



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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The current members of the Sustainability Commission are:

Luz Gomez, At-Large, Community Group, Chair
Sarah Foster, At-Large, Environmental Justice,
Vice-Chair
Shoshana Wechsler, Member, District 1
Erin Levine, Alternate, District 1
Victoria Smith, Member, District 2
Christopher Easter, Alternate, District 2
Mike Moore, Member, District 3
Norman Cohen, Alternate, District 3

Brandon Matson, Member, District 4
Wes Sullens, Alternate, District 4
Charles Davidson, Member, District 5
Renee Fernandez-Lipp, Alternate, District 5
Howdy Goudey, At-Large, Community Group
Chuck Leonard, At-Large, Business
Susan Hurl, At-Large, Business
Kiara Pereira, At-Large, Environmental Justice
Kim Hazard, At-Large, Education

The Commission meets the fourth Monday in February, April, June, August, October, and December.¹ Demian Hardman-Saldana, Principal Planner, is lead staff. All members have completed the mandatory training. Kim Hazard 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 Plan (CAP). Below is a summary of the Commission's work in 2024.

Topic	Accomplishments
Climate Action Plan	At its February meeting, the Commission adopted the 2023 Climate Action Plan Progress Report. A special meeting was held by the Commission on March 25, 2024, where the Commission prepared comments to submit on the County 2024 Draft Climate Action Plan.
Clean and Efficient Built Environment	At its August meeting, the Commission received a report on the County preparing an ordinance amending the County building code to increase energy efficiency standards for certain newly constructed buildings.
Just Transition	At its October meeting, the Commission received an update on the County's Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan

¹ The December meeting is earlier in the month.

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Energy Programs	At its April meeting, the Commission received a report on Bay Area Regional Energy Network Programs. At its August meeting, the Commission received a report and provided direction on the Draft Contra Costa County Strategic Energy Management Plan.
Sea Level Rise	At its August meeting, the Commission received a report on the Contra Costa Resilient Shoreline Plan.
Other Sustainability Topics	At its April meeting, the Commission held a joint meeting with the Hazardous Materials Commission to receive a presentation and discuss carbon capture and storage from invited panelists. At its October meeting, the Commission received a report on the County's U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Coalition Grant Application