



# Agenda

## RECORD OF ACTION AD HOC COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY

September 24, 2018  
12:30 P.M.

651 Pine Street, Room 101, Martinez

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

**Agenda Items:**

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

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Present: John Gioia, Chair

Absent: Federal D. Glover, Vice Chair

Staff Present: John Kopchik, Director, Department of Conservation and Development

Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator

Jill Ray, Field Representative, Supervisor Candace Andersen

Dominic Aliano, Field Representative, Supervisor Federal Glover

Dan Peddycord, Director, Public Health

Dr. Chris Farnitano, Health Officer, Health Services Department

Siu Sahn Foo, Civic Spark Fellow, Department of Conservation and Development

Demian Hardman, Planner, Department of Conservation and Development

Michael Kent, Hazardous Materials Ombudsman

Attendees: Victoria Smith

Nick Despota

Gretchen Logue

Harry Thurston

Michelle Nochisaki

Howdy Goudey

Jan Warren

Betty Lobos

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

***There was no public comment.***

3. APPROVE Record of Action from the July 23, 2018, meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability.

*Adoption of the Record of Action from the July 23, 2018 meeting was postponed until the entire Committee is present.*

4. RECEIVE the report on Asthma in Contra Costa County and PROVIDE DIRECTION regarding exploration of a healthy homes program for Contra Costa County.

*Dr. Chris Farnitano, the County's Health Officer, provided a report on indoor and outdoor air quality and how they impact asthma in Contra Costa County. Dr. Farnitano reported that asthma is more common in Contra Costa County than in California as a whole, and that asthma is more commonly diagnosed and severe in African American residents, who experience significantly more emergency room visits and hospitalizations for asthma. Children bear the biggest burden. The incidence of asthma is highest in Richmond and the Northern part of the County and occurs in the same communities considered "disadvantaged" by the State of California using the CalEnviroScreen tool. Dr. Farnitano described likely causes of asthma due to factors in the indoor and outdoor environment. He discussed policies that can reduce exposure to asthma triggers. The Committee discussed land use policies and how they can be modified to reduce conditions that cause asthma, and opportunities to place conditions on projects that will create additional emissions. During discussion, staff described newly initiated work to explore a healthy homes initiative for Contra Costa County in partnership with MCE. The goal would be to develop a framework for a coordinated approach to health and the built environment. The Committee directed staff to continue discussions around a healthy homes initiative, and to return to the Committee if necessary*

5. RECEIVE REPORT on Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund grant opportunities and PROVIDE DIRECTION to staff, as appropriate.

*Jody London, County Sustainability Coordinator, reviewed upcoming opportunities for State grants to support County projects related to the Climate Action Plan. Supervisor Gioia described opportunities that will come through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for reductions of emissions from mobile sources, including fleets. The Committee requested that the Public Works Department report at the next meeting on the composition of the County fleet, and current and potential policies regarding "idle free" operation of County fleet vehicles and reducing the use of diesel fuel in County fleet and buildings.*

6. RECEIVE REPORT from Sustainability Commission Chair.

*Victoria Smith, Sustainability Commission Chair, reported that the two groups the Commission nominated for Sustainable Leadership Awards from Sustainable Contra Costa - the Public Health Academy students from Alhambra High School and the North Richmond Watershed Connections Project - both won and will be recognized on Sept. 21. Smith reported that the Sustainability Commission held a productive retreat on August 18. She described the five goals the Commission developed during the retreat. The Sustainability Commission will hold a further meeting to explore equity issues. The Commission has a strong interest in working more closely with the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability, and would like to consider joint meetings or workshops, perhaps for the General Plan and/or Climate Action Plan Update. At its August 27 meeting, the Sustainability Commission received an overview and report of the upcoming General Plan Update. She also reported that the Sustainability Commission has developed a template it is asking presenters to follow when making a presentation to the Commission, a byproduct of the retreat.*

7. RECEIVE REPORT from County Sustainability Coordinator.

*Jody London, County Sustainability Coordinator, reviewed the information in the written report included with the agenda.*

8. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018.

9. Adjourn

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