



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Sustainability Committee

Supervisor John Gioia, Chair
Supervisor Federal D. Glover, Vice Chair

Monday, September 18, 2023 1:00 PM 1025 Escobar St. Conference Room 110A,
Martinez, CA 94553 |

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1. The public may attend this meeting in person at either above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in.
2. Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee.
3. Introductions

Staff Present:

Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Adam Scarbrough, Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Emily Groth, Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Nicole Shimizu, Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Michael Kent, Hazardous Materials Ombudsman, Contra Costa Health Services;
Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Energy Manager, Dept. of Public Works;
Darren Saadat, Sustainability Service Corps Fellow, Dept. of Public Works;
Jennifer Quallick, Deputy Chief of Staff, Supervisor Andersen;
Maureen Toms, Deputy Director of Policy Planning, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
John Cunningham, Transportation Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Will Nelson, Principal Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
John Kopchik, Director, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Teresa Geringer, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors District 3 ;
Jamar Stamps, Principal Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development;
Ken Carlson, District IV Supervisor;
Ashleigh Goddard, Office of Supervisor Burgis

Attendees: Shoshana Wechsler, Jessica Robbins, Tammy Seale, Eli Krispi, Call-in-user 1, Jake, Benisa Berry, Fred Bialy, Kamyar Aram, Melissa Yu, Carol Weed, Denice Dennis, Lisa Jackson, Amy Golan

Present: District I Supervisor John Gioia and District V Supervisor Federal D. Glover

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two (2) minutes).

No public comment.

- 4 ACCEPT REPORT on Linked Themes in the County General Plan and Climate Action Plan and RECOMMEND PRESENTATION to the Board of Supervisors

Attachments: [Presentation re CAP and General Plan Sept2023](#)

Jody London, County Sustainability Coordinator, presented an update on the Climate Action Plan (CAP) and Envision Contra Costa. London provided an overview of the County's adopted 2015 CAP and its role in providing strategies for reducing GHG emissions, and promoting health communities. The updates to the General Plan (GP), CAP, and Zoning Code are being done as part of the Envision Contra Costa 2040 Process. In November, the draft environmental impact report will be released that will accompany these three documents.

Eli Krispi, Climate Action and Resilience Planner from PlaceWorks, contributed to London's presentation and outlined the primary functions of the General Plan and its core themes (Environmental Justice, Community Health, Economic Development, and Sustainability). Krispi provided a review of the existing 2015 CAP, highlighting its previous scope looking out to 2020 and 2035 and its new scope to reduce GHG emissions through 2045.

The Committee discussed the General Plan elements and how each element ties to the core themes of the GP. General Plan elements allow for a more thorough understanding of the multifaceted issues facing the county (e.g. Stronger Communities, Land Use, etc.). The Committee advised staff to make the connections between the GP, CAP, and the themes clear to the public.

Key topics and issues are integrated throughout both the General Plan and CAP. The General Plan is subject to environmental review by CEQA, the CAP update is intended to support this review. The 2024 CAP update is the county's strategic plan to address climate change, aiming to reduce GHG emissions through 2045 and do so in a way consistent with the state's targets. The updated CAP will likely be updated by October 2023 by the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD).

Public Comment: A member of the public expressed frustration with the revision process for the CAP and General Plan.

Supervisor Glover moves to accept. Gioia seconds.

This Consent Item was an ACCEPTED REPORT.

Motion: Glover

Second: Gioia

- 3 Approve Record of Action from July 17, 2023, meeting of the Sustainability.

Attachments: [minutes_pdf](#)
[Sustainability Fund Presentation - Sustainability Committee July 17 2023 v3](#)
[2023_07_17 Sheriff's Office Report to Sustainability Committee - v 350CC to Sust Committee on Sheriff Autos 7-17-23 \(002\)](#)

The Record of Action from July 17, 2023, Meeting of the Sustainability Committee was unanimously approved.

Aye: **Chair John Gioia and Vice Chair Federal D. Glover**

Result: **Passed**

- 5 CONSIDER UPDATE to policy regarding enrollment of County accounts in MCE Deep Green and RECOMMEND APPROVAL by Board of Supervisors (Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Public Works)

Attachments: [MCE Deep Green Policy Revisit - Sustainability Committee Sept. 1 2023_Final](#)

Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Energy Manager from the Department of Public Works, provided a presentation proposing that the County opt-up to the Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Deep Green Electricity Rate at additional County facilities. Havenar-Daughton outlined the financial benefit associated with opting up to Deep Green for sites with electric vehicle (EV) charging.

There are currently 576 County accounts (88% of all county accounts) enrolled in Deep Green rate. Martinez, Walnut Creek, Lafayette, Danville, El Cerrito, San Pablo, and Richmond are all enrolled in MCE's Deep Green rate. 36 accounts are on MCE's Light Green and do not use 100% renewable energy.

The County has 4 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) accounts eligible for opting up.

No Public Comment

Glover motions to approve, Gioia seconds. It will go to the board on consent.

This matter was referred to the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, due back on 12/5/2023

Motion: **Glover**

Second: **Gioia**

- 6 Receive Report from Sustainability Commission Chair, or Designee

Mike Moore, former Sustainability Commission Chair, presented the report on behalf of the current Sustainability Chair. The Commission received a report on MCE programs and activities in Contra Costa County, including its partnership with the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) on the Contra Costa Asthma Initiative.

The Commission created an ad-hoc working group to provide staff recommendation on CAP public outreach efforts. The ad-hoc working group met last Friday, brainstorming ideas for public outreach that are under review for potential implementation. Sustainability Commission Chair Gomez will add a request at the next meeting for the Board to develop a policy for

planting native trees to address the urban island heat problem. The Commission is also considering meeting with the Hazardous Materials Commission in December to discuss the carbon capture project.

Public Comment:

A member of the public expressed concerns over the number of trees that would be planted and carbon conversion rates of the various species of trees to be planted.

This Consent Item was received.

7 Receive Report on Staff Activities that Support Sustainability Goals

Attachments: [2023_09_18 Sust. Staff Report to Sust. CMTE - v2](#)

Staff are submitting grants for sea-level rise, transportation, resilience, community transformation. The Health Department received funding for additional air purifiers for low-income households throughout the county via Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). Last week, the board approved the environmentally preferable purchasing policy to be implemented by the Dept. of Public Works.

The first meeting of the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Ad Hoc Committee on sea level rise will take place next month.

Public Comment:

A member of the public asked for clarification regarding the implementation of the BAAQMD air purifier grant. Michael Kent, Hazardous Materials Ombudsman from Contra Costa Health Services, provided details on the operation of the air purifier grant program.

This Consent Item was received.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for November 20, 2023

Adjourn

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