

## Contra Costa County Sustainability Exchange

October 5, 2023

1-2:30 pm

Topic: Climate Resilience

### AGENDA

- 1:00-1:05 pm: Welcome
- 1:05-1:15 pm: Networking Activity
- 1:15-1:20 pm: Share Out
- 1:20-1:40 pm: Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation
- 1:40-2:10 pm: Program/Project Spotlight
- 2:10-2:25 pm: Q&A and Large Group Discussion
- 2:25-2:30 pm: Wrap Up

### NOTES

#### Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation

Rick Kovar and Beatriz Portillo from the County's Office of Emergency Services provided an overview of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update process and its relationship to climate and sustainability topics. Kovar highlighted the new components required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency which include a greater focus on ensuring underserved populations can participate in the planning process and incorporation of climate change and its impacts into the Plan.

#### Program/Project Spotlight

Chris Bachman from the Contra Costa Fire Protection District provided an overview of the new [Wildfire Mitigation Program](#) which funds a variety of projects and sub-programs to reduce community wildfire risk countywide. Bachman highlighted the County Coordinator's role in building community awareness about the program through targeted outreach to communities where applications aren't common to let them know about the funding options available.

Tiffany Eng from the Friends of Lincoln Square Park and Kenneth Tang from the Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) presented on the [Lincoln Square Park Municipal Resilience Hub](#). Eng provided a history of the Friends of Lincoln Square Park, the community group integral to the development of the new Lincoln Recreation Center. During the design process, through community engagement efforts led by Friends of Lincoln Square Park and APEN, climate resilience features were incorporated that encourage and benefit community resilience. When asked how local governments can support the public to pursue similar climate and community resilience projects, Eng shared that the public needs to be engaged in the public process (i.e., participating in budget meetings, getting involved with the specific plan, and communicating what the community had been doing and how the park was being utilized).

Demian Hardman-Saldana from the County's Department of Conservation and Development shared key takeaways from his trip to the Sacramento Climate Resilience Hub at the La Familia Counseling Center with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## Next Steps

The next Sustainability Exchange topic will be climate action planning. We welcome your ideas for speakers, venues, and additional quarterly program topics.