



Record of Action

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**
An Advisory Body to the Board of Supervisors

**Monday, June 28, 2021
5:00 P.M.**

Wes Sullens, Member, District 4, Chair	Chris Easter, Alternate, District 2	Luz Gomez, At-Large, Community Group
Sarah Foster, At-Large, Environmental Justice, Vice Chair	Mike Moore, Member, District 3	Howdy Goudey, At-Large, Community Group
Nick Despota, Member, District 1	Vacant, Alternate, District 3	Chuck Leonard, At-Large, Business
Shoshana Wechsler, Alternate, District 1	Brandon Matson, Alternate, District 4	Marisha Farnsworth, At-Large, Business
Victoria Smith, Member, District 2	Charles Davidson, Member, District 5	Isabella Zizi, At-Large, Environmental Justice
	Renee Fernandez-Lipp, Alternate, District 5	Kim Hazard, At-Large, Education

Agenda Items:

Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Commission

- Present:
- Nick Despota, Member, District 1
 - Shoshana Wechsler, Alternate, District 1
 - Victoria Smith, Member, District 2
 - Chris Easter, Alternate, District 2
 - Mike Moore, Member, District 3
 - Wes Sullens, Member, District 4, Chair
 - Brandon Matson, Alternate, District 4
 - Charles Davidson, Member, District 5
 - Renee Fernandez-Lipp, Alternate, District 5
 - Chuck Leonard, At-Large, Business
 - Marisha Farnsworth, At-Large, Business
 - Luz Gomez, At-Large, Community Group
 - Howdy Goudey, At-Large, Community Group
 - Sarah Foster, At-Large, Environmental Justice, Vice Chair
 - Isabella Zizi, At-Large, Environmental Justice
 - Kim Hazard, At-Large, Education

Absent:

- Staff Present:
- Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, Dept. of Conservation and Development
 - Demian Hardman, Senior Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development
 - Nicole Shimizu, Climate Corps Fellow, Dept. of Conservation and Development
 - Jerry Fahy, Division Manager, Public Works Department
 - Alexander Zandian, Staff Engineer, Public Works Department
 - Robert Sarmiento, Planner, Dept. of Conservation and Development
 - Jeff Valeros, Associate Civil Engineer, Public Works Department

Attendees:

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Public Comment
There were no public comments.
3. APPROVE Record of Action for April 26, 2021 meeting.

The Record of Action for the April 26, 2021 meeting was approved.

MOTION: Despota SECOND: Smith

4. RECEIVE REPORT from Green Building Working Group and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed. (Nick Despota, Luz Gomez, Chris Easter, Sustainability Commission)

Nick Despota, Sustainability Commission member, presented the Green Building Working Group's report and asked the Commission for its support bringing the report to the Board of Supervisors.

Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, and Demian Hardman, Senior Energy Planner, updated the Commission on the building electrification reach code for new construction's progress as it related to the agenda item.

The Sustainability Commission discussed the report's findings and recommendations. It discussed the findings related to the scope of the report's recommendations, the unintended consequences of allowing possibly toxic materials to be reclaimed and resold, the impact of building electrification on labor and affordable housing, the timeline associated with a building electrification reach code for new construction, and low carbon concrete.

During public comment, several members of the public voiced their support of the building electrification reach code adoption. Rhoda Fry urged the Commission to look at building energy use reduction, citing Passive House as a favorable model. London added that she received one public comment on this item and noted that all written comments would be attached to the meeting minutes.

The Commission decided to table the working group's fifth recommendation. Despota said he would research more on the topic of low carbon concrete. Wes Sullens suggested that the working group keep meeting and sharing its learnings with the Commission.

London said she would work with the working group to write the letter of recommendation to the Board.

Chuck Leonard motioned to recommend recommendations one through four from the working group's report as a letter to the Board of Supervisors with additional considerations made for labor standards, project labor agreements, and apprenticeships at an expedited pace. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the motion.

MOTION: Leonard SECOND: Foster

5. RECEIVE REPORT from Contra Costa County Public Works Department on County Active Transportation Plan and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed. (Jerry Fahy, Contra Costa County Public Works Department)

The team of County staff working on the County's Active Transportation Plan introduced the plan: Jerry Fahy, Public Works Department Division Manager, Alexander Zandian, Public Works Department Staff Engineer, Robert Sarmiento, Department of Conservation and Development Planner, and Jeff Valeros, Public Works Department Associate Civil Engineer.

Alexander Zandian presented an overview of the County's Active Transportation Plan. The Plan aspires to increase safety, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and enhance public health by increasing access and connectivity to the active transportation network. Zandian outlined the first phase of public outreach conducted and introduced the second phase of outreach.

The Commission had questions about planning for electric bikes (e-bikes), bike network long-range connectivity, outreach to disadvantaged communities, safety measures, inclusion of discussion around safe routes to school, coordination efforts with cities to implement the plan, and how the Commission could support the development of the Plan.

The Commission voiced interest in being involved with the Plan's second phase of outreach to provide comments on the draft Plan.

There was no public comment on this item.

6. RECEIVE REPORT from Active Transportation Working Group and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed. (Wes Sullens, Sarah Foster, Renee Fernandez-Lipp, Sustainability Commission)

Wes Sullens reported that the working group has not met yet.

7. RECEIVE REPORT from Phillips 66 and Marathon Petroleum on Pending Applications to Process Renewable Fuel and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed. (Stephen Konig, Marathon, and Adrienne Ursino, Phillips 66)

Nik Weinberg-Lynn, manager of renewable energy projects at the Rodeo Phillips 66 site, presented an overview of the Rodeo Phillips 66 facility and addressed questions submitted prior to the meeting regarding feedstock, hydrogen capacity, facility retooling timeline, and projected emissions associated with producing renewable diesel. Aimee Henry gave an overview of Phillips 66 local charitable contributions.

Amber Larsen, Environmental Health and Safety Manager at Marathon Martinez's facility, and Steve Konig, Plant Manager, presented an overview of Marathon's plans, outcomes, and projected statistics for retooling the facility for renewable fuels. Konig emphasized the facility's plans to relinquish its operating permits to process petroleum or crude oil, signaling Marathon's commitment to renewable diesel. Larsen and Konig focused their presentation on addressing submitted questions around the project's benefits, stakeholder outreach, land use impacts, carbon intensity, and future demand for renewable diesel.

The Sustainability Commission had questions for both refineries around permitting, sustainable feedstock requirements and land use intensity, upstream water consumption, future market demand for renewable diesel, and projected pollution reduction in Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5).

Jody London noted a number of written comments in support of Phillips 66 were submitted on this agenda item and would be attached to the meeting minutes.

During public comment, Tyson Bagley voiced strong support for Rodeo Phillips 66.

Wes Sullens recommended finding a meeting to continue discussion on this agenda item before the scheduled August 23, 2021 meeting.

London detailed the logistics related to a Commission tour of the refineries as well as the process for making formal recommendations on the agenda item. London stated she would poll the Commission members for a special meeting to discuss this item further and confer with appropriate County staff about the advice received previously on the Commission's abilities regarding public proposals under review.

Victoria Smith noted that the agenda item came as an advisory item. Smith requested educational sessions by County Staff/Subject Matter Experts to inform the Commission of what jurisdiction the

Commission has regarding the pending applications and what the sustainability issues are.

8. RECEIVE UPDATE on and DISCUSS Implementation of Climate Emergency Resolution.

Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator, noted that the building electrification reach code update was already discussed during agenda item 2. London reported that she is working with the Interdepartmental Climate Action Task Force in preparation for their second report of the year, County staff is monitoring Congressman DeSaulnier's current legislation to fund Just Transition work, and the carbon sequestration study received three bids which will be decided on in July.

There was no public comment on this item.

9. RECEIVE Reports from Sustainability Commission members and alternates, and PROVIDE DIRECTION as needed.

Wes Sullens brought up two topics: refinery tours and an in-person retreat. Howdy Goudey, Mike Moore, and Charles Davidson voiced interest in potentially taking a refinery tour.

Mike Moore recommended his fellow Commissioners read the recent Pollin report on Just Transition.

Brandon Matson suggested creating a working group to establish a formal definition of sustainability for the Commission. Jody London reminded the Commission that its mission centers around Climate Action Plan (CAP) implementation.

There was no public comment on this item.

10. RECEIVE Report from Sustainability Coordinator.

Jody London reported that the Board of Supervisors will be resume in-person meetings in September while retaining the opportunity for the public to participate remotely. It is uncertain how this will affect advisory bodies such as the Commission.

11. RECEIVE Report from Sustainability Commission Chair and IDENTIFY TOPICS for next report to Ad Hoc Committee on Sustainability.

Wes Sullens stated that his report to the Committee would be an update of the Commission's meeting as well as introducing the green building recommendations. Sullens tabled the in-person retreat further into the calendar year when the Commission goes back to in-person meetings.

12. The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 28, 2021.

13. Adjourn

Attachment A:

Public Comment Received Via Zoom Chat

From [Renee Fernandez-Lipp](#) to All panelists and attendees: 06:33 PM
It's ok, Jody. Just wanted to ask if the team has considered working with MCE to offer incentives for e-bikes? Sonoma Clean Power launched a program recently and it was fully subscribed within a short period of time.

From [Marti Roach](#) to All panelists and attendees: 06:47 PM
where will you get the feedstock?

From [Shoshana W.](#) to All panelists and attendees: 06:55 PM
Why has P66 asserted that the County Industrial Safety Ordinance and BAAQMD flaring rules would not apply to the facility post-conversion to renewable diesel refining?

From [Nik Weinberg-Lynn](#) to All panelists and attendees: 06:59 PM
Please visit rodeorenewed.com/webinar to see the full presentation with Q&A

From [Denice Dennis, Ohlone Land, El Cerrito](#) to All panelists and attendees: 07:02 PM
Where do the feedstocks come from? I have read that these will come from very under-resourced communities that will see their soybean and other food products go so high in price that they will no longer be available to communities that depend on them.

From [Shoshana W.](#) to All panelists and attendees: 07:24 PM
Didn't Marathon lay off 400 workers last Spring?

From [Shoshana W.](#) to All panelists and attendees: 07:42 PM
It's still an open question as to whether these projects are really GHG-reducers....