



Agenda

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

June 29, 2023

10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

11780 San Pablo Avenue, Suite D
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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Pittsburg, CA 94565

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Agenda Items:

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

1. Introductions
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).
3. RECEIVE UPDATE Regarding Process to Plan for a Just Transition
4. The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 17, 2023.
5. Adjourn

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Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Subcommittee Report

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: 06/29/2023
Subject: RECEIVE UPDATE Regarding Process to Plan for a Just Transition
Submitted For: Alyson Greenlee,
Department: Conservation & Development
Referral No.:
Referral Name: RECEIVE UPDATE Regarding Process to Plan for a Just Transition
Presenter: Alyson Greenlee **Contact:** Alyson Greenlee, 925-655-2783

Referral History:

In September 2020, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a Climate Emergency Resolution that, among other things, resolves “that the Board of Supervisors and the County Sustainability Commission seek input from the community (with a special focus on highly impacted Environmental Justice communities), workers (especially impacted workers), and business/industry to help the County anticipate and plan for an economy that is less dependent on fossil fuels, helps plan for a "Just Transition" away from a fossil-fuel dependent economy, and considers how the County's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic can incorporate the County's climate goals. As the State of California adopts policies and goals for reducing pollution and addressing climate change, the County will develop strategies to improve the health, safety, infrastructure, job opportunities and revenue opportunities during the shift to a zero-emission economy. The County will provide special attention to helping develop new opportunities for frontline and impacted communities that realize economic, health and other benefits. The Commission will include this topic in its ongoing advice to the Board of Supervisors.”

The County’s engagement on Just Transition will build on and complement the ongoing work of the County and seven city partners on the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative, as further discussed below.

In October 2020, the Sustainability Commission received a report on Just Transition efforts in other communities in the U.S. and internationally.

In 2020, two of the four oil refineries in Contra Costa County, Marathon and Phillips 66, submitted applications to manufacture renewable fuel in lieu of fossil fuels. Those applications were approved by the Board in May 2022 and taking the additional steps needed to begin operation.

In March 2021, the Sustainability Committee discussed options for a process that will facilitate an inclusive Just Transition. That meeting included a presentation from Assemblymember Tim Grayson on AB 844, the Green Empowerment Zone legislation, which was subsequently approved and signed into law. The meeting also included a presentation from Congressman Mark DeSaulnier on federal legislation he was sponsoring to prepare the community for the impacts of refinery closures.

In September 2022, the Sustainability Committee received an update on the \$750,000 Community Funding Project grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to develop a Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan, a long-term strategic planning process resulting in a roadmap for attracting and accommodating businesses in the industry clusters identified through the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative (Initiative), which include advanced transportation technology, bio-tech/bio-medical, diverse manufacturing, ag tech and food processing, and clean tech; developing strategies to attract and support businesses in these industry clusters; workforce crosswalks to transition from fossil fuel-related industries to other forms of production and employment that are clean and sustainable; and promoting equity in helping Contra Costa County achieve its economic development goals. The Sustainability Commission received a similar update at their meeting in December 2022.

Referral Update:

Since the Committee last received an update on this topic in September 2022, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the execution of the grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. County staff are beginning to embark on the different activities the grant will support, and seek Committee input.

Additionally, in April 2023 the UC Berkeley Labor Center released a study on the impact of the Marathon Refinery closure in 2020 on employees at the refinery. The results of this study may inform how the County and others approach this economic transition.

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

RECEIVE UPDATE Regarding Process to Plan for a Just Transition

Fiscal Impact (if any):

The planning work will be funded initially by the Community Project Funding grant.

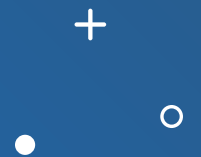
Attachments

Just Transition Presentation, June 2023



JUST TRANSITION ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION &
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE –
JUNE 2023



OBJECTIVE

- Provide update regarding the process to plan for a Just Transition.

WHAT IS A JUST TRANSITION PLAN

- A process that seeks input from the community (with a special focus on highly impacted Environmental Justice communities), workers (especially impacted workers), and business/industry
- A set of strategies that seeks to address an historic injustice by seeking the sustained input of those communities most impacted by the environmental burdens of the climate crisis
- A plan for improving the health, safety, infrastructure, and job opportunities for residents in these communities
- A plan for a transition away from an economy that is dependent on fossil fuels, to a zero-emission economy.

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- An analysis and set of strategies to identify and attract new and sustainable businesses that grow the County's economy and tax base, and prepare the existing and future workforce and those communities most impacted by fossil fuel industry for new jobs
- An analysis and recommended set of policies related to infrastructure, and other sectors
- A set of strategies to improve the health and safety of those communities most impacted by the fossil fuel industry
- A process that continuously engages and heeds the input of all affected stakeholders during the economic shift.

LANDSCAPE OF EXISTING EFFORTS TAKING PLACE IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY:

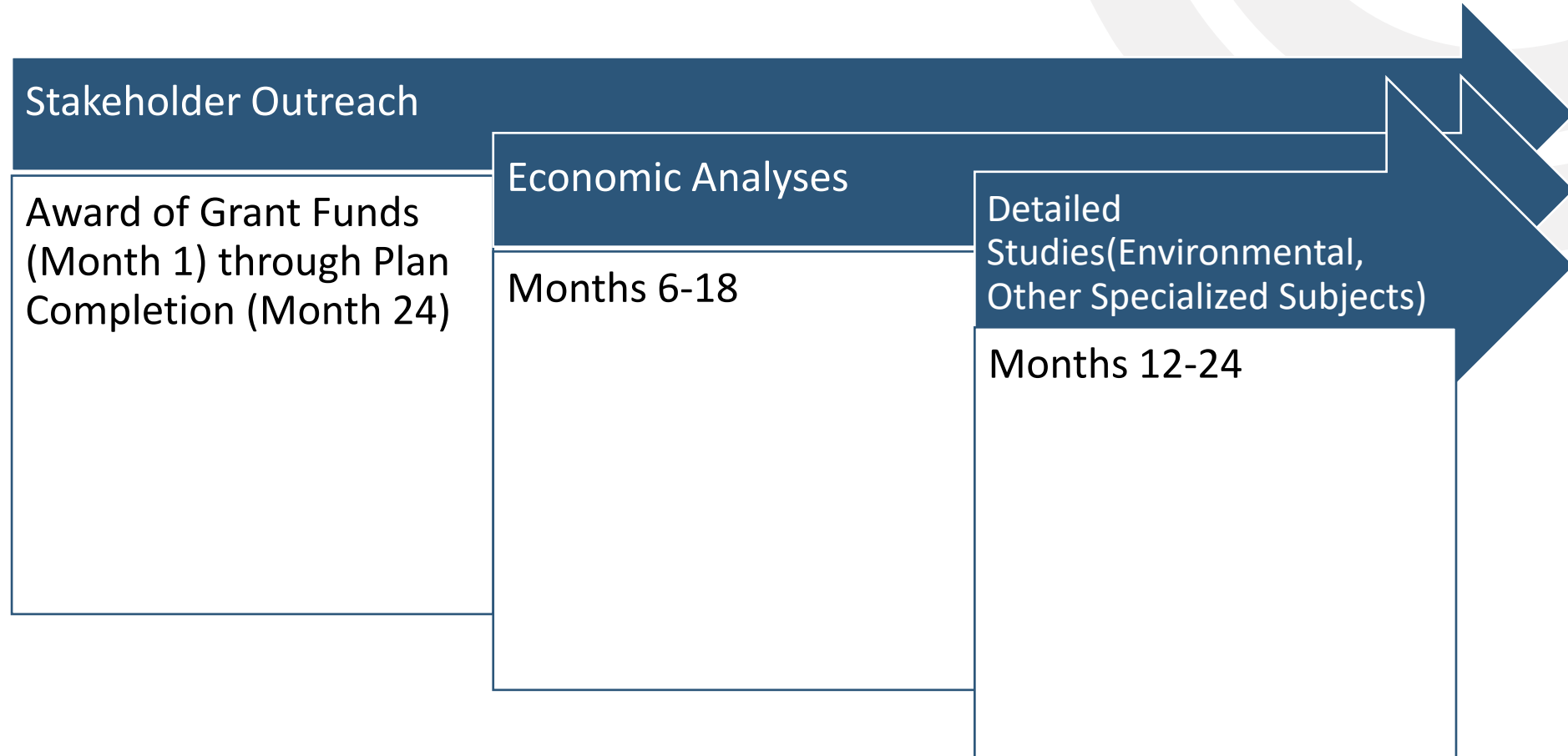
- Bay Area Good Jobs Partnership for Equity (Community Economic Resilience Fund, or CERF)
- Contra Costa Refinery Transition Partnership
- Green Empowerment Zone including Northern Waterfront of Contra Costa
- Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative
- Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan
- Contra Costa County Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice
- Refinery Community Benefits Agreements
- Envision Contra Costa 2040 General Plan Update
- East Bay Regional Planning Unit (Workforce) Plan

SCOPE OF WORK FUNDED BY FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANT

Expense	Amount
Stakeholder Outreach/Stakeholder Meeting Support (Stipends, Translators, Childcare, Community Ambassadors, etc.):	\$200,000
Economic Analyses:	\$200,000
Detailed Studies (Environmental, Other Specialized Subjects):	\$150,000
County Staffing:	\$200,000
Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan (Total):	\$750,000



PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR USE OF COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANT



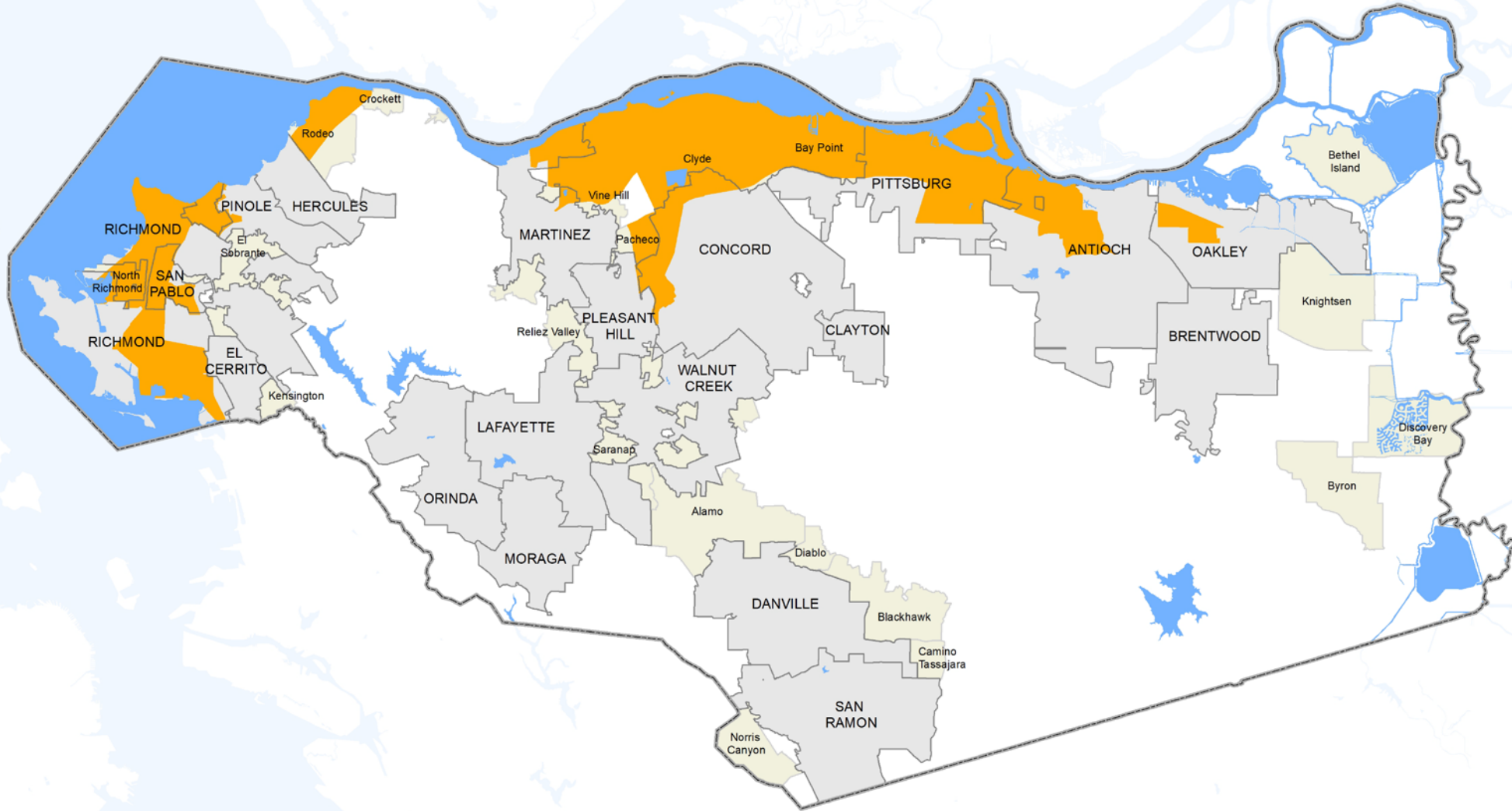
LA COUNTY'S JUST TRANSITION PLAN PROCESS


- **August 2019:** LA County Board of Supervisors (BOS) adopted the OurCounty Sustainability Plan which called for the creation of a Just Transition Plan.
- **September 2020:** LA County BOS adopted a motion directing the adoption of a Just Transition Strategy and to coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and other local jurisdictions to create a Just Transition Taskforce (initially included the City of LA, City of Culver City, labor, environmental, industry, and other members).
- **June 2021:** The County's Chief Sustainability Office (CSO) and the City of LA Mayor's Office of Sustainability agreed to co-convene and expand the task force to include frontline and tribal communities, additional industry reps, labor organization/workers, and workforce development partners.



PROPOSED COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

- The county's impacted communities are the intended main beneficiaries of the community revitalization planning effort in the Economic Revitalization Plan.
- Many of these census tracts are clustered in areas near oil refineries and related industrial uses. The residents of these areas experience higher rates of asthma and other illnesses and have historically been underserved by our government at every level.
- Contra Costa County is committed to addressing this historic injustice and is looking for every opportunity to do so in this work by providing special attention to helping develop new opportunities for frontline and impacted communities, including soliciting meaningful input from these communities into the development of the Economic Revitalization Plan and improving the health and job opportunities for residents in these communities.
- This plan will also be consistent with the 5-Year Consolidated Plan's objectives/strategies on expanding economic opportunities for extremely low-, very low- and low-income residents.

Impacted Communities SB 535 Disadvantaged Community Designation



 Impacted Communities

 INCORPORATED CITIES AND TOWNS
 Unincorporated Census Designated Places (CDP)

PROPOSED STAKEHOLDER TABLE

- Sustainability Committee member(s)
- Labor/workers
- Frontline environmental justice community representatives
- Local government
- Business/industry sector
- Workforce development and training entities
- Education sector (community colleges, County Office of Education)
- Academic partners.

PROPOSED CONSULTING ASSISTANCE

- **Community Outreach/Stakeholder Meeting Support: \$200,000**
 - (Including: Stipends, Translators, Childcare, Community Ambassadors, etc.)
- **Economic Analyses: \$200,000**
 - (Including: impact analyses on jobs, the economy, and local tax base)
- **Detailed Studies: \$150,000**
 - (Including: environmental reviews, other specialized studies that align with and build on existing priorities in the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative and the County's Envision 2040 General Plan update to support this transition)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/STAKEHOLDER MEETING SUPPORT: PROPOSED CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Leadership of a robust countywide stakeholder engagement process
- Ensure that the residents of impacted Environmental Justice communities, workers and labor unions, business and industry, local government, environmental justice and environmental interests, community colleges, the workforce development system, and other relevant stakeholders help guide the work and are invested in its outcomes
- Culminate in a Just Transition Economic Revitalization Plan, a roadmap to move forward with an equitable Contra Costa Just Transition.

ECONOMIC ANALYSES: PROPOSED CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Analysis of future economic opportunities and constraints
- Analysis of the workforce transitions and training needed to support the career pathways that make Contra Costa the hub for production and employment in advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, biomedical/biotech, food processing, clean tech, advanced transportation technology and other sectors that support the green energy economy, and the associated necessary investments in the labor force
- Workforce crosswalk to transition from fossil fuel-related industries to other forms of production and employment that are clean and sustainable; and promoting equity in helping Contra Costa County achieve its economic development goals.

DETAILED STUDIES: PROPOSED CONTRACTED SERVICES

- Land use and environmental analysis, and other specialized studies that help guide planning and align with and build on existing priorities in the Northern Waterfront Economic Development Initiative and the County's Envision 2040 General Plan update
- A roadmap to attract and accommodate businesses in advanced materials and diversified manufacturing, biomedical/biotech, food processing, clean tech, advanced transportation technology, and other sectors that support the green energy economy and the shift to a zero-emission economy.