



## Contra Costa County

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### **Contra Costa County ADR Project Becomes 1<sup>st</sup> to Achieve TRUE Pre-Certification**

(Martinez, CA) –On November 2, 2022, Contra Costa County was recognized as a leader in sustainability and innovation at the Greenbuild International Conference at the Moscone Center in San Francisco. Contra Costa County's former Administration Building (651 Pine Street) and Jail Demolition & Redevelopment Project (ADR) has become the first government construction project in the world to achieve [Total Resource Use and Efficiency \(TRUE\) pre-certification](#). Pre-certification is the first step to achieving TRUE certification which is awarded at the conclusion of the construction based on the total performance of the project.

"What an honor it is for Contra Costa County to lead in sustainability," said Board Chair Supervisor Karen Mitchoff. "We must continue to work towards sustainable development, zero waste, and eco-friendly living. I am proud of the County's Public Works department in achieving our goals in sustainability and improving our environment."

TRUE <https://true.gbci.org/> is a zero-waste certification program used to define, pursue, and achieve zero-waste goals, cut the carbon footprint, and support public health. TRUE is administered by Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI), whose primary goal is to divert 90% of solid waste from landfills, incineration, and the environment.

Vice Chair, District 5 Supervisor Federal Glover said, "We can't fix all the issues we face on creating a more sustainable County overnight, but we have begun. Sustainable innovation projects like the ADR help us move closer to our goal of ensuring that adequate resources are available for future generations."

"Contra Costa's effort shows we can help our planet one building at a time. Our diverse communities expect us to lead the way on sustainability and fighting climate change," said District 1 Supervisor John Gioia, a member of the Board of Supervisors' Sustainability Committee. "Our former Administration Building serves as a model for what other local government agencies can do when they're committed to lead sustainably."

"We are honored that our commitments and efforts towards a more sustainable future are being recognized through the achievement of TRUE pre-certification. This shows that we have a real ability to have a lasting impact on our stewardship of resources while making our County a better place to live and work," said District 2 Supervisor Candace Andersen.

“Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time and TRUE pre-certification shows the County’s dedication to promoting waste reduction, reducing our carbon footprint, and achieving our zero-waste goals,” said District 3 Supervisor Diane Burgis.

The County Administrator’s Office and Public Works Department engaged the design-build team of Webcor/Perkins & Will in the fall of 2021 to deliver the ADR project, which includes the demolition of the Old Administration Building at 651 Pine Street as well as the Jail at 650 Pine Street. The site will then be developed with a Satellite Administration Building and Public Plaza, continuing the County’s investment in Martinez and further enhancing the County’s campus along Pine and Escobar Streets.

Chief Assistant County Administrator Eric Angstadt said, “The project team set TRUE certification as a stretch goal for the project. All partners have to be fully engaged in order to achieve such a comprehensive objective. I want to recognize all the team partners, Vanir Construction Management, our waste diversion consultant, All About Waste, and our construction partners Webcor Construction and Perkins & Will Architects, and their exemplary work to get this pre-certification.”

The County and Design-Builder team are working on various practices to reduce waste during the demolition phase of the project. A few examples include:

- Reuse furniture and office supplies from the existing building in other County buildings and the contractor’s field trailers.
- Reuse fire extinguishers, lights, and interior windows in the contractor’s field trailers and site operations.
- Pursuing closed loop lifecycle opportunities, e.g., concrete reused for subbase or winterization of the site.
- Developing and adapting a Zero Waste Policy: [\*ADR Zero Waste Management\*](#)
- Promoting waste reduction in different operational areas, e.g., the job site trailer will not have a printer onsite to reduce waste, and all construction documents will be available virtually.

Reuse efforts will continue during the design with:

- Salvaging and reusing existing marble wall panels in the new building lobby.
- Salvaging and reusing existing granite blocks in the new plaza hardscape.
- Selecting building materials with recycled content.
- Reusing or returning packaging of products or building materials that are delivered to the site.

Contra Costa County’s Administration Building and Jail Demolition & Redevelopment Project (ADR) completion is expected in the second quarter of 2024. For more information about this project, visit the County’s Public Works webpage [contracosta.ca.gov/adminbuildingdemo](https://contracosta.ca.gov/adminbuildingdemo).

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(Left) U.S. Green Building Council President & CEO Peter Templeton holds the TRUE Pre-Certification with (right) Chief Assistant County Administrator Eric Angstadt at the Greenbuild International Conference at the Moscone Center in San Francisco.