



# ENVISION **CONTRA COSTA 2040**

## General Plan Update and Sustainability

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# Envision Contra Costa 2040



**General  
Plan**



**Zoning  
Code**



**Climate  
Action  
Plan**

**Environmental Impact Report**

# What is the General Plan?

- **“Constitution” for development and conservation**
  - Establishes countywide vision and supporting goals, policies, and implementation measures
  - Provides consistent direction for future development
  - Balances growth, conservation, and quality of life
  - Documents baseline environmental conditions



# Components of the General Plan

- **Required Elements**

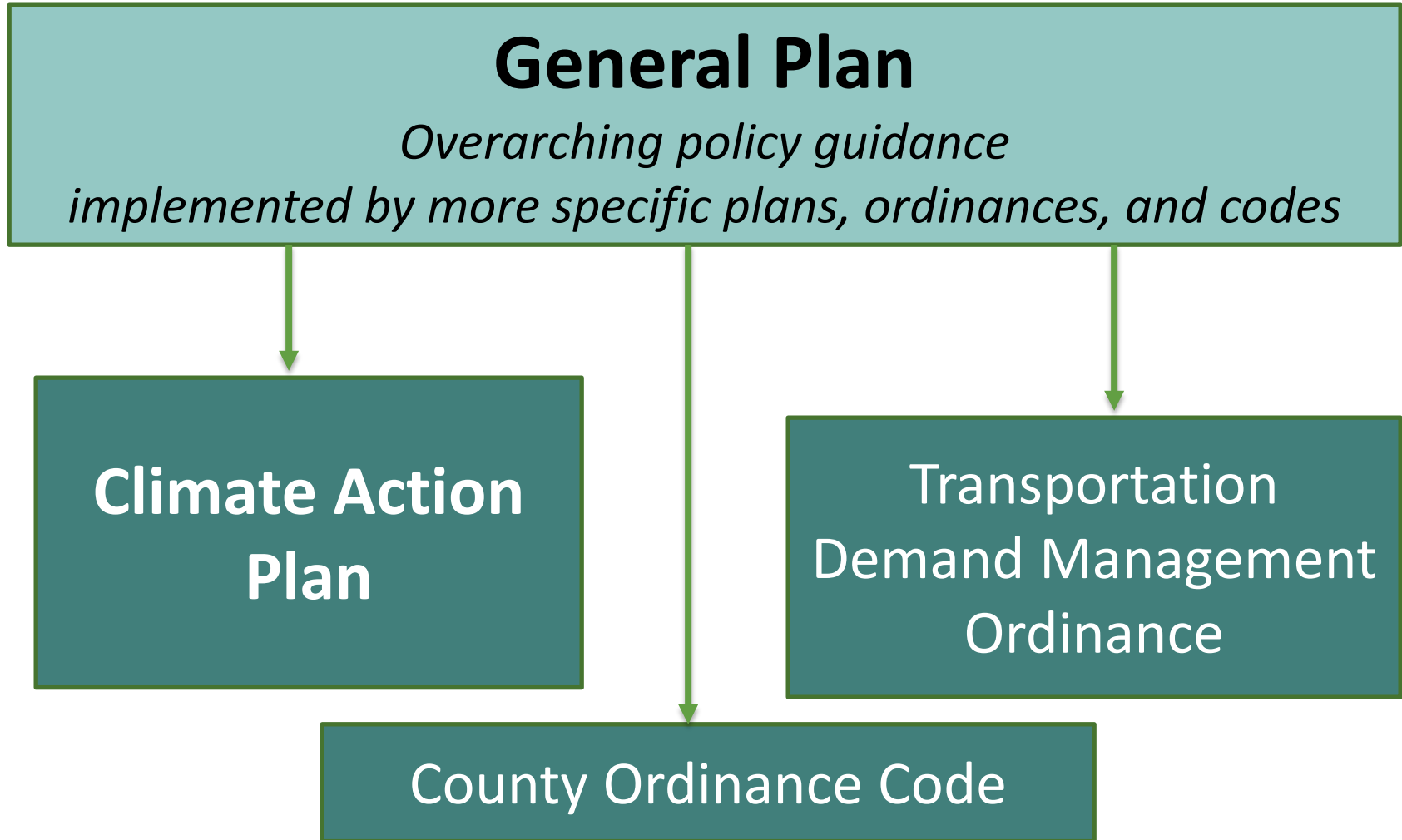
- Land Use
- Housing
- Transportation
- Safety
- Noise
- Open Space
- Conservation
- Environmental Justice

- **Optional Elements in Current General Plan**

- Growth Management
- Public Facilities/Services



# Relationship to the Climate Action Plan





# Public Outreach to Date

- Began with Board of Supervisors presentation on February 12, 2019
- Since then, staff have conducted over 100 public meetings with community members, stakeholders, and public officials
- Sustainable Rossmoor hosted a meeting on the Climate Action Plan in September 2019 – thanks!



# Current Stage of General Plan Update

- Work on the General Plan Update currently focuses on developing policy guidance, which is comprised of GOals, Policies, and Actions (aka “GOPAs”)
- GOPAs were developed from the following sources:
  - Statutory requirements;
  - Internal County staff review and comments;
  - Input received at public meetings;
  - Best practices in the planning field; and
  - The existing County General Plan
- The General Plan in compliance with many issues that are being considered by the County’s Sustainability Commission



# Planning Commission Review of Draft GOPAs

Element	Date
Land Use (LU) Element and the Public Facilities and Services (PFS) Element	February 2023
Stronger Communities (SC) Element	March 2023
Health and Safety (HS) Element	April 2023
Transportation (TR) Element	April 2023
Conservation, Open Space, and Working Lands (COS) Element	May 2023
Housing (H) Element	Summer 2022

- Check out all of the draft GOPAs on the Envision 2040 website:  
<http://envisioncontracosta2040.org/documents/>

# Sample Page of GOPA



provide living-wage jobs.

SC-P1.2



Streamline the permitting process for investment in new development, redevelopment, and rehabilitation that promotes community objectives in Impacted Communities, as identified in the Community Profiles.

SC-P1.3



Support development of small-scale walkable districts that provide a range of neighborhood-serving retail and service uses, public amenities, and related infrastructure to residents of Impacted Communities within walking distance of their homes.

SC-P1.4



Support cultural and community-driven events, such as art festivals, farmers' markets, and community service days, that support social connections, neighborhood identity, and environmental stewardship.

SC-P1.5



Maintain a streamlined process to permit and facilitate partial or temporary street closures for community-driven amenities and activities, such as parklets, farmers' markets, arts and cultural events, and outdoor dining, and assist applicants through the permit process.

SC-P1.6



For projects negatively affecting an Impacted Community, support community benefits agreements (CBAs) negotiated with the community and project applicant. The primary objective of these CBAs is to mitigate project impacts to the greatest extent possible, which could include mitigations exceeding the requirements of CEQA. Secondly, to compensate for impacts that cannot be fully mitigated, these CBAs should secure community benefits that exceed the inherent project benefits and support the community objectives identified in the Community Profile. Neighborhood-serving retail is exempt from this policy.

SC-P1.7



Ensure the ongoing staffing, funding, and other resource needs for the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice are adequately met to fulfill its mission and further the County's environmental justice goals.

## Actions

SC-A1.1



Partner with the stakeholders identified in Policy SC-P1.1 to develop and implement a plan to transition from petroleum-refining and other highly polluting industries to renewable, sustainable, and clean industries that provide living-wage jobs. The plan should address site remediation responsibilities along with timelines and strategies to improve health, safety, infrastructure, job opportunities, and revenue opportunities.

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# Sustainability Throughout the General Plan

Topic	General Plan Element					
	LU	PFS	SC	HS	TR	COS
Sustainable Economy	✓		✓		✓	✓
Sustainable Land Use	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sustainable Transportation	✓		✓	✓	✓	
Climate Change and Natural Hazards		✓	✓	✓		✓
Energy Resources				✓		✓
Management of Solid and Hazardous Waste		✓		✓		
Water Resources		✓	✓			✓
Agriculture	✓		✓			✓
Open Space and Natural Resources				✓		✓

# Examples of Relevant Subtopics

- Transition from petroleum refining to renewable and sustainable industries
- Wildfire hazards: mitigation, evacuation, interagency coordination
- Hazardous materials: managing use, transport, disposal
- Oil and gas wells: mitigation, new permit requirements
- Low-impact development: low-carbon concrete, reclaimed water, renewable energy

*A list of Draft General Plan Policies and Actions Relevant to Sustainability can be found at <https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/4273?html=true>, starting on p. 34.*





# Climate Action Plan Update

- Staff have developed draft goals and strategies for the Climate Action Plan
- The draft goals include:
  - Clean and Efficient Built Environment
  - No Waste Contra Costa
  - Reduce Water Use and Increase Drought Resilience
  - Clean Transportation Network
  - Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure
  - Climate Equity
  - Leadership
  - Implementation Strategies
- The schedule will be coordinated with the General Plan





## Next Steps

- Revise GOPAs
- Prepare draft General Plan and release for public review
  - Full draft is scheduled for release in late 2022
  - Opportunities for input on full draft General Plan after publication



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