

# 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.

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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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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## 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](#)