



ENVISION
CONTRA COSTA 2040

North Richmond Community Meeting #2

8/13/2019

Workshop Agenda

- » Welcome and Introductions
- » Presentation:
 - Envision Contra Costa 2040 Overview
 - Community Guidance
 - Quality of Life Plan
- » Q&A
- » Small Group Conversations
- » Reports Back
- » Next Steps



Envision Contra Costa 2040



**General
Plan**



**Zoning
Code**



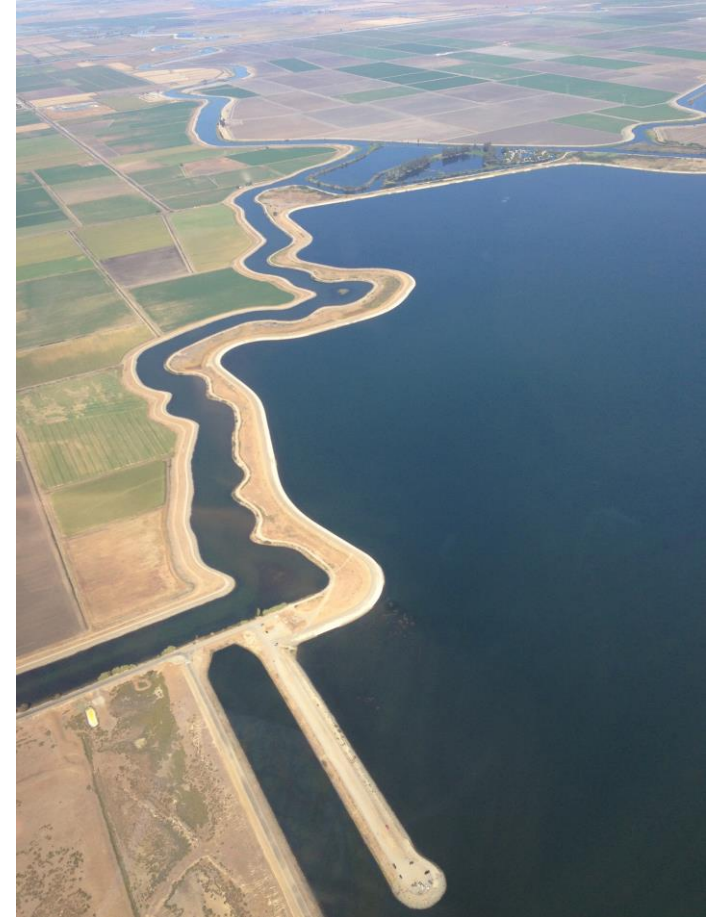
**Climate
Action
Plan**

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



What is the Zoning Code?

- » Zoning map and districts
- » Regulations that control physical development
 - Allowed uses
 - Permitting requirements
 - Specific site development standards – setbacks, parking, lighting, signage, fences, trash enclosures, etc.
- » **General Plan vs. Zoning Code**
 - Zoning Codes implement the General Plan with specific development regulations, e.g.:
 - General Plan = “Commercial”
 - Zoning Code = “Local Commercial”

Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update

» What is the CAP?

- Sets targets for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the county
- Establishes a plan to reach those targets
- Implements the climate-related policy direction of the General Plan



» Why is the CAP being updated?

- State law has changed since the CAP was adopted (in 2015)
- New strategies are available to reduce pollution
- Evolving understanding of resilience and adaptation
- Opportunity to improve how the CAP is implemented
- More extensive support for greater equity
- CAP can better integrate with the new General Plan

CAP Update

» CAP identifies steps to reduce pollution in county

» Every aspect of the community

- Efficient buildings
- Clean energy
- Transportation and land use
- Waste
- Water

» How to get involved

- Sustainability Commission Meetings August 26, October 21, December 9
- Community meetings specific to CAP in September (dates tbd)
- Contact County Sustainability Coordinator, Jody London, Jody.London@dcd.cccounty.us, 925-674-7871



Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- » **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires disclosure of a project's potential impacts on the physical environment**
- » **EIR must:**
 - Disclose information about the effects the project could have on the physical environment
 - Identify mitigation measures, if necessary
 - Describe feasible alternatives to the proposed project
- » **Public review**
 - Initial 30-day scoping period – tell us what to analyze
 - Minimum 45-day review of Draft EIR – comment on the analysis

Envision Contra Costa 2040 Process

Phase	Schedule
Existing Conditions	Winter 2018 – Spring 2019
Countywide Updates & Community Profiles	Spring – Fall 2019
Draft General Plan, Zoning Code, and Climate Action Plan	Summer 2019 – Winter 2019/2020
Environmental Impact Report and Fiscal Analysis	Fall 2019 – Summer 2020
Public Review and Adoption	Summer – Winter 2020

Opportunities for Public Involvement

- » Envisioncontracosta2040.org
- » Online Questions
- » Community-Based Meetings
- » Focused Meetings
- » Sustainability Commission
- » Planning Commission
- » Board of Supervisors



Community Workshop #1

» Key Issues

- Access to affordable and healthy food
- Community amenity opportunities on vacant lots
- Safety of streetscape for all users
- Truck traffic and industrial impacts
- Affordable housing and homelessness
- Code enforcement and illegal dumping
- Urban forests and access to nature
- Affordability, reliability, and accessibility of transit
- Appropriate mixed-use and commercial development that benefits residents



General Plan Community Guidance

» Community Profile

- Context
 - Character
 - History
 - Demographics
 - Hazards and vulnerabilities
- Guidance
 - Guiding principles
 - Policies
 - Actions



Community Workshop #1



Community Workshop #2

» Next Workshop

- Review draft profile

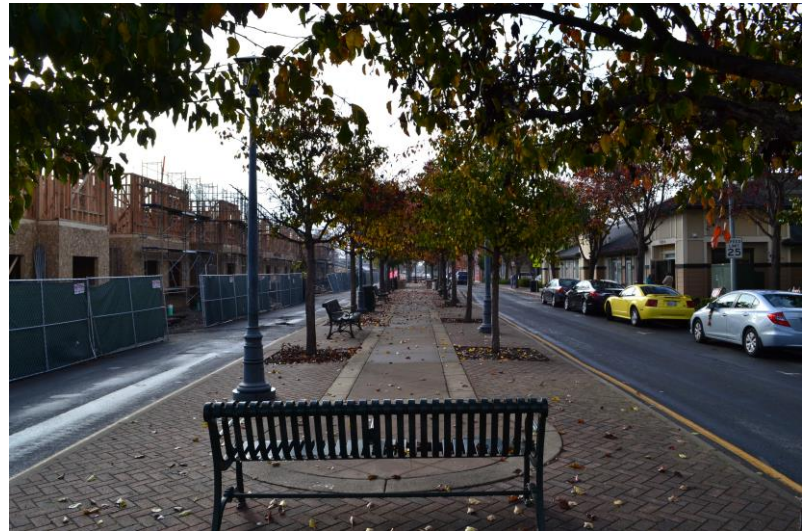
Workshop Exercise

- » **Break into small groups and discuss draft guiding principles:**
 - Are any important guiding principles missing?
 - Should draft guiding principles be changed or removed?
 - How should the County work to achieve the objectives identified in the principles?
- » **Guiding principle topics**
 - Housing
 - Youth & Education
 - Community Safety
 - Business Opportunity
- » **Related Quality of Life Plan Priorities**

Workshop Exercise

» Reports Back

- Choose a representative from your small group
- Representative summarizes highlights of your small group discussion to the larger group
- Keep reports brief (1 to 2 minutes)



Next Steps

- » Continue second round of community meetings
 - Crockett: August 15, 2019
- » Sustainability Commission Meeting: August 26, 2019
- » Focused meetings

- » Monitor website for updates:

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Priorities from the Quality of Life Plan

- » Housing
- » Youth
- » Safety
- » Business Opportunity
- » Integrated Strategies

