



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Sustainability Commission

Jamie Duran, Business Seat 1
Joseph Donaldson, 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
Gelberg Rodriguez, Environmental Justice Seat 1
Sarah Foster, Environmental Justice Seat 2

Monday, June 22, 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 Commission and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

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3. APPROVE Record of Action for April 27, 2026, Sustainability Commission Meeting. [26-2629](#)
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 7. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission members and alternates, and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed. [26-2633](#)
 8. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission Chair and IDENTIFY TOPICS for next report to the Committee on Sustainability. [26-2634](#)
 9. **ADJOURN until the next Sustainability Commission meeting to be held on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 5:00pm.**

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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1025 ESCOBAR STREET
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

Staff Report

File #: 26-2629

Agenda Date: 6/22/2026

Agenda #: 3.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: June 22, 2026

Subject: APPROVE Record of Action for April 27, 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 April 27, 2026, Sustainability Commission Meeting with any necessary corrections.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.



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Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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1. INTRODUCTIONS Call to order and Roll Call.

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

Staff

Present: Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Demian Hardman-Saldana, Principal Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Blake McPherson, Energy & Resilience Fellow, Dept. of Conservation and Development;

Jennifer Quallick, Chief of Staff, Office of Supervisor Andersen;
 Tamia Brown, Executive Director of Workforce Development Board, Employment and Human Services Department;
 Alyson Greenlee Escarzaga, Economic Development Manager, Dept. of Conservation and Development

Attendees: Kathryn Grace, Melane NockSalgado

Present Solomon Bellette, Jamie Duran, Christopher Easter, Sarah Foster, Luz Gomez, Howdy Goudey, Julie Haas-Wajdowicz, Devin Jackson, Reilly Kent, Brandon Matson, Victoria Smith, and Shosana Wechsler

Absent Kim Jones, and Wesley Sullens

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).

There was no public comment on this item.

3. APPROVE Record of Action for February 23, 2026, Sustainability Commission Meeting.

Attachments: [3a. 2.23.26 Minutes DRAFT](#)

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the Record of Action. Second: Foster. The Record of Action was unanimously approved.

This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Smith

Second: Foster

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

Demian Hardman-Saldana, Principal Planner, provided a verbal recap of the discussion at the last Commission meeting. The Commission decided to continue with Vice Chair Matson until this meeting. Hardman-Saldana confirmed with County Council that a vote to elect a Chair or Vice Chair position requires a majority of the Commission to vote yes for the vote to pass successfully.

Vice Chair Matson expressed interest in serving again as Vice Chair but would leave the decision up to the Commission. Chair Wechsler expressed gratitude to Vice Chair Matson and their work together over the last year.

Commissioner Smith motioned to keep Vice Chair Matson as Vice Chair for 2026. There was not a second, so the motion failed.

Commissioner Jackson motioned to nominate Julie Haas-Wajdowicz for Vice Chair for

2026. Second: Foster. The motion passed unanimously. Haas-Wajdowicz became Vice Chair for the Commission effective immediately.

The Commission expressed gratitude and thanked Commissioner Matson for his service as Vice Chair.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

This Discussion Item was approved.

Motion: Jackson

Second: Foster

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

Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, provided a verbal update on Sustainability staff's involvement in preparing grant applications for the Bay Area Air District's Local Community Benefits Fund grant opportunities for Richmond, Benicia, and surrounding communities.

Demian Hardman-Saldana, Principal Planner, explained which geographic areas are covered by each of the two grant opportunities. Areas eligible to apply for grant funding in Contra Costa County include Richmond, North Richmond, El Sobrante, and the northern waterfront from Rodeo to Pittsburg.

London explained that the County Sustainability team has assembled a grant application as the lead applicant for each grant program. The grant application for the Richmond area is similar in composition to the \$19 million Environmental Protection Agency Community Change Grant that the federal government cancelled in 2025. London highlighted the project partners and amenities to be improved in the North Richmond area.

London and Hardman-Saldana also highlighted the County's application to the Benicia grant for \$5 million. Major projects in this grant would be for all-electric retrofits and remediation required for retrofit projects in residential homes.

The draft of each grant application is planned to be submitted by May 11th for the technical assistance team to review and provide feedback. The grant applications are due May 29th.

Commission Discussion:

The Commission inquired about the distribution of financial resources between Contra Costa County and areas in Solano County if the County's grant for the Benicia program is awarded. Hardman-Saldana explained that grant partners believe it is too early on to define distribution of resources in the grant application. If awarded, County staff would discuss with grant partners to ensure there is an equitable distribution of funds across

eligible areas in Contra Costa County and Solano County.

London shared information about other known grant application projects by other applicants for each grant opportunity.

Commissioner Smith asked if any known grant applications for the Benicia grant are looking to serve Concord and the Monument Corridor. London stated she had not heard of other grant applications for that geographic area. However, the County's program would serve homes in that area if awarded the grant.

Commissioner Goudey asked if any projects include mitigation of existing air quality issues. London stated that indoor air quality is being addressed but believes there isn't enough money available to create a program to effectively mitigate outdoor air quality.

The Commission discussed the importance of air filtration and home sealing to keep poor outdoor air quality from entering homes.

The Commission discussed County staff capacity for grant administration. County staff would likely have to increase in capacity by hiring more staff members if these grants were awarded.

County staff confirmed that MCE and Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) are working together with the County's grant application for the Richmond area. MCE and BayREN will align programs for home remediation and electrification measures to be installed in low-income homes.

Chair Wechsler mentioned there is a community group called Benicia Community Air Monitoring Project (BCAMP) with extensive experience in air quality monitoring.

The Commission discussed the County's strategy to ensure equitable distribution of projects across the air district area, including areas like Rodeo.

*Public Comment:
There was no public comment on this item.*

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

Attachments: [6a. Sustainability Staff Report for Sustainability Commission - FIN.](#)

Jody London provided a verbal report on County Sustainability staff activities. London mentioned that the format has been switched to text instead of a table to comply with federal government American Accessibility Act accessibility regulations that will be enforced in the future.

- The County's Resilient Shoreline Plan Academy is going well, with meetings occurring every other Saturday through June. Staff members Nicole Shimizu and*

Emily Groth have been attending every meeting.

- *The County plans to create an environmental stewardship academy based around the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) if future grant funding is secured to support the academy.*
- *The County's Tree Plan Academy has been successful. County staff lead an advisory working group for the Tree Plan, including staff from multiple County departments, utility companies, community members, activist groups, and more. A draft of the Tree Plan is expected to be available early in 2027 for public review.*
- *Surveying efforts in coordination with Ambrose Recreation and Park District are underway in the Bay Point area to establish a shared understanding of what a Resilience Hub means to Bay Point. Surveying is nearing completion, so staff are working to analyze results and report back to the community what was heard.*
- *A building inventory cost study is around 90% complete for the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant. A Request for Proposals was recently re-released after not receiving any bids for the first bidding cycle. The required projects scope size has been reduced to encourage more interest in bids. The installation of whole-home comprehensive all-electric measures is the goal of this program.*
- *The Board of Supervisors have adopted the 2025 CAAP Progress Report.*

Commission Discussion:

The Commission discussed the definition of a Resilience Hub. London stated that the County plans to create a Resilience Hub Master Plan in accordance with a CAAP strategy to create a network of resilience hubs.

Commissioner Goudey highlighted that the University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension's Climate Stewards curriculum has similar goals to the idea of the County offering an environmental stewardship academy. The Commission discussed how this could be a possible partnership to customize their curriculum to the County's CAAP. London indicated that County resources are too strained with grant applications at this time to investigate this idea.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment on this item.

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

Commissioner Jackson explained the details of proposed Assembly Bill 2158 (Hoover) centered around outdoor learning at schools. The bill will set outdoor education as a requirement for students and establish regulations around outdoor education. The bill

would also initiate an outdoor learning pilot program with an end date of January 1, 2032.

Vice Chair Haas-Wajdowicz reported that she and Commissioner Jackson attended the annual Northern California Recycling Association (NCRA) meeting. Jackson mentioned that there are now artificial intelligence-powered waste sorting applications that allow users to conduct waste audits of disposal bins by taking pictures in the application.

Commissioner Foster attended a tree planting event in Pittsburg. The Commission discussed planting trees in areas that need trees the most, rather than in areas that are easiest to have school children plant trees.

Vice Chair Haas-Wajdowicz reported on a local non-profit organization lobbying to have travel sports team organizations transition to reusable jerseys instead of one-season customized jerseys to reduce textile waste. Haas-Wajdowicz suggested having the Commission receive a presentation in the future from the organization.

Commissioner Duran reported that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the County's East County Service Center being built in Brentwood. This facility is planned with sustainability in mind, with a net-zero energy plan using solar panels, geothermal heating, and battery back-up for resilience. The building will be built with a mass timber frame to reduce the amount of concrete used and reduce carbon emissions associated with construction.

Chair Wechsler provided an update on the proposed carbon sequestration project that the Commission received a report on in 2024. The project is called the Montezuma NorCal Carbon Sequestration Hub. The project would involve building a 45-mile pipeline along the county's shorelines and across the Carquinez Strait to transport carbon dioxide gas from refineries to a location in Solano County. Wechsler stated that the project is slowly moving forward. Solano County is the next step in the chain of approval for an injection well that would provide more data. Richmond City Council is considering a proposal in opposition to the project.

Commissioner Jackson highlighted that the City of Oakley issued a 45-day moratorium on data centers due to their high water and energy usage. Jackson asked if a data center moratorium has been considered for the unincorporated areas of Contra Costa County. County staff did not have any knowledge of planned data centers trying to be built in unincorporated areas.

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

Chair Wechsler suggested receiving a presentation from Orinda resident Paula Reinman on home hardening for wildfire preparedness at a future meeting. London suggested inviting the County's Fire Protection District to present as well and offered to facilitate

that connection.

Chair Wechsler also suggested receiving a presentation from MCE to the Commission in June.

Commissioner Jackson suggested receiving a presentation from ReThink Disposable, an organization that helps support restaurants to remove single-use plastics from their business.

Commissioner Easter suggested learning about potential sustainability-related implications of the possible future reduction of BART services along with reductions across most other Bay Area transit agencies.

9. **ADJOURN** until the next Sustainability Commission meeting to be held on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 5:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 pm.

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Staff Report

File #: 26-2630

Agenda Date: 6/22/2026

Agenda #: 4.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: June 22, 2026

Subject: RECEIVE Report on MCE Program Activities

Submitted For: SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Department: DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Presenter: Kiara Donato || Community Development Manager

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

Referral History:

MCE is the County's Community Choice Aggregator (CCA), a not-for-profit electricity provider that gives all Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) electric customers (residential, commercial, and municipal) the choice of having 60% or 100% of their electricity supplied from clean, renewable sources at stable competitive rates. MCE also provide various rebate and energy programs for customers.

Referral Update:

MCE will provide a report on its program activities in Contra Costa County.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE Report on MCE Program Activities.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.



Contra Costa County
Sustainability Commission

MCE

A local, not-for-profit
electricity provider

June 22, 2026

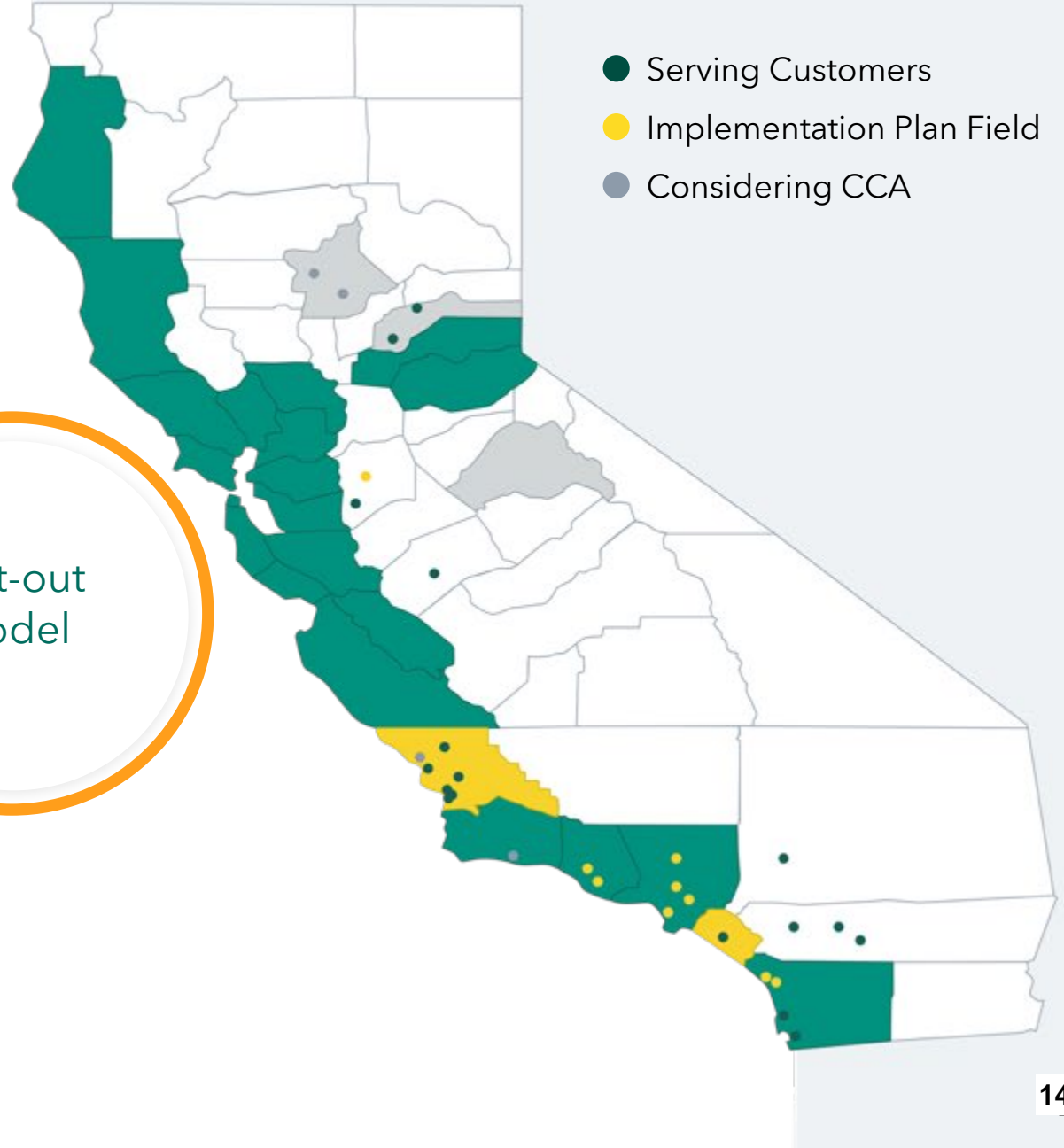
Community Choice in California

Enabling
Legislation
AB 117, 2002

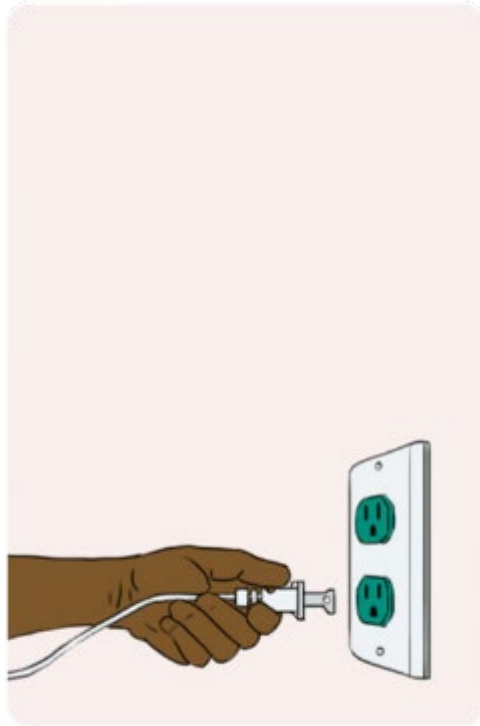
Over 14 million
customers & 200
communities

Opt-out
model

- Serving Customers
- Implementation Plan Field
- Considering CCA

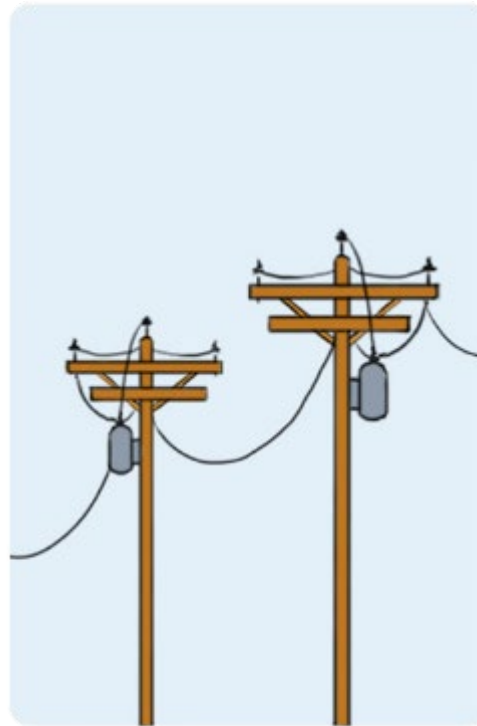


How MCE Works



You

Benefit from cleaner air, stable rates, choice and local control



PG&E

Delivers energy, maintains lines, and sends bills

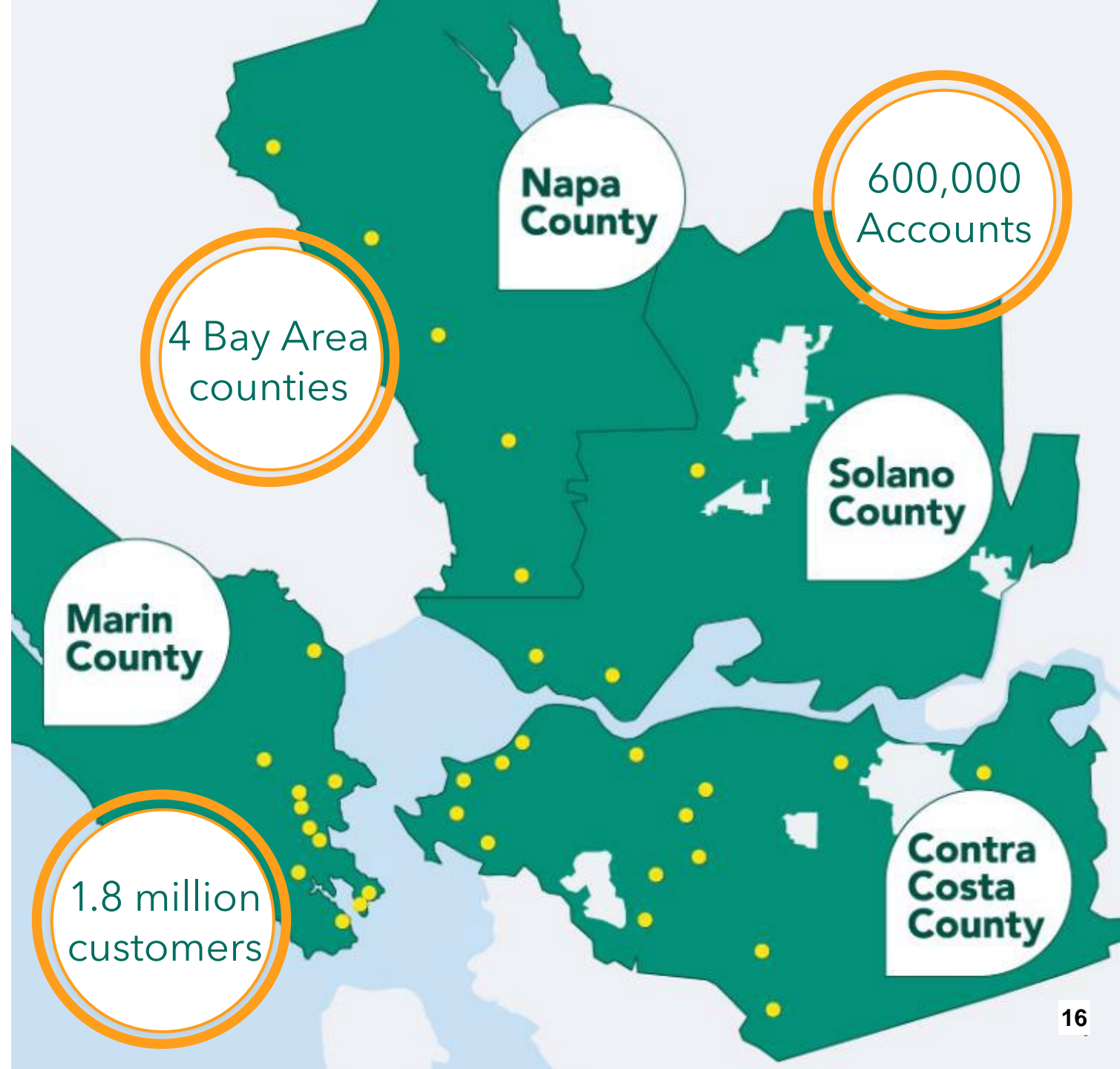


MCE

Buys and builds clean and renewable energy for you

Not-for-Profit Public Agency

**34 Board Members.
Elected officials.
No tax dollars.**





Your Energy Choices

Choice is Power

MCE
Deep Green
100%
RENEWABLE

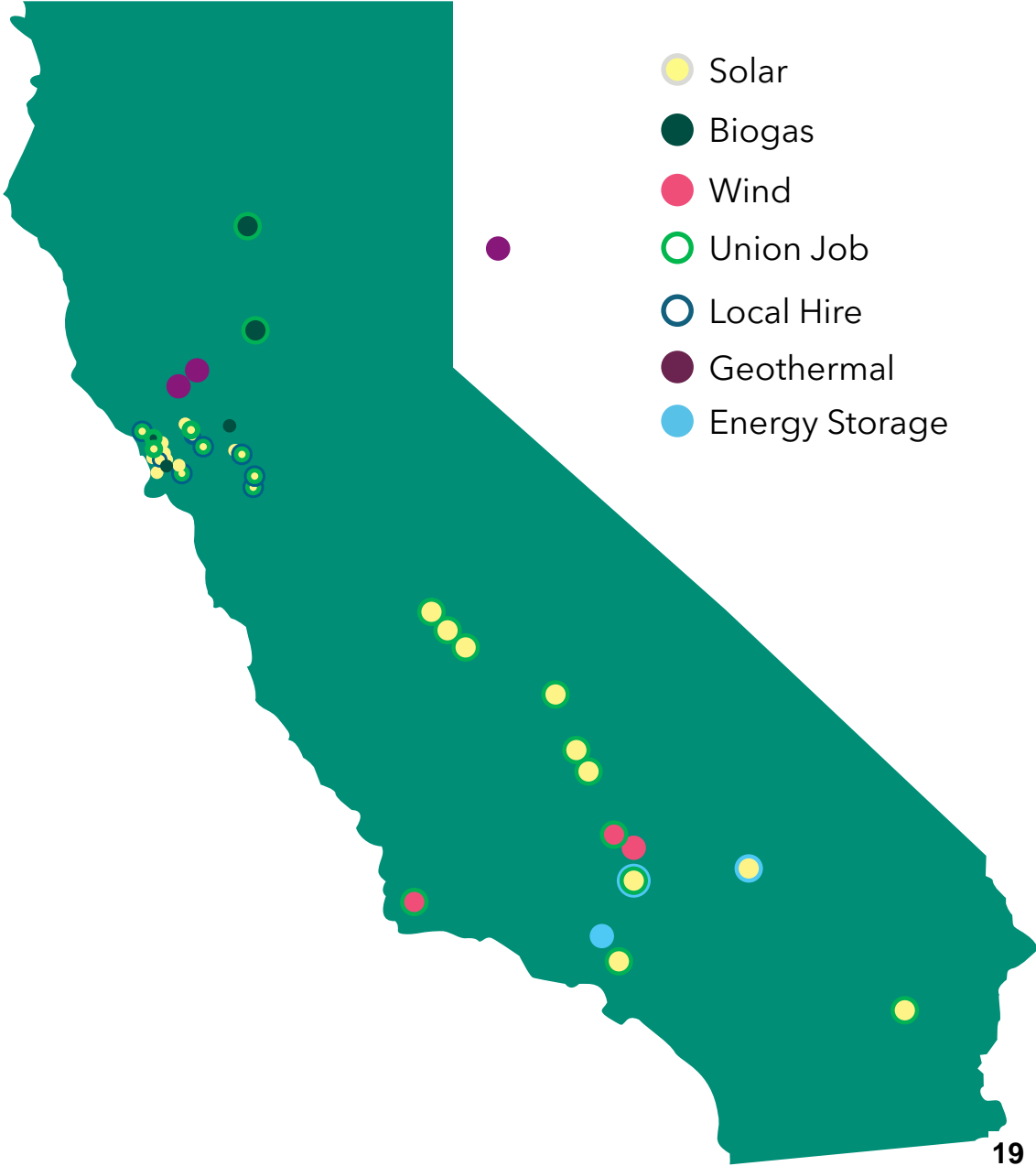
Default Service

MCE
Light Green
60%
RENEWABLE

PG&E
23%
RENEWABLE

2024 Power Content

	PG&E	MCE Light Green	MCE Deep Green
Renewable (%)	23%	69%	100%
Bioenergy	3	2	0
Geothermal	0	2	0
Eligible Hydro	1	4	0
Solar	14	44	50
Wind	4	17	50
Large Hydro	12	31	0
Natural Gas	2	0	0
Nuclear	63	0	0
Unspecified/Other	0	0	0



Residential Cost Comparison Example

	MCE Light Green 60% RENEWABLE	MCE Deep Green 100% RENEWABLE	PG&E 23% RENEWABLE
Electric Generation	\$51.22	\$56.69	\$53.94
PG&E Electric Delivery	\$129.35	\$129.35	\$129.35
Additional PG&E Fees	\$16.29	\$16.29	\$-4.02
Average Total Monthly Cost	\$196.86	\$202.33	\$179.26

*Rates effective April 1, 2026

Rate Reductions and Customer Bill Relief

Lower generation rates:

- A 14% reduction in MCE's generation rate

Temporary bill credit:

- A \$0.0062/kWh credit, applied through 2026
- Helping offset recent PG&E exit fee increase

Expanded MCE Cares Credit

- \$10M additional funding
- \$20/month credit residential
- \$25/month credit small business customers

CARE, FERA, and Medical Baseline Allowance are provided in full.



Welcome Green Leaders



**MCE and Contra
Costa County**

Time	Activity
10:00 am	Registration
10:30 am	Workshop: Climate Change & Youth Leadership
12:00 pm	Lunch & Networking
1:00 pm	Workshop: Renewable Energy Solutions
2:30 pm	Panel Discussion: Youth Perspectives on Climate Action
3:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Photo Session

Contra Costa At A Glance



Strong Participation, Real Community Impact

Customer Enrollment

Community Benefits¹

MCE Participation Rate

89%

EV Rebates Distributed²

\$465,000

Deep Green

6%

EV Ports Installed³

494

Solar

20%

**Energy Charging
Rebates Distributed**

\$1.2 Million

CARE Discount

16%

**Energy Efficiency
Rebates Distributed**

\$400,000

Medical Baseline

4%

¹ Cumulative statistics since joining MCE

² Funds distributed directly to customers

³ Ports installed at public parking lots for small businesses, schools, multifamily housing, and public agencies

Community Engagement

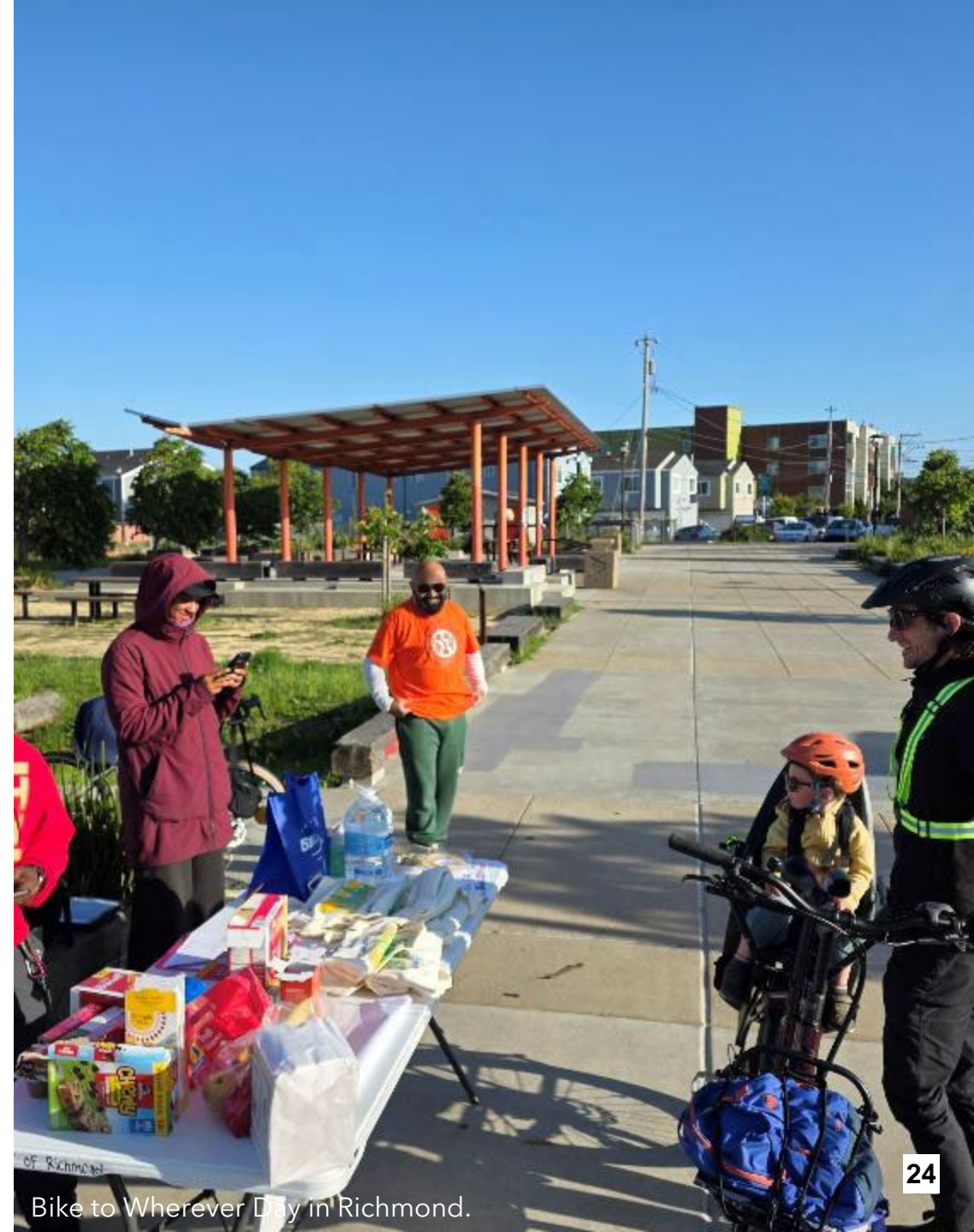
Community Focus Groups

MCE partnered with five community-based organizations to host bilingual focus groups through its Charged by Public Power Program.

- 66 residents shared input on expanding clean transportation options, EV charging, carshare, bikeshare
- Partners included: City of San Pablo, Contra Costa County Library, Monument Crisis Center, and SparkPoint Contra Costa.

Local Sponsorship

- Over \$145,000 invested across the County to advance health, climate resilience, and outreach.
- Sustainable Contra Costa, SLIA, 4CD, Rising Sun, Act Now Bay Area.



Bike to Wherever Day in Richmond.

Community Engagement

Reducing energy usage and increasing savings

- MCE is helping the County save energy and money through our Energy Management program.
- This partnership resulted in annual savings of:
 - 195,547 kWh and 11,272 therms in energy savings
 - \$26,000 in incentives distributed



Pittsburg Health Center site enrolled in Energy Management program.

MCE Solar One

- Online in 2017
- One of the Bay Area's largest public-private solar partnerships
- Chevron remediated brownfield site
- 341 jobs supported
- 50% local hire requirement
- Partners: City of Richmond, sPower, Cenergy Power, Chevron, RichmondBUILD



10.5MW
ground mounted
solar in Richmond

Virtual Power Plant

- 2022: MCE joins California Energy Commission grant to build a Virtual Power Plant (VPP) pilot in Richmond with a suite of customer-owned distributed energy resources (DERs) by 2025
- Rooftop solar, heat pump water heaters, smart thermostats, smart plugs, electric vehicles, batteries
- MCE can directly send digital signals to remotely shift & operate DERS for demand response and grid support; participants save money & get bill credits
- mceCleanEnergy.org/virtual-power-plant



**Quiet, clean,
invisible pockets
of power**

Get Involved



Share upcoming workshops

Share information about MCE and [rebates and incentives](#) with your networks



Invite us to community events

Upload community events [on our website](#)



Connect us with organizations

Send a warm handoff to engagement@mcecleanenergy.org

The Power of MCE

548K

metric tons of
GHGs eliminated
since 2010

95%

carbon-free
since 2022

\$4.5B

committed to
building new
renewable projects

3.3M

of labor hours
supported

60% renewable
since 2017,

100%

renewable option

\$400M

reinvested in MCE
communities since
2010

46MW

of new renewable
projects built in our
service area

7,134

jobs created



Thank you!



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File #: 26-2631

Agenda Date: 6/22/2026

Agenda #: 5.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: June 22, 2026

Subject: PROVIDE FEEDBACK on measuring success for Bay Area Regional Energy Network equity and market support programs

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:

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) funds energy efficiency programs to 13 Program Administrator's (PAs) across the state, including PG&E, MCE, and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN). In 2025, the CPUC's budget provided \$986 million for this. Contra Costa County is a member of BayREN, which delivers programs that save energy, reduce costs, and improve health for residents, businesses, and local governments across the Bay Area.

Referral Update:

In 2025, BayREN upgraded 5,397 households, served 78 local governments, and helped businesses with upgrades that have \$3,900 in expected savings.

In 2024, the CPUC began dividing programs into categories. Two of those categories are equity and market support. Equity programs focus on serving hard-to-reach customers, including low-income households and those in disadvantaged communities (DACs). The EASE Home program is one of the equity programs offered through BayREN, which covers up to 80% of upgrade costs for low- and moderate-income residents. Market support programs aim to strengthen the energy efficiency market. One example of this is through BayREN's Green Labeling program which provides training for real estate agents to help them communicate the benefits of energy-efficient homes to clients.

The CPUC has requested that BayREN and others gather feedback on measuring the success for these programs. BayREN is collecting input to support this effort. The County of Contra Costa has an opportunity to participate in order to influence energy efficiency funding in California and help ensure the County's priorities are reflected in future program goals across the Bay Area and California.

The Commission will be asked to provide feedback on BayREN's equity and market support programs using a specific criterion developed to satisfy the request of the CPUC. The Commission's input will be included in BayREN's report to the CPUC.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

PROVIDE FEEDBACK on measuring success for Bay Area Regional Energy Network equity and market support programs.

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.



Local Governments Empowering Our Communities

Measuring Equity and Market Support Program Success

Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission

June 22, 2026

About BayREN

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is a coalition of the Bay Area's **nine counties** – a network of local governments and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) **partnering to promote energy and greenhouse gas reduction.**



You have an opportunity to influence
energy efficiency funding

\$ 9 8 6 million

Budget in 2025

The California Public Utilities Commission funds 13 program
implementers, including BayREN, PG&E, and more.

2025 Accomplishments

5,397

Households
Upgraded

17,748

MTCO₂e lifecycle
net carbon avoided

49

disadvantaged
youth employed

100% EASE

Home upgrades
served equity
households

418,388

MMBtu lifecycle net
energy saved

\$3,900

average expected
annual savings on
business utility bills

58

Training events
with 1,162
attendees

78

Local
Governments
assisted

In 2024, the CPUC identified
two new program categories:

Equity & Market Support



Local Governments Empowering Our Communities

Equity Programs



Equity programs focus on serving hard-to-reach customers including low-income households and those in disadvantaged communities (DACs).

For example, **BayREN's EASE Home** program covers up to 80% of upgrade costs for low- and moderate-income residents.

Market Support



Market support programs help build the market by increasing and sustaining the demand for energy efficiency and electrification improvements.

For example, BayREN provides **training for real estate agents** to help them communicate the benefits of energy-efficient homes to clients.

9 Innovative Programs



For Residents

Support for homeowners, renters and multifamily properties with personalized recommendations for energy upgrades, funding and technical assistance.

- **EASE Home**
- **Home Energy Score**
- **Green House Calls**
- **Bay Area Multifamily Enhancements Program**



For Businesses

Free or low-cost help for small and medium businesses to lower emissions, cut costs and improve comfort.

- **BayREN Business**
- **Bay Area Refrigerant Replacement**



For Local Governments

Training, policy guidance and building upgrade services to meet climate targets and reduce long-term operational facility costs.

- **Codes & Standards**
- **Integrated Energy Services**
- **Targeted Decarbonization Services**

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Thank You!

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BAYREN

**You have an opportunity to influence energy efficiency funding!
Share your thoughts below to measure the success of market support programs.**

1) Where should market support efforts be focused? Rank in order, with 1 being the highest priority.

Rank 1 – 5	Statement
	Customer barriers: Help participant overcome financial and project implementation barriers
	Customer awareness: Increase awareness and understanding of energy efficiency technologies
	Customer satisfaction: Ensure improvements function correctly with minimal complaints
	Workforce: Build contractor capacity, skills, and participation
	Quantity: Increase the number of projects using new technology, or the amount of funding spent on market support programs

**2) What financial benefits matter most for sustaining customer market demand?
Rank 1 – 4.**

Rank 1 – 4	Signals
	Ability to afford an upgrade
	Immediate bill savings
	Long-term energy and bill savings
	Access to financing (availability of loans)

Why did you decide on this ranking?

- 3) What satisfaction benefits matter most for sustaining customer market demand?
Rank your options.**

Rank 1 – 3	Signals
	Whether upgrades work as expected
	Number or level of complaints received
	Customer satisfaction

Why did you decide on this ranking?

- 4) What matters most for building a strong energy efficiency workforce? Rank your options. (3 min)**

Rank 1 – 4	Signals
	Train more contractors (increase supply)
	Provide deeper training so that trainees learn more (improve quality)
	Create stable career pathways that increase contractor earnings and job quality
	Support more contractors to recommend new technologies to customers

- 5) In one word or short phrase, what should guide how market support funds are spent?**

- 6) Any other comments or suggestions?**



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Staff Report

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SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: June 22, 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

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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

June 22, 2026

This report provides updates on activities that have occurred since the Sustainability Commission's meeting on April 27, 2026, 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 partially funded through the County's Ocean Protection Council SB 1 Grant. Development of Plan Element B: Existing Conditions is in progress.

Applications are open to join a Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Community Advisory Cohort. Participants in these Cohorts will provide input and share their local knowledge and lived experience; learn about shoreline challenges and adaptation strategies; and collaborate with fellow community members, local leaders, and technical experts to help guide Plan development. [Resilient Shoreline Community Advisory Cohort applications](#) are due by June 30, 2026.

The Shoreline Leadership Academy concluded on June 13, 2026. Since the last report, Academy members learned about shoreline contamination during the May 2 session at the Zeneca site in Richmond. Members were welcomed by Supervisor Scales-Preston at the May 16 session, where they toured the Pinole-Hercules Water Pollution Control Plant and heard from staff at the cities of Martinez, Pinole, and Pittsburg about the cities' sea level rise planning efforts. At the May 30 session on Zoom, members practiced their final project presentations in preparation for graduation. The Shoreline Leadership Academy graduation took place on June 13 at the Big Break Regional Shoreline Visitor Center in Oakley. Supervisor Burgis welcomed the cohort and their friends and family, and cohort members presented their final projects and were recognized for their achievement in completing the program.

CAAP Goal 5 – Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure



- Work continues to develop the Tree Plan, 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 concluded on June 13, with 25 community members participating. [Jody to add more]

The Advisory Working Group is continuing its work, bringing 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. On March 31, the Group reviewed and discussed the tree canopy assessment and heat assessment. On May 19, it reviewed and discussed the draft tree palette.

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 is also receiving no-cost technical assistance from the Bay Area Regional Energy Network’s (BayREN) Energy Roadmapping program. The BayREN technical assistance team completed a site audit of the Ambrose Community Center on June 9, 2026, as part of the Energy Roadmapping process. 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.

The community needs survey concluded in May 2026, receiving input from over 100 community members in the Bay Point / West Pittsburg area. Staff will use survey responses to identify the physical and social infrastructure improvements community members would like to see at a resilience hub. Community meetings are tentatively planned for July 8 and 9 to gather community feedback on the survey results and infrastructure improvement lists.

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)**.

The grant includes (1) completing a cost analysis for transitioning existing buildings in the unincorporated areas of the county to be all-electric and (2) performing energy efficiency upgrades and all-electric retrofits to licensed, home-based childcare facilities. A final report on the cost analysis is expected to be completed this summer with the energy efficiency/all-electric retrofit work planned to commence in August. These projects support the implementation of the County’s Clean Energy Roadmap.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

CAAP Goal 6 – Climate Equity

- On behalf of the County, Sustainability staff submitted two (2) funding proposals as Lead Applicant 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. The North Richmond Community Resilience Initiative is a \$15 million proposal for North Richmond. It includes funding for a community resiliency center at the Urban Tilth farm, clean energy retrofits for homes and the Corinne Sain Senior Center, rehabilitating abandoned houses, planting trees and improving

the Wildcat Creek Trail, and delivering Safe Routes to School and active transportation programming.

The Contra Costa and Vallejo Clean Air Projects is a \$5 million collaboration to leverage existing energy efficiency programs in the area from Rodeo to Pittsburg and the City of Vallejo (all part of eligible project area for the Benicia grant). This program will build on existing programs to provide additional home retrofit services to help homes become all-electric. Partners include BayREN, MCE, the City of Vallejo, and the City of Pittsburg, which is also offering a special project to install electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall. This project also includes the installation of air monitors near the Keller Canyon Landfill.

The County is a Co-Applicant with The Watershed Project for a REPAIR grant in the Benicia area for the Climate Action Academy, a three-year, community-based program that will build community knowledge and skills around the goals of the County's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

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

- Sustainability staff submitted two grant applications to the **Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund**. The first application is a \$106,000 request for funding to plant trees in Bay Point, including recruiting tree sponsors and educating them about how to ensure the trees thrive. This project leverages the Tree Plan described above. The second application is a \$75,000 request for funding to provide enhanced Weatherization Program services, including health and safety improvements and enhanced insulation installation, in Bay Point, Pittsburg, and Antioch.
- The June 16, 2026, [All-Electric Working Group](#) (AEWG) meeting focused on energy concierge services and their role in advancing energy efficiency and the transition of existing buildings to be all-electric. The meeting included presentations from QuitCarbon, a private sector energy concierge service that caters to single-family homeowners, and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) on its Energy Concierge service for local government and special district buildings. Additionally, we heard from a member of the City of Walnut Creek Sustainability Team about her experience going through the Electric Coach training offered through Rewiring America. This training aims to equip participants with technical knowledge on energy efficient and all-electric technologies as well as provide tips on communicating the benefits of homes that run on clean energy in our community. The group also discussed project funding and partnership opportunities.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

- Staff organized the second quarter **Energy Efficiency Collaborative** on May 28, 2026. Attendees learned about the Rising Sun Center for Opportunity's youth externship program and energy efficiency and all-electric home retrofit programs available for residents. Additionally, attendees had an opportunity to build their communication skills related to energy efficiency and all-electric programs.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

- Staff organized the second quarter [Sustainability Exchange](#) on June 4, 2026. Sustainability Exchange attendees visited the Antioch Water Treatment Plant and learned how the City's new Brackish Water Desalination Plant contributes to water supply reliability and climate resilience.

CAAP Goal 7 - Leadership

Climate Emergency Resolution:

- *Just Transition*. No update at this time.
- *Interdepartmental Climate Action Task Force*. The G3 Champions meeting on June 10 focused on the County's electric vehicle (EV) initiatives, including updates on EV charger projects and resources to support employee use of EVs.
- *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

- **Upcoming State Grants**. The Sustainability Team is turning its attention to recently announced State grant opportunities, including Transformative Climate Communities and Community Resilience Centers.

In the community:

- Jody London, Nicole Shimizu, and Emily Groth will facilitate a workshop at the California Climate and Energy Collaborative Annual Forum on June 25 in Los Angeles on the topic of Talk Like a Human: How to Better Reach the People We Need If We Want Change.

CAAP Goal 6 – Climate Equity

CAAP Goal 7 – Leadership

Contra Costa Health

Building Healthy Communities

Program Activities Summary: April–June 2026

- Bay Area Air District REPAIR Grant Proposal: Contra Costa Health's Building Healthy Communities (BHC) Program, in partnership with County Sustainability staff, submitted a proposal to the Bay Area Air District's REPAIR (Reinvesting Penalties for Air Improvement and Resilience) Grant Program. BHC is one of five project partners seeking funding to reduce air pollution, improve public health outcomes, and strengthen community resilience in North Richmond and surrounding communities. The proposed project would deliver tailored Safe Routes to School and community-based active transportation programming that supports disadvantaged populations and communities disproportionately impacted by environmental and transportation-related health burdens.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

CAAP Goal 5 – Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure

- Active Transportation Education and Community Engagement: CCH BHC staff continued delivering active transportation education and encouragement activities across schools within WCCUSD, AUSD, LUHSD, MDUSD, and John Swett Unified School District. During this reporting period, staff conducted two in-class educational workshops and six bicycle and pedestrian safety-focused community and school-based events. These efforts resulted in the distribution of up to 150 bicycle helmets throughout East and West County. Staff also facilitated four high school energizer stations during Bike to Wherever Day 2026 events in West County, engaging approximately 200 students and school staff through

interactive activities that promoted active transportation, safety awareness, and healthy travel behaviors.

CAAP Goal 1 – Clean and Efficient Built Environment

CAAP Goal 6 – Climate Equity



Department of Public Works

Transportation Engineering

Public Works is currently at the 65% design stage for the Iron Horse Corridor San Ramon Double Tracking project. This project will add a second paved pathway to the Iron Horse Corridor between Bollinger Canyon Road and Crow Canyon Road. Transportation Engineering will be applying for Recreational Trails Program Grant from California State Parks later this year.

Public Works is currently working on the 95% design Treat Boulevard Corridor Improvements Project which will add separated bikeways, add a new shared use path, enhance existing refuge islands and crosswalks, close free right-turn lanes, and improve traffic signal hardware and timing to Treat Boulevard between Jones Road and North Main in Walnut Creek. This project is funded by a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program grant, a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant and local funds.

Public Works is currently at the 65% design stage for the San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets – Bay Trail Gap Closure Project. This project will improve San Pablo Avenue by converting it to a more accessible "Complete Street" for drivers, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Improvements will occur within the existing roadway between California Street in Rodeo and Pomona Street in Crockett. The roadway will be reconfigured from four vehicular travel lanes to three: one travel lane in each direction, and a center lane that will provide turning, merging, truck-climbing needs and a buffer median, depending on location. This change will create space to construct approximately 13,700 linear feet of a 10-footwide shared use path for pedestrians and bicyclists that is separated from vehicular traffic by a 3-foot-wide buffer and concrete barrier. Additionally, approximately 650 linear feet of new Class II bike lanes will be constructed between Rodeo Avenue and Parker Avenue. The project will construct approximately 1,050 linear feet of sidewalk along the north side of San Pablo Avenue between Parker Avenue and California

Street, improving pedestrian safety. A stormwater bioretention facility will be constructed at the San Pablo Avenue/Refinery Road intersection. Street lighting will be installed along the northern side of San Pablo Avenue between California Street and Pomona Street to light the shared use path. This project is funded by an Active Transportation Program Grant, Congressionally Directed Spending, and local funds.

CAAP Goal 4 – Clean Transportation Network

Office of Communications and Media

For Earth Day in April, the Office of Communications and Media (OCM) created a short video highlighting the history and importance of the day: <https://youtu.be/WAMsVzQiZL4>

OCM also compiled a list of local Earth Day events across Contra Costa County. <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/m/newsflash/home/detail/5158>

The message was also included on County social media accounts:

- **X (Twitter):** <https://x.com/CCCounty/status/2046692580738621793>
- **Nextdoor:** [Link to post on Nextdoor.](#)

For Bike to Work Day in May, OCM deployed two promotional videos on the County's Intranet site, the County website, and social media channels:

[Link to first video.](#)

[Link to second video.](#)

Library

A new storyteller is traveling across Contra Costa County — and she has a bushy tail, a big heart, and a passion for reading.

Contra Costa County Library is excited to introduce **Roxy the Fox**, a new mascot for the Rolling Reader, the Library's early literacy outreach van. Roxy will be visiting communities throughout the county, encouraging children and families to discover the joy of books and sign up for their very own library cards.

 **Watch & share our Roxy the Fox video story!**

County website: <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/m/NewsFlash/home/detail/5193>

 **Social Media Posts:**

[YouTube \(English\)](#)

[YouTube \(Spanish\)](#)

[X English](#)

[X Spanish](#)



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Staff Report

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SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: June 22, 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

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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):

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

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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Staff Report

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SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Meeting Date: June 22, 2026

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

Submitted For: SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Department: DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

Presenter: Shoshana Wechsler || Chair | Sustainability Commission

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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):

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

Fiscal Impact (if any):

None.