



NORTHERN WATERFRONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

APPROVAL OF STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

ACCEPTANCE OF CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR HUMAN CAPITAL

NEXT STEPS

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JAN. 22, 2019

Before the Board today:

- Refresher on the Initiative;
- Receive presentations from consultants on two recent work products, the Strategic Action Plan and the Conceptual Framework for Human Capital;
- Review next steps for implementation proposed by staff.







At one time, this region was the industrial heart of the entire Bay Area – the Bay/Delta served as raw material, disposal system, and transportation corridor

Santa Rosa

Many economic cycles later, we have some very strong legacy industrial businesses, some obsolete buildings or vacant sites, and a growing need to give our residents workplaces closer to home.

Strategic advantage: location!

Capital of the Northern California Mega-Region ™

What is the Northern Waterfront?

An economic development partnership and jobs strategy along the northern edge of Contra Costa County, from Hercules to Brentwood.

Work Program Since 2013

Guided by the County Board of Supervisors NW Ad Hoc Committee, Supervisors Glover and Burgis (previously Piepho)



Contra Costa Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, January 22, 2019

Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative (NWEDI)

Conceptual Framework

Building High Performing Waterfront Communities:

An Effective Model for Community and Human Capital Development
in the Contra Costa Northern Waterfront Region

Presented by:
Keith and Iris Archuleta
Emerald HPC International, LLC



Northern Waterfront Human Capital and Community Development Strategy



Human Capital and Community Development Strategy

EAST CONTRA COSTA PILOT: (BAY POINT, PITTSBURG, ANTIOCH, BRENTWOOD, OAKLEY)

The human capital/community development strategy emphasizes expansion of existing businesses and opportunities for local entrepreneurs to hire more employees, create supply chain companies, and/or become subcontractors.



We are now working with over 150 stakeholders, residents and families, thought partners, and service organizations that are helping to inform implementation of this strategy through interconnected partnerships that can address the needs and leverage the opportunities that exist in this region.

Regional Collaborative Network: Referrals, Outreach, Resources, and Barrier Removal Services

INTERCONNECTED PROJECTS AND PARTNERS



 Reentry Network **System of Services** Meals on Wheels **Diablo Region** La Clinica/VFW **Veterans Health** Food Bank/LMC Food Community Clinic Consortium Youth Intervention **Network • ODAT** Community Connect County Services for **Homeless and Foster** Youth • CHD Rubicon Programs Spark Point Faith Community STS Academy Bay Point All N One Rua'h Community

Initiative

Outreach • First 5

Bay Area Legal Aid

Closet



Northern Waterfront Strategic Action Plan



Presentation to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors By Gary Craft, Craft Consulting, January 2019

"What We've Heard" (Frequently Mentioned Issues)

 Concerns for employment, environmental, health, and social issues

- Desire for clean and green 21st century jobs
- Need for jobs paying livable wages
- Need to train people for these jobs
- Need to respect the environment and Quality of Life

Vision and Mission

Vision: To build an environmentally sustainable regional economy and communities with equitable access to quality job opportunities and economic participation for all residents.

Mission Statement: The NWEDI endeavors through collective action to improve the economic prosperity and quality of life for local residents by building and maintaining an environmentally sustainable regional economy that enhances the health and prosperity of local communities, strengthens local tax bases, and supports the growth of 21st century advanced manufacturing firms.

Target Industries











Strategic Focus and Examples of Implementation Actions

Goal 1: Develop a Sustainable Inclusive Regional Economy

- Facilitate existing and emerging industry clusters through meetups, specialized training, etc.
- Encourage sustainable industries

Goal 2: Build a Globally Competitive Workforce

 Provide industry-led training to help local residents acquire skills leading to middle-income careers

Strategic Focus and Examples of Implementation Actions

Goal 3: Enhance Regional Competitiveness

- Invest in regional goods movement infrastructure
- Explore establishment of an Innovation District

Goal 4: Promote Innovation & New Business Formation

- Develop regional business retention & expansion program
- Encourage the development of maker spaces
- Develop incubators/accelerators/co-working spaces

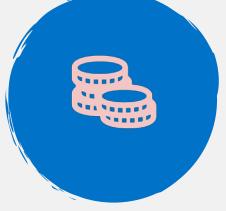
Goal 5: Attract New Business Investment via Regional Branding

- Develop a unique regional brand and market the region
- Strategically recruit businesses in target clusters



Engage partner cities in MOU discussions

Covering collaborative economic development projects as a working group



Add SAP projects to work program & budget

Priority on projects
most important to the
working group, those
most within our span
of control, and those
with most replicability
to overall County
econ dev goals



Return to Board later this year to approve MOU

Ideally aligned with timing of a Northern Waterfront public forum, a marketing event to promote the region's economic activity

Next Steps

Moving from planning to implementation

Subject to Board approval today