public comment on this item.*

7. RECEIVE Reports on Staff Activities that support Sustainability Goals.

**Attachments:**

[7. 2026\\_02\\_23 Sust. Staff Report to Sust. CMSN v.2](#)

*Jody London provided a verbal report on recent and on-going staff activities that support sustainability goals. Some highlights include:*

- Staff are supporting two different learning academies for community members: the Resilient Shoreline Leadership Academy and the Neighborhood Tree Plan Academy.*
- As part of the Tree Plan development, an advisory working group is planned to begin meeting. This group includes County staff, partner agencies, and community members to advise the technical consultants for the Tree Plan's development.*
- The County plans to apply for funding through the Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund to renew the Bay Point/Pittsburg Energy Enhancement Pilot program that had all presently funded rebates reserved by community members.*
- A Request for Proposal was issued by the County to hire consultants to develop the Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan. Applicants are currently being interviewed.*

*Commission Discussion:*

*London noted that the State has released a draft of a new CalEnviroScreen 5.0 website, redefining how disadvantaged communities are scored by the State. This update will change what communities in the county are considered disadvantaged communities, potentially impacting future funding for various communities in the county.*

*The Commission revisited the proposed letter of support of the Make Polluters Pay bills that was discussed at the prior Commission meeting. The bills were withdrawn from the State legislature by the authors and may return by the end of the 2026 legislative cycle or in the 2027 legislative cycle.*

*London added that the Bay Area Air District is issuing Community Investment Grants for communities affected by past Richmond and Benicia refinery violations. The grant applications are due in May of 2026.*

*The Commission discussed exploring ways in which all Commissions could be allowed to advise the Board of Supervisors' Committees directly.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*There was no public comment on this item.*

8. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission members and alternates, and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed.

*There were no reports provided for this item.*

9. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission Chair and IDENTIFY TOPICS for next report to the Committee on Sustainability.

*There were no reports provided for this item.*

10. ADJOURN until the next Sustainability Commission meeting in 2026, date TBD.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.*

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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-1793

**Agenda Date:** 4/27/2026

**Agenda #:** 4.

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### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2026

**Subject:** CONSIDER Electing new Vice-Chair for the Sustainability Commission for 2026

**Submitted For:** SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Demian Hardman-Saldana || Principal Planner - Commission Staff | DCD

**Contact:** Demian Hardman-Saldana | (925) 655-2816

### **Referral History and Update:**

On August 28, 2017, the Sustainability Commission adopted Bylaws. These Bylaws were approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 26, 2017. Section IV.A of the Bylaws regarding Organization states: "The Commission shall annually at its first meeting in the calendar year elect its Chair and Vice-Chair." The duties of the Chair are defined in the Bylaws as conducting meetings, developing agenda, and serving as the official spokesperson for the Commission. The duties of the Vice-Chair are defined as acting for the Chair in the Chair's absence.

At the first Sustainability Commission meeting in 2026 (February 2026), the Commission voted to retain the current Vice-Chair, Commissioner Matson, until the next Commission meeting in April to consider a new Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2026.

### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

CONSIDER Electing new Vice-Chair for the Sustainability Commission for 2026.

### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.



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**File #:** 26-1794

**Agenda Date:** 4/27/2026

**Agenda #:** 5.

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### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2026

**Subject:** RECEIVE Report on Bay Area Air District Local Community Benefits Fund grant opportunities

**Submitted For:** SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Demian Hardman-Saldana || Principal Planner - Commission Staff | DCD

**Contact:** Demian Hardman-Saldana | (925) 655-2816

### **Referral History and Update:**

On January 29, 2026, the Bay Area Air District released Round 1 Grant Guidelines for the Bay REPAIR (Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience) Local Community Benefits Fund. The fund reinvests penalties and mitigation funds from two (2) main community areas affected by air quality violations associated with those funds:

1. \$35,744,460 in funding for the Richmond and surrounding communities, and
2. \$60,011,061 in funding available for Benicia and surrounding communities (Vallejo, Rodeo, Crockett, Port Costa, Mountain View, Vine Hill, Pacheco, Clyde, Bay Point, Pittsburg, and portions of Concord and Martinez).

The County is preparing grant applications for both community areas. Staff will provide a verbal update on the opportunities being pursued for these grant funds.

### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

RECEIVE Report on Bay Area Air District Local Community Benefits Fund grant opportunities.

### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.



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## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-1795

**Agenda Date:** 4/27/2026

**Agenda #:** 6.

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### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2026

**Subject:** RECEIVE Reports on Staff Activities that support Sustainability Goals

**Submitted For:** SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Jody London || Sustainability Coordinator | DCD

**Contact:** Jody London | (925) 655-2815

#### **Referral History and Update:**

This is a standing item of the Commission. At each Commission meeting Sustainability staff provide a report on key County staff sustainability activities. Staff will provide a verbal update on the staff activities that support the County's sustainability goals.

Staff have modified the format of this report so that it meets the requirements of the Americans with Disability Act.

#### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

RECEIVE Report on Staff Activities that Support Sustainability Goals.

#### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.

# Sustainability Staff Report for Sustainability Commission

April 27, 2026

This report provides updates on activities that have occurred since Sustainability Commission’s meeting on February 23, 2026, are listed below. For each activity, the report indicates how it supports the goals in the 2024 Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

## Department of Conservation and Development

- Staff continue to work with consultants to develop the [Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan](#). This work is compliant with Senate Bill (SB) 272 and the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission’s (BCDC) Regional Shoreline Adaptation Plan. This work is funded through the County’s Ocean Protection Council SB 1 Grant. The County submitted its Notice of Intent to initiate a Subregional Shoreline Adaptation Plan to BCDC. The County held the preliminary consultation meeting on April 15, 2026.

The Shoreline Leadership Academy continues to meet twice a month at different shoreline locations. Academy members learned about permitting and collaborative governance during the March 7 session at Pacheco Marsh. Members learned about shoreline contamination during the March 21 session, which was held on Zoom. Members were welcomed by Supervisor Gioia during the April 4 session at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline. They then donned boots at low tide and looked at the oyster reef balls (pictured below). During the April 18 session, members rode Amtrak from Richmond to Martinez to observe firsthand the relationship between transportation and transit and sea level rise. The program will conclude in June.

CAAP Goal 5 – Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure



- Staff are in full swing to develop the Tree Plan. The Tree Plan will be a roadmap for addressing the impacts of extreme heat by increasing tree canopy cover in the

unincorporated areas of the County. This project is funded by an extreme heat grant from the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation.

The Tree Plan Learning Academies for east and west counties have been meeting monthly since February. They will meet through June. The first session focused on the benefits of trees for public health and reducing impacts of extreme heat. The second session focused on how to plant and care for trees.

The Advisory Working Group held its first meeting on February 25. It brings together staff from various County departments, partner agencies, community groups, and community members to inform staff and consultants on tree planting lists, best practices, policies, funding options, and implementation of the Tree Plan. The first meeting in February focused on the vision and purpose of the Tree Plan. The second meeting on March 30 focused on the draft tree canopy and heat assessment. The Advisory Working Group will meet through 2026. The Tree Plan is expected to be completed in the second half of 2027.

People interested in tracking the progress of this project should [register for the mailing list](#).

#### CAAP Goal 5 – Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure



- Staff continue working on a [feasibility study](#) of what would be needed for the Ambrose Community Center to serve as a **climate resilience hub**. This project is funded through a grant from PG&E. This project also is receiving assistance from the Bay Area Regional Energy Network’s Energy Roadmapping program. The information learned from the project will inform the County’s work to establish a network of resilience hubs across the county, as directed in the CAAP.

Staff are conducting a [community needs survey](#) of community members about the features they would like to see at a resilience hub. Outreach to increase participation in the survey has included mailing postcards to 6,131 residences near the community center; conducting community events; advertising on social media; and tabling at existing events.

On April 1, 2026, Sustainability Service Corps Fellow Blake McPherson collaborated with the Contra Costa Resource Conservation District at a meeting with the Bay Point

community about the green infrastructure and resilience hub projects focused on the Ambrose Community Center. Blake conducted additional outreach activities to increase response to the community needs survey by collaborating with Meals on Wheels at their Ambrose Community Center senior lunch and bingo event on April 3, 2026, and making a presentation to the Bay Point Municipal Advisory Council on April 7, 2026.

#### CAAP Goal 5 – Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure

- Staff continues to work and plan the activities funded by the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)**.

Staff continues to work with a technical consultant, San Timoteo, to develop an inventory of existing buildings and cost analysis for transitioning existing buildings in the unincorporated areas of the county to all-electric. This supports the County’s Clean Energy Roadmap. A draft of the inventory and cost analysis is expected to be completed very soon.

In April, staff issued a solicitation for an entity to perform energy efficiency upgrades and all-electric retrofits for licensed, home-based childcare facilities. The County is partnering with CoCoKids to help identify eligible facilities. Retrofit work for the home-based childcare facilities is expected to start in July.

#### CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

#### CAAP Goal 6 – Climate Equity

- Staff are working with community groups and other partners to develop proposals for the Bay Area Air District’s REPAIR grant program (Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience). This grant program is supported by fines on refineries. It will provide funds for projects that reduce air pollution, improve public health, and build community resilience. Staff are preparing two grant applications, a \$15 million proposal for North Richmond and a \$5 million proposal for communities along the northern waterfront.

#### CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

#### CAAP Goal 5 – Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure

#### CAAP Goal 6 – Climate Equity

#### CAAP Goal 7 – Leadership

- The Board of Supervisors received the [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan \(CAAP\) 2025 Progress Report](#) at its March 31, 2026, meeting. This report provides the first annual progress update on implementation of the updated CAAP since it was adopted in November 2024.

#### CAAP Goal 8 - Implementation

- The March 24, 2026, [All-Electric Working Group](#) (AEWG) meeting included presentations on contractor training for heat pump water heaters (in advance of Bay Area Air District's new rules); Richmond's Clean Energy and Healthy Homes Campaign to convert entire city blocks to all-electric; and California's Equitable Building Decarbonization Program, which offers free upgrades in underserved areas. The group also discussed project funding and partnership opportunities.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

- Staff organized the first quarter **Energy Efficiency Collaborative** on April 8, 2026. Attendees learned about program updates and outreach opportunities for the BayREN EASE Home program, the Rising Sun Center for Opportunity's in-person Green House Calls, and upcoming realtor trainings and developed messaging for these programs for use at Earth Day events.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

- Staff organized the first quarter [Sustainability Exchange](#) on March 12, 2026. Jody London shared the history of the Sustainability Exchange and how the group's successful Air District grant application led to the [Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge](#). Tina Neuhausel from Sustainable Contra Costa provided a presentation on the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge platform.

CAAP Goal 7 - Leadership

**Climate Emergency Resolution:**

- *Just Transition*. No update at this time.
- *Interdepartmental Climate Action Task Force*. The G3 Champions meeting on April 8 included information on retirement program investment options for County employees that incorporate environmental, sustainability, and governance goals; Bike to Work Day; and Earth Day events.
- *All-Electric Building Ordinance*. The ordinance went into effect on May 1, 2025.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

CAAP Goal 7 – Leadership

CAAP Goal 8 – Implementation

- The [spring 2026 issue](#) of the quarterly Sustainability in Contra Costa County newsletter was published on March 24, 2026. The newsletter included articles on an Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Workshop that sustainability staff helped organize for the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation; the Resilience Hub Survey for the

Ambrose Community Center; the Resilient Shoreline and Tree Plan leadership academy programs; Heat Pump Week; Earth Month events; and more.

- The Board of Supervisors received the [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan \(CAAP\) 2025 Progress Report](#) at its March 31, 2026, meeting. The progress report provides the first annual progress update on implementation of the updated CAAP since it was adopted in November 2024.

CAAP Goal 8 - Implementation

#### **In the community:**

- Jody London attended the East Bay Economic Development Alliance Innovation Awards on March 26.
- Jody London participated in the second [Contra Costa Together](#) summit on April 16. Contra Costa Together is a network of residents, community-based organizations, systems partners, and funders coming together to help build a county where all people belong and thrive.
- Jody London participated in a panel discussion at San Francisco Climate Week on “A Regional Approach to Resilience.”

CAAP Goal 6 – Climate Equity

CAAP Goal 7 – Leadership

## **Contra Costa Health**

### **Contra Costa Green Business Program**

Green Business Staff gave presentations to the following community groups:

- EBMUD’s Green Bag Employee Sustainability Lunch on March 4, 2026
- The Latina Center (Spanish presentation) on March 31, 2026
- Saint Mary’s College Health Communications class on April 13, 2026

Staff conducted outreach and tabled at the following community events:

- Sustainable Walnut Creek’s Green Movie Night and Expert Panel, *The Story of Plastic* on April 17, 2026
- John Muir Earth Day Birthday on April 18, 2026



CAAP Goal 7 – Leadership

## **Department of Public Works**

### **Transportation Engineering**

Public Works staff leveraged an opportunity with the 2026 Rodeo Fiberized Slurry Seal, Overlays, and Curb Ramps project to install bike lanes to continue building out the County's bicycle network. Instead of replacing the newly resurfaced roadway with the same traffic striping, the contractor will instead install 0.4 miles of Class II bicycle lanes along Viewpoint Boulevard from Willow Avenue to Sandpoint Drive. Work is expected to begin in Summer 2026.

CAAP Goal 4 – Clean Transportation Network



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### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2026

**Subject:** RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission members and alternates, and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed

**Submitted For:** SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Demian Hardman-Saldana || Principal Planner - Commission Staff | DCD

**Contact:** Demian Hardman-Saldana | (925) 655-2816

### **Referral History and Update:**

This is a standing item of the Commission. Commission members and alternates may provide updates to the full Commission.

### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

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### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.



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### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

**Meeting Date:** April 27, 2026

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**Submitted For:** SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

**Department:** DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

**Presenter:** Shoshana Wechsler || Chair | Sustainability Commission

**Contact:** Demian Hardman-Saldana | (925) 655-2816

### **Referral History and Update:**

This is a standing item of the Commission. The Sustainability Commission Chair provides an update at each meeting to Commission members on the administration of the Commission, meetings of the Board of Supervisors Committee on Sustainability, and other issues of interest to the Commission.

### **Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

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### **Fiscal Impact (if any):**

None.