



## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

### 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The current members of the Sustainability Commission are:

Shoshana Wechsler, Member, District 1, Chair  
Brandon Matson, Member, District 4,  
Vice-Chair  
Kim Jones, Alternate, District 1  
Victoria Smith, Member, District 2  
Christopher Easter, Alternate, District 2  
Julie Hass-Wajdowicz, Member, District 3  
Vacant, Alternate, District 3  
Wes Sullens, Alternate, District 4

Solomon Belette, Member, District 5  
Reilly Kent, Alternate, District 5  
Luz Gomez, At-Large, Community Group  
Howdy Goudey, At-Large, Community Group  
Jamie Duran, At-Large, Business  
Susan Hurl, At-Large, Business  
Kiara Pereira, At-Large, Environmental Justice  
Sarah Foster, At-Large, Environmental Justice  
Devin Jackson, At-Large, Education/Research

The Commission meets the fourth Monday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.<sup>1</sup> Demian Hardman-Saldana, Principal Planner, is lead staff. All members have completed the mandatory training. Kiara Pereira is the Sustainability Commission representative to the County's Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee.

The Chair and other members of the Commission participate in meetings of the Board of Supervisors' Sustainability Committee. The Commission receives briefings from County staff and representatives of other agencies and groups on a range of issues related to the County's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). Below is a summary of the Commission's work in 2025.

Topic	Accomplishments
Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)	At its February meeting, the Commission adopted the 2024 Climate Action Plan Progress Report and received a presentation on the updated 2024 CAAP and directed staff to schedule specific presentations on all of the key updated 2024 CAAP topic areas. At its June meeting (rescheduled in July), the Commission received a presentation from a Commission member on using a dashboard to follow greenhouse gas reduction implementation for the County's CAAP. Staff also provided a progress report on a Dashboard being developed by staff, and at the December meeting provided an update on the Dashboard development, based on feedback from the Commission. At its October meeting, the Commission received a report on the County's 2023 greenhouse gas emission inventory report.

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<sup>1</sup> The December meeting is earlier in the month.

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Clean and Efficient Built Environment	At its April meeting, the Commission received a report on the Clean and Efficient Built Environment section of the CAAP.
Tree planting and preservation policies/actions	At its April meeting, the Commission received a report on the update on the County's Tree Protection.
Waste and Recycling	At its October meeting, the Commission received a report on the No Waste Contra Costa section of the CAAP.
Clean Transportation Network	At its October meeting, the Commission received a report on the Clean Transportation Network section of the CAAP. In October, the Commission also received a report on the Contra Costa County Employee Commute Survey Report.
Sea Level Rise	At its December meeting, the Commission received a report on the Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure section of the CAAP.
Other Sustainability Topics	<p>At its June meeting (rescheduled in July) the Commission also received a presentation on co-benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel emissions from a member of SF Bay Physicians for Social Responsibility.</p> <p>At its December meeting, the Commission considered recommending the County support the California's Polluters Pay Climate Superfund Act (SB 684 and AB 1243). The Commission also received a presentation on Nature-based Remediation of Contaminated Land.</p>