



Record of Action

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**
An Advisory Body to the Board of Supervisors

**June 24, 2019
5:00 P.M.
30 Muir Road, Martinez**

Howdy Goudey, Chair, At-Large, Community Group	John Sierra, Member, District 3	Harry Thurston, At-Large, Community Group
Nick Despota, Vice-Chair, Member, District 1	Gretchen Logue, Alternate, District 3	Russell Driver, At-Large, Business
Shoshana Wechsler, Alternate, District 1	Wes Sullens, Member, District 4	Nicholas Snyder, At-Large, Business
Victoria Smith, Member, District 2	Travis Curran, Alternate, District 4	Doria Robinson, At-Large, Environmental Justice
Ryan Buckley, Alternate, District 2	Charles Davidson, Member, District 5	Kim Hazard, At-Large, Education
	Vacant, Alternate, District 5	

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

Present: Howdy Goudey, Chair, At-Large, Community Group
Nick Despota, Vice-Chair, Member, District 1
Shoshana Wechsler, Alternate, District 1
Victoria Smith, Member, District 2
Ryan Buckley, Alternate, District 2
Travis Curran, Alternate, District 4
Charles Davidson, Member, District 5
Harry Thurston, At-Large, Community Group
Kim Hazard, At-Large, Education

Absent: John Sierra, Member, District 3
Gretchen Logue, Alternate, District 3
Wes Sullens, Member, District 4
Russell Driver, At-Large, Business
Nicholas Snyder, At-Large, Business
Doria Robinson, At-Large, Environmental Justice

Staff Present: Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator
Will Nelson, Department of Conservation and Development
Demian Hardman, Senior Energy Planner, Department of Conservation and Development
Chris Wikler, Field Representative, Supervisor Mitchoff
Jill Ray, Field Representative, Supervisor Andersen
Warren Lai, Deputy Director, Department of Public Works

Attendees: Marti Roach, Carol Weed, Jan Warren, Eli Krispi, Tammy Seale, Peter Engel, Tim Haile, Joanna Jansen, Joanne Fanucchi

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment

Joanne Fanucchi called for government agencies to wake up to the climate emergency in our community and our world. She asked that we speak out as a collective and apply pressure to decision makers to change things; no more business as usual.

4. APPROVE Record of Action for April 22, 2019 meeting.

The Record of Action was unanimously approved.

Motion: Despota; Second: Smith

5. RECEIVE Presentation on Contra Costa County Transportation Expenditure Plan and Sales Tax

Tim Haile, Deputy Executive Director, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), reviewed the timeline for ongoing updates to the County Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP). CCTA is on an accelerated schedule to adopt the TEP, which is required before CCTA can go to the voters to seek approval for a sales tax. CCTA is working to have this measure on the March 2020 ballot; a decision by the CCTA Board is needed in early November.

Haile reviewed the public outreach process in which CCTA is engaged. CCTA is finding that Contra Costa County residents are interested in congestion relief. There is a lot of interest in better transit as well as additional, safer modes, for example bicycling and walking. The Commission discussed with Haile the outreach strategies, the proposed allocation of funds, focus on environmental justice, polling, and other aspects of the TEP and potential sales tax measure. Haile clarified that there is not any proposal to alter the Urban Limit Line.

6. CONSIDER Recommendation to Board of Supervisors to Support Local and Regional Non-Profit Groups Regarding CCTA Transportation Expenditure Plan

Nick Despota reviewed the letter included in the agenda from a group of environmental, transit, and land use advocates regarding priorities for the County Transportation Expenditure Plan and proposed allocation of any sales tax funds. The Sustainability Commission discussed the letter and clarified with Tim Haile from CCTA that the advocates and the current CCTA proposal are aligned on the goals, and not aligned on the allocation of funds.

Nick Despota moved that the Sustainability Commission send a letter to the Board of Supervisors endorsing the priorities of the letter from the advocates, and indicating that the Sustainability Commission has no recommendation regarding allocation of funds. Kim Hazard provided a second. The Sustainability Commission endorsed this action unanimously.

7. RECEIVE Presentation on Public Involvement Strategy and Environmental Justice Issues in the General Plan and Climate Action Plan and PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS, as needed

Joanna Jansen from PlaceWorks, the consultants on the General Plan, reviewed the community meetings held to date for the General Plan and upcoming opportunities for community involvement. Jansen said the team is hearing concerns from the public regarding air quality and health, and greater access to safe bicycling, walking, and transit. Jansen encouraged people to review the Briefing Book posted at EnvisionContraCosta2040.org, which contains information on the existing conditions on a range of topics and will be considered the “baseline” for analysis purposes.

Jansen described anticipated upcoming community engagement meetings. These will include focused meetings in the fall that take advantage of specific expertise. Environmental justice and sustainability will likely be combined.

Sustainability Commission members asked about large industrial facilities and how they are accounted for in the General Plan and Climate Action Plan. There is concern about compounded health risks in communities near these facilities. Jansen noted that new State requirements for environmental justice and general plans have not changed the regulatory structure for large industrial facilities, which continue to be regulated by the State and regional air quality management districts. Will Nelson (County staff) noted

that the uses at large industrial facilities predate the County's zoning ordinances (which were first adopted in 1947) and General Plan. Sustainability Commission members were encouraged to review the online Briefing Book and provide feedback. Some Sustainability Commission members suggested it would be interesting to consider land use designations near large industrial facilities, and consider how to move people further away from them. Some also expressed interest in exploring what it would look like in Contra Costa County if these facilities closed, how to implement a Just Transition, consider green jobs, and strategies for divesting.

The group discussed outreach specific to the Climate Action Plan, in addition to the ongoing outreach for the General Plan. There is interest in helping the Sustainability Coordinator conduct community meetings in different areas of the County.

8. RECEIVE Presentation on Climate Action Plan Vulnerability Assessment and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed

Tammy Seale and Eli Krispi from PlaceWorks reviewed the vulnerability assessment, which is a component of the General plan. They also discussed goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. They noted that the State is shifting the methodology for establishing these goals to a per capita (per person) system starting in 2030, as opposed to a total reduction methodology. This is something Contra Costa County will need to decide for its Climate Action Plan. Seale and Krispi described the spectrum of implementation measures, from mandatory to voluntary to incentive-based. Sustainability Commission members agreed to research options for setting reduction goals and report back to each other at the August meeting.

9. ADOPT Environmental Justice Rubric Developed by the Commission's Environmental Justice Working Group and RECOMMEND Its Use in Updating the County's General Plan.

The Commission lost its quorum and was unable to take up this item.

10. RECEIVE UPDATE on proposal from Member, District 1, to Recommend the Use of Carbon-Neutral Building Materials in County Projects.

The Commission lost its quorum and was unable to take up this item.

11. AMEND Sustainability Commission Bylaws to Extend Term of Service for 60 days or Until an Appointment Is Made to a Vacant Seat

The Commission lost its quorum and was unable to take up this item.

12. DISCUSS Proposed Polystyrene Ordinance, and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed

The Commission lost its quorum and was unable to take up this item.

13. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission members and alternates, and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed.

The Commission lost its quorum and was unable to take up this item.

14. RECEIVE Report from Sustainability Coordinator.

The Commission lost its quorum and was unable to take up this item.

15. RECEIVE Report from Sustainability Commission Chair and IDENTIFY TOPICS for next report to Sustainability Committee.

The Commission lost its quorum and was unable to take up this item.

16. The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 26, 2019.
17. Adjourn