



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2018 WORK PLAN

PURPOSE

The Contra Costa County Sustainability Commission was created to:

- A. Advise the Board of Supervisors and staff on successful implementation of the *Climate Action Plan*, including suggestions on how that work can be performed more efficiently and effectively.
- B. Advise the Board of Supervisors on opportunities to realize equity and fairness across the diverse communities of Contra Costa County in sustainability programs that support the *Climate Action Plan*.
- C. Advise the Board of Supervisors and staff on how to better engage Contra Costa County residents and businesses on sustainability issues and implementation of the *Climate Action Plan*.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

In March and April 2017, the Board of Supervisors appointed the members of the Sustainability Commission.

AT-LARGE APPOINTMENTS

Community Group (2 Seats)	Business (2 Seats)	Environmental Justice (1 Seat)	Education or Research Institution (1 Seat)
Howdy Goudey El Cerrito Environmental Quality Cmte, El Cerrito Community Network, Earthcare Now	Kathy Cutting Cal State East Bay	Doria Robinson Urban Tilth	Scott Warfe Los Medanos Community College
Harry Thurston Contra Costa Clean Energy Alliance	Nicholas Snyder Tierra Resource Consultants		

SUPERVISORIAL APPOINTMENTS

	District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5
Member	Nick Despota	Victoria Smith	John Sierra	Wes Sullens	Charles Davidson
Alternate	Vacant	Reid Edwards	Gretchen Logue	Travis Curran	Mark Thomson

The Commission met in June, August, October, and December. At its August meeting, the Commission elected Victoria Smith as Chair and John Sierra as Vice Chair. The Commission also at its August meeting adopted Bylaws, which were approved by the Board of Supervisors in September.

The Commission received briefings from County staff on various aspects of the climate action plan. Below is a summary of the accomplishments at each meeting.

Meeting Date	Accomplishments
June 26, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Overview of Commission role, purpose, and County <i>Climate Action Plan</i>
August 28, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopted Bylaws • Elected Officers • Received presentation on transportation and <i>Climate Action Plan</i>
October 23, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received presentation on solid waste and <i>Climate Action Plan</i> • Received presentation on Idle Free Pledge • Appointed Gretchen Logue to be representative to the Integrated Pest Management Advisory Board • Discussed work plan and options for creating more time and space for collaboration and action by Commission members and alternates
December 4, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed work plan and annual report • Received report on energy issues and <i>Climate Action Plan</i>.

2018 WORK PLAN

The Commission will spend the first part of 2018 completing its study of issue areas in the *Climate Action Plan*. It will also identify topics of specific interest on which it will focus, with the goal of advising the Board of Supervisors on options for creating healthier and safer communities in Contra Costa County.

Projects and initiatives related to the *Climate Action Plan* on which the Commission anticipates it will advise the Board of Supervisors and staff include:

- Advocacy on issues related to the *Climate Action Plan*
- Potential health impacts of climate change
- Outreach and education on sustainability to Contra Costa County residents and businesses
- Resiliency, including the Adapting to Rising Tides studies for Eastern Contra Costa County and the Bay Area region
- Issues related to water conservation and drought
- Land use and public transportation
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- Electric Vehicle readiness and bicycle access
- Recycling, particularly the lack of facilities to process recycled materials
- The update to the County General Plan

The Commission will continue to report to the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability, as well as to the full Board.