



ENVISION CONTRA COSTA

Draft General Plan and Draft Climate Action Plan Webinar

3/26/24

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**General
Plan**



**Climate
Action
Plan**



**Zoning
Ordinance**

Environmental Impact Report

Today's Agenda

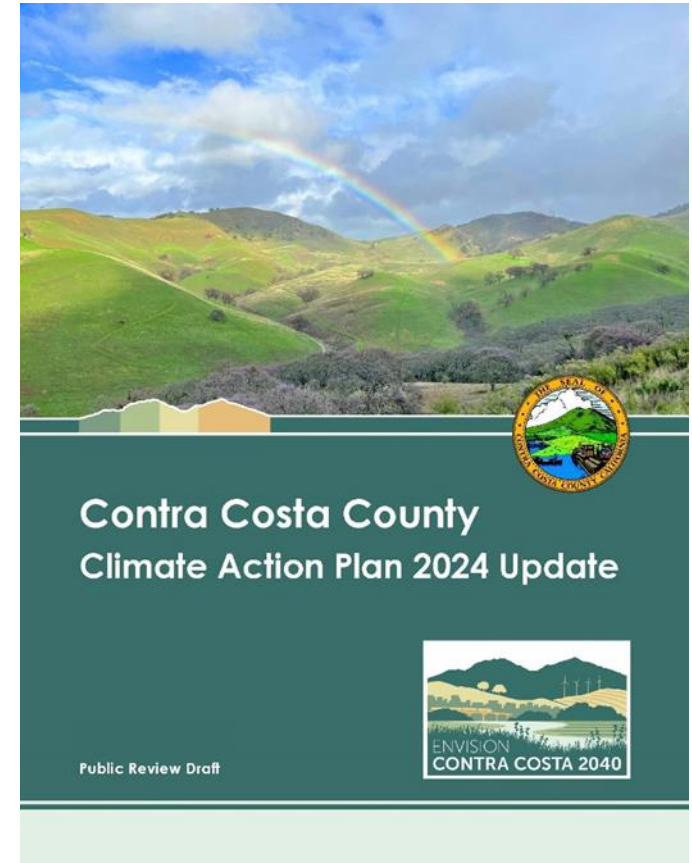
- » Draft Climate Action Plan presentation and Q&A (25 min)
- » Draft General Plan presentation and Q&A (25 min)
- » Next Steps (5 min)



Draft CAP

What is the CAP?

- » **The County's strategic plan to address climate change.**
 - Reduce GHG emissions through 2045 and beyond.
 - Help adapt to and protect against natural hazards related to climate change.
 - Promote equity on climate issues.
 - Demonstrate County leadership.
- » **Enacts the climate-related policies in the General Plan.**
- » **Acts as a roadmap to reach climate-related goals.**



Relationship to the General Plan

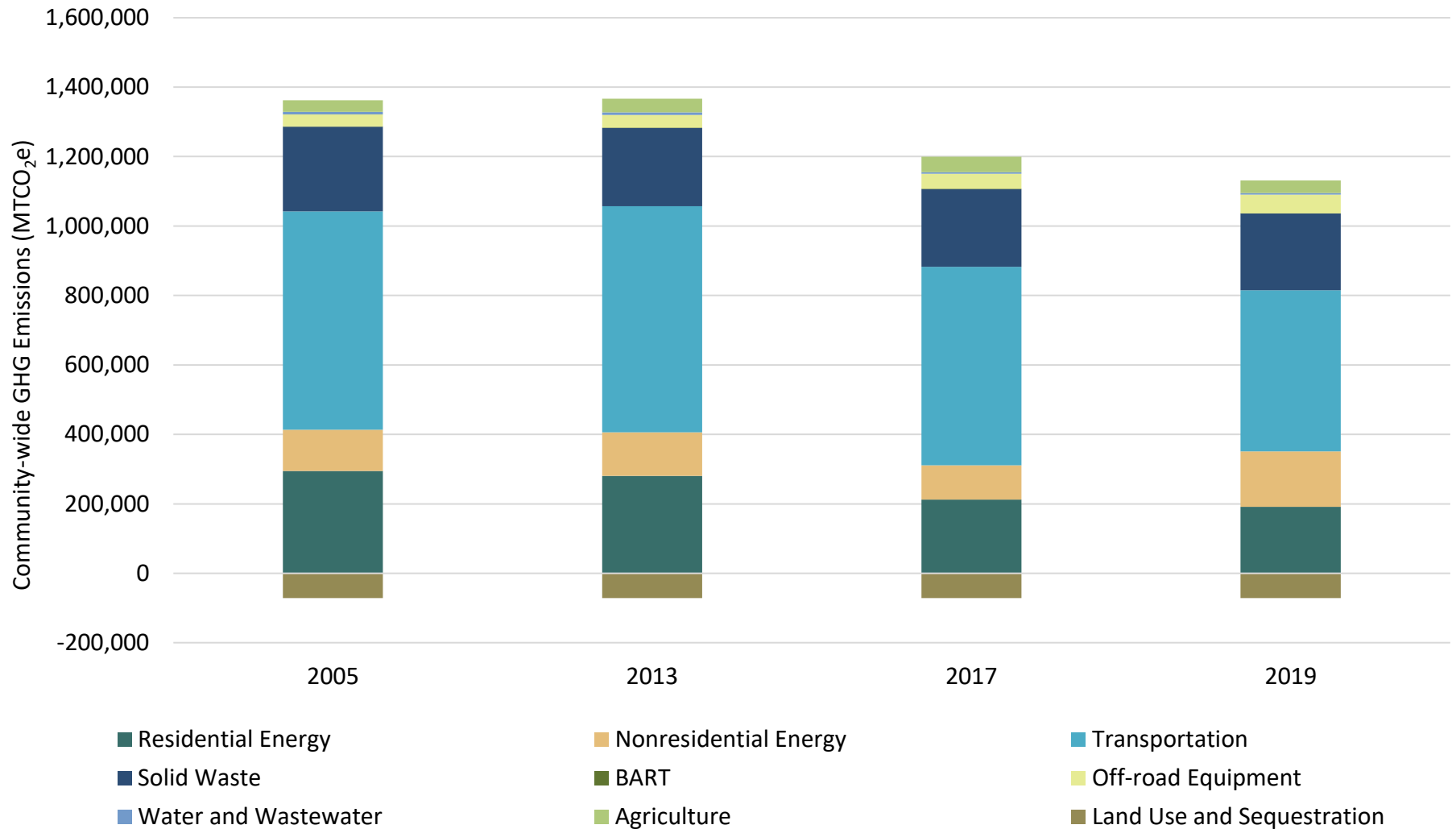
- » General Plan creates a high-level framework for the efforts in the CAP.
- » CAP efforts related to land use and adaptation are grounded in the General Plan and repeated in the CAP.
- » CAP addresses County operations in more detail.



Relationship to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- » Shows that the General Plan reduces GHG emissions consistent with State goals.
- » Acts as a Qualified GHG Reduction Plan.
 - Streamlines environmental review for new development projects that are consistent with the CAP.
- » General Plan EIR will include environmental review of CAP.

Community-wide GHG Emissions



Climate Action Plan Goals

Clean and Efficient Built Environment

No Waste Contra Costa

Reduce Water Use & Increase Drought Resilience

Clean Transportation Network

Resilient Communities and Natural Infrastructure

Climate Equity

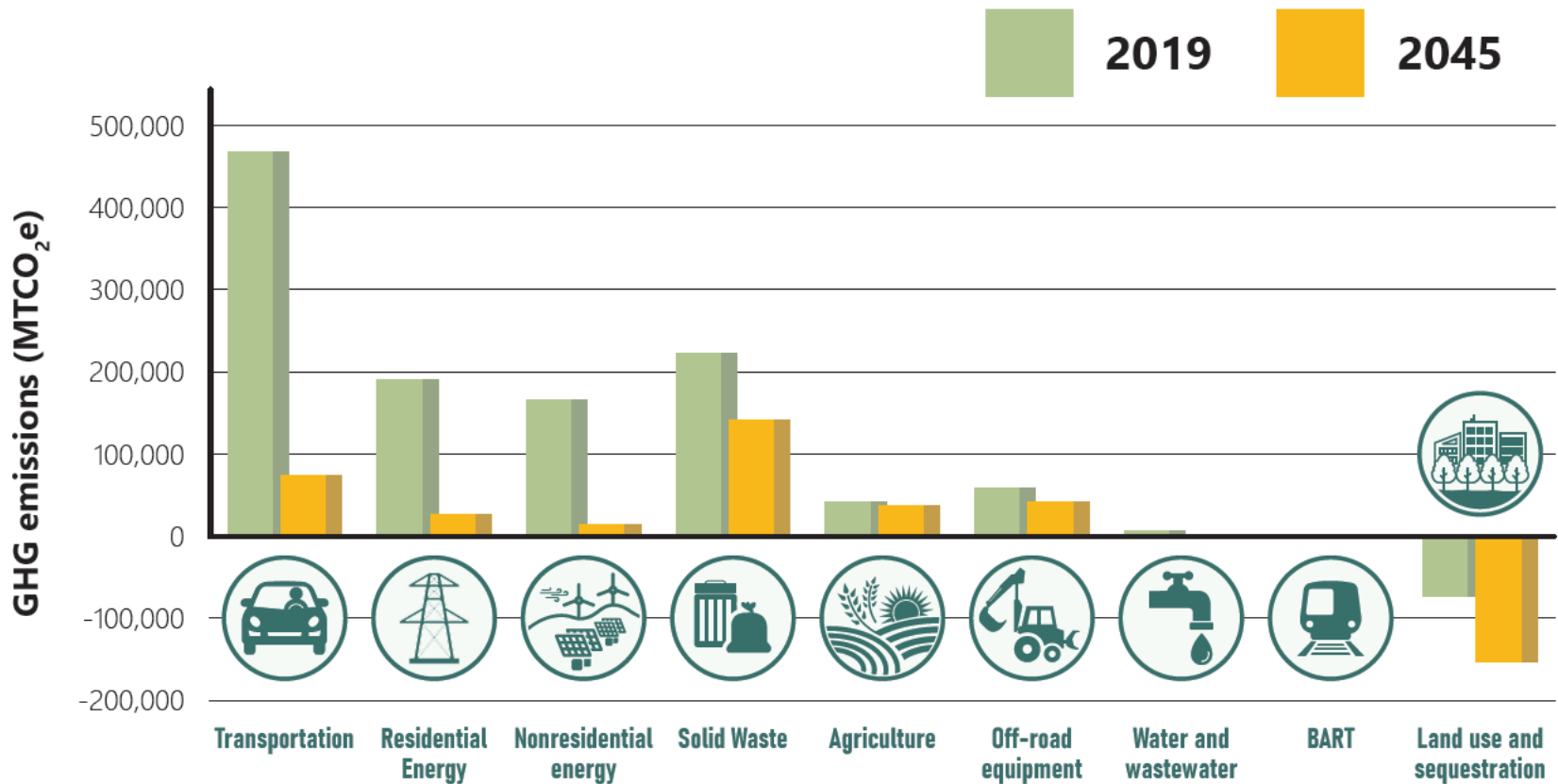
Leadership

Implementation



Achieving Our Goals

Emissions by Sector with Climate Action Plan (2019 vs 2045)



Climate Action Plan Strategies

Community

- » Clean, efficient energy
- » Resilient Infrastructure
 - Heat, drought, flood, fire, etc.
- » Bikes/walking/transit
- » Reduced waste
- » Electric vehicles
- » Locally grown fresh food

County Operations

- » Zero Emissions Fleet
- » Buildings
 - Energy, water, recycling, composting
- » Infrastructure
 - Complete Streets
 - Traffic signals
 - Green Infrastructure
- » Purchasing
- » Investments



Equity is integrated throughout the strategies

Climate Action Plan Comments

- » Include language to monitor tree canopies and ensure effective tree replacement.
- » Consider the role of artificial turf.
- » Provide greater clarification on the role of offsets.
- » Speed up CAP implementation.
- » Increase the certainty of specific commitments and more information regarding performance standards.

Draft

General Plan

General Plan Elements

Stronger Communities

Land Use

Transportation

Housing

Conservation, Open Space, and Working Lands

Public Facilities and Services

Health and Safety

Growth Management



General Plan Themes



Environmental Justice



Community Health



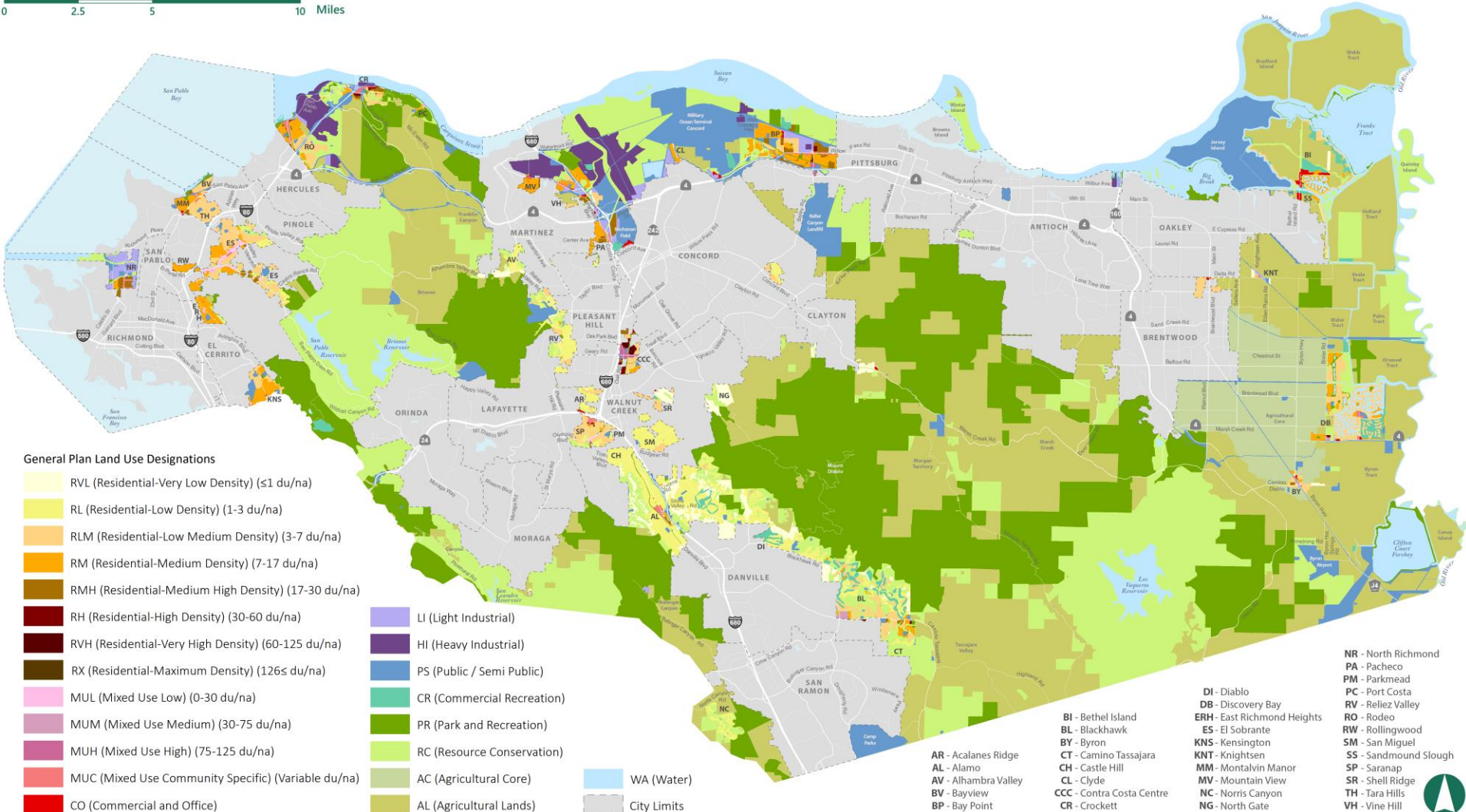
Economic Development



Sustainability

General Plan Land Use Map

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Community Profiles

PACHECO - CONTEXT - 1

Pacheco sits just east of Martinez and west of Buchanan Field Airport in central Contra Costa County. It was once a prosperous shipping center for grain exports, but fires and earthquakes in the mid-19th century resulted in much of its population relocating to Concord. Today it encompasses a variety of uses, including residential, commercial, office, and light industry. Residents take pride in being part of a neighborly, self-sufficient community with easy access to nature. The community enjoys access to the Iron Horse Trail and Contra Costa Canal Trail, which connect Pacheco to other locations in the region. Residents seek improved connections to these trails and to the Benicia Bridge to increase walking and biking options for commuting and recreation.

Commercial uses line Pacheco Boulevard and Center Avenue near Interstate 680, with surrounding areas consisting primarily of single- or multiple-family residences. The community appreciates the relatively affordable homes in the area and seeks to create additional affordable housing options, including mobile homes and teacher housing. The community would also like to reinvigorate commercial corridors by strengthening businesses along main thoroughfares. It's also important to residents that a buffer be maintained between residential areas and active commercial areas. In addition, residents are concerned about illegal dumping and homeless encampments and would like to beautify streets, minimize flooding, and support the homeless population with better services.



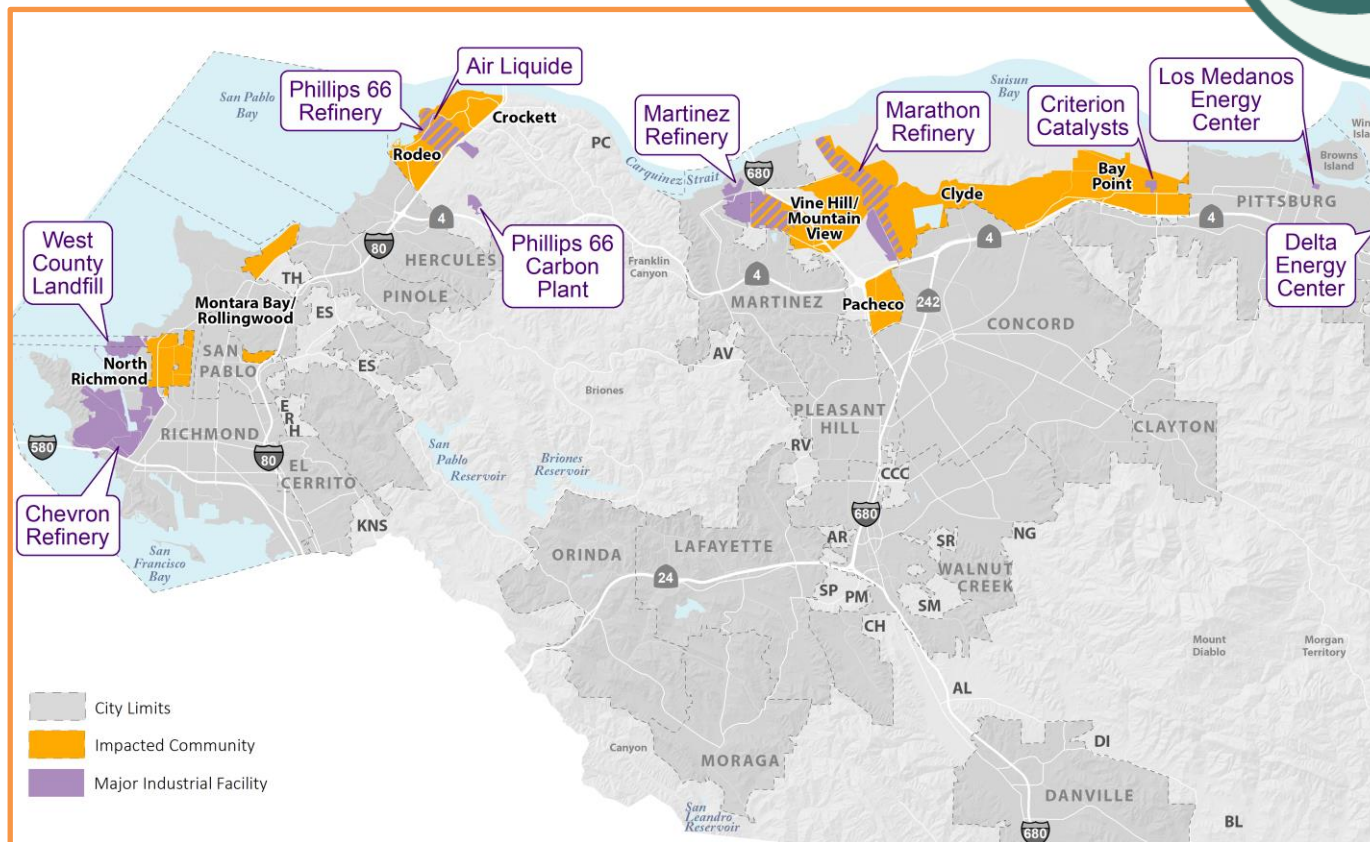
Source: Contra Costa County, 2018; PlaceWorks, 2022.

WHO LIVES IN PACHECO?

<p>Median Age 39 years old in Pacheco</p> <p>VS 40 years old in Contra Costa County</p>	<p>Average Life Expectancy 81 years old in Pacheco</p> <p>VS 81 years old in Contra Costa County</p>	<p>Median Household Income \$80,229 in Pacheco</p> <p>VS \$103,997 in Contra Costa County</p>	<p>Race & Ethnicity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 41% White ▶ 28% Hispanic or Latino ▶ 21% Asian ▶ 5% Black or African American
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Environmental Justice



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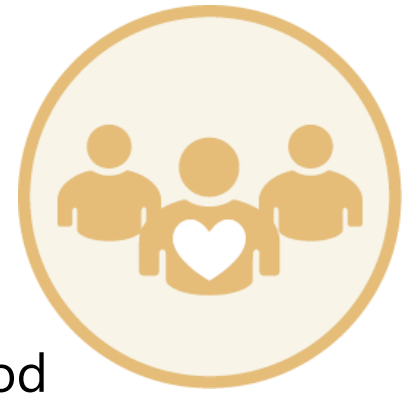


» Clean Industry & Jobs Policy Highlights:

- Plan for a transition from highly polluting industries to a healthier and more sustainable economy that provides living-wage jobs
- Require new or expanded industry to use approaches that protect nearby vulnerable populations from pollution and other hazards



Community Health



» Healthy Lifestyles Policy Highlights:

- Increase access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food
- Partner with other agencies to fund, design, and maintain high-quality parks, trails, and open spaces
- Provide opportunities for walking, biking, and other physical activity

» Vibrant Neighborhoods Policy Highlights

- Promote cultural, community-driven, and clean-up events
- Incorporate public art into new development
- Promote housing and infill development to invest in established urban areas



Economic Development



» Northern Waterfront Policy Highlights

- Strengthen the Northern Waterfront economy
- Promote clean manufacturing and technology industries
- Support development of Priority Production Areas in Bay Point and North Concord/Pacheco/Vine Hill area

» Local Workers and Businesses Policy Highlights

- Support training programs and institutions that develop and enhance local workforce skills
- Adopt an Economic Development Strategy



Sustainability



» Sustainable Land Use and Transportation Policy Highlights

- Focus on development within established communities, direct housing and jobs close together, and encourage denser development near transit with opportunities to walk and bike
- Increase access to zero-emission vehicles and reduce dependence on personal vehicles

» Natural and Working Lands Policy Highlights

- Preserve open spaces and agricultural lands
- Prioritize the health and viability of natural and working lands
- Maintain and support the 65/35 Land Preservation Standard and Urban Limit Line



General Plan Comments

- » Encourage homeownership and a diverse mix of housing types.
- » Increase residential density in areas with low pollution and access to jobs and schools using thoughtful transitions to existing development.
- » Increase accountability and ensure impacts from development are thoroughly reviewed and mitigated.
- » Add more specificity and detail to the active transportation section.

General Plan Oil & Gas Comments

- » Establish a moratorium on oil and gas production well permits while the new ordinance is being developed.
- » Increase the restrictions on oil and gas production well permits (e.g., increased setbacks from sensitive receptors or outright ban).
- » Require regular, periodic monitoring of emissions at existing oil and gas operations.

Next Steps

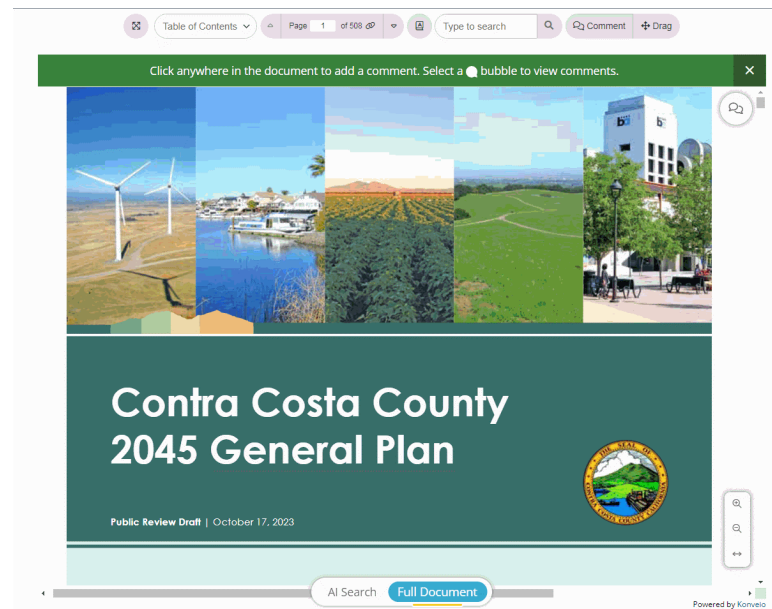
How to Comment

» Comment online:

envisioncontracosta2040.org/online-engagement

» Submit comments directly to:

email@envisioncontracosta2040.org



Schedule

- » **April 8, 2024: Public comment deadline on General Plan, CAP, and EIR**
- » **Spring - Summer 2024: Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors study sessions to review public comments**
- » **Summer 2024: Publish Final EIR**
- » **Late Summer 2024: Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Adoption Hearings**



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