



Status of Policy Planning and Community Programs Operations in the Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development During the Shelter in Place



Due to the [Shelter in Place Order](#) issued by the County Health Officer on April 29, 2020 all offices of the Department of Conservation and Development are closed to the public. We continue to operate nearly all of our services and programs while working remotely and supporting the County's emergency response efforts.

The following is the current status of long range and policy planning efforts and community programs being offered by the Department. This is subject to change. The Department will update this information as conditions change.

Long Range and Policy Planning:

Long range and policy planning activities and programs are continuing to be implemented by staff working remotely and dedicating portions of their time to assisting the County with its emergency response efforts. Work is proceeding on the County's [Envision Contra Costa 2040](#) General Plan and Climate Action Plan update project, although some public outreach activities have been suspended or have been converted to virtual public meetings.

Community Programs:

Housing and Community Assistance programs like Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME projects, mortgage credits, and housing finance are continuing on a remote basis. Please use the contact information on this website for specific inquiries.

The County's Home Weatherization program is only providing services to homes with urgent residential health safety needs at this time (please click [here](#) for additional details).

The Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) has ceased all home rehabilitation activity during the effective period of the Stay At Home Health Order, but still continues to accept new applicants. Interested applicants can apply for NPP through Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley, [here](#).

Inspection, Application and Permits:

Beginning May 4, 2020, when restrictions on construction are eased by the Shelter in Place Order, the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) will resume accepting all types of building and planning applications, issuing all types of permits and conducting inspections on all types of construction. [Learn more here](#)