



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION 2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2023 WORK PLAN

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The current members of the Sustainability Commission are:

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| Mike Moore, Member, District 3, Chair | Brandon Matson, Alternate, District 4 |
| Nick Despota, Member, District 1, Vice-Chair | Charles Davidson, Member, District 5 |
| Shoshana Wechsler, Alternate, District 1 | Renee Fernandez-Lipp, Alternate, District 5 |
| Victoria Smith, Member, District 2 | Howdy Goudey, At-Large, Community Group |
| Christopher Easter, Alternate, District 2 | Luz Gomez, At-Large, Community Group |
| Mike Moore, Member, District 3 | Chuck Leonard, At-Large, Business |
| Samantha Moy, Alternate, District 3 | Marisha Farnsworth, At-Large, Business |
| Wes Sullens, Member, District 4 | Isabella Zizi, 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, Senior 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. Below is a summary of the Commission’s work in 2022.

Topic	Accomplishments
Commission Definition of “Sustainability”	The Commission meet at its February, June, and August meeting to develop a definition of “Sustainability” based on information presented by a Commission working group formed in 2021. At its August meeting, the Commission developed a definition of “Sustainability” that was approved to be used internally by the Commission.
Green Buildings	At its February meeting, a working group of the Commission provided an update on additional research on low-carbon concrete. Based on the report from the working group, the Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors direct staff to study adoption of low-carbon concrete standards.
General Plan Update	At its April meeting, the Commission reviewed and provided input on the Draft Sustainability Goals, Policies and Actions for the General Plan.
County Public Works Distributed	At its June meeting, the Commission received a report from the County’s Energy Manager on the Distributed Energy Resource Plan for County Public Buildings,

¹ The December meeting is earlier in the month.

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Energy Resource Plan	including the plan for installing more electric vehicle charging stations at County facilities.
Environmental Bond Financing Standards	At its June meeting, the Commission received a report from the Chief Assistant County Administrator, on the environmental, social and governmental (ESG) standards used in finance to safeguard the environment.
Health Impacts from Climate Change	At its June meeting, the Commission received a report from the Chief Climate and Health Policy Officer on the County’s work on the human health impacts associated with climate change.
Climate Action Plan Update	At its June meeting, the Commission received a detailed report on the status of the Climate Action Plan update. At its December meeting, the Commission received an update on the Interim Climate Action Work Plan for 2023-2024. The County’s Sustainability Coordinator also provides regular status reports at each meeting on the ongoing update of the County’s Climate Action Plan.
Building Electrification	At its August meeting, Sustainability planning staff provided a report on the County’s work on building electrification for existing buildings. The Commission also received a report at its December meeting on the development of a roadmap for converting existing residential buildings to be all-electric.
County Investment Policy	At its October meeting, the Commission received a report from the County Treasurer-Tax Collector on the County’s investment policy.
Climate Change Legislation	At its October meeting, the Commission also received a report on the major legislation passed by Congress to address climate change, such as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act.
Just Transition	At its December meeting, the Commission received a report from the County’s Economic Development Manager on submittal of Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan Grant Materials.
Climate Emergency Resolution	The Commission receives a status report on implementation of the Climate Emergency Resolution as part of the standing item of the Sustainability Coordinator’s report at every meeting.

2023 WORK PLAN

The Commission will continue to report to the Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability, as well as to the full Board. Projects and initiatives related to the *Climate Action Plan* on which the Commission anticipates it may advise the Board of Supervisors and staff include:

- General Plan Update, particularly integrating equity and environmental justice
- *Climate Action Plan* update
- Issues in the Climate Action Plan, including water conservation and drought; land use and public transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle access; energy efficiency and renewable energy; and recycling and composting.
- Implementation of the Climate Emergency Resolution
- Increasing resilience to climate-related disasters and incidents, including the Adapting to Rising Tides studies for Eastern Contra Costa County and the Bay Area region, wildfires, and Public Safety Power Shutoffs
- Review of Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan
- County investment policy to eliminate investment in fossil fuel companies.

- Electric Vehicle Readiness Blueprint implementation
- Advocacy on issues related to the *Climate Action Plan*
- Potential health impacts of climate change (i.e., wildfires)
- Building electrification of existing buildings
- Low-Carbon Concrete Policy
- Outreach and education on sustainability to Contra Costa County residents and businesses