

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' TRANSPORTATION/ PLANNING COMMITTEE

Monday, December 4, 2023  
1:30 p.m.

Supervisor David Haubert, Chair  
Supervisor Nate Miley

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor  
County Administration Building  
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

## Summary/Action Minutes

- I. **Update from the Alameda County Agricultural Advisory Committee – Continued to a future meeting.**  
Karl Wentz, Chair, Alameda County Agricultural Commission

II. **Discussion to Adopt a Code of Ethics Policy for County Departments**

David Haubert, Vice-President, Board of Supervisors, District 1, convened a discussion about improving the County's approach to handling public interactions and project management. He emphasized the need for pre-qualification meetings, a unified project tracking portal, and improved communication between departments. Other suggestions included assigning a project manager or ombudsman to guide applicants through the process, ensuring timely, courteous, and solution-oriented responses. The goal is to improve transparency, efficiency, and the overall experience for applicants and community members.

Albert Lopez, Director, Planning Department, Community Development Agency, reported that many of the recommendations from the Baker Tilly report are being implemented, with coordination through the County Administrator's Office. The Planning Department has re-instituted pre-application meetings and introduced a shared portal with the Building Department for various permits and complaints. The Planning Department is committed to improving customer service, dedicating staff to process improvements, and adapting to new housing regulations that reduce discretion and streamline processes. A formal response to the fifty (50) recommendations in the Baker Tilly report is expected soon.

### Speakers

Kelly Abreu and Jason Bezis commented on the Discussion to Adopt a Code of Ethics Policy for County Departments.

### Purpose:

- Report progress  
 Advocacy or Education  
 Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation  
 Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

- III. **Discussion of Possible Moratorium on all Septic Systems in East County – Continued to a future meeting.**  
David Haubert, Vice-President, Board of Supervisors, District 1

#### **IV. Presentation of the Alameda County Draft Community Climate Action Plan & Safety Element**

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Alison Abbors, Staff Planner, Alameda County Planning Department, Community Development Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation and staff report on the public draft Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) and the public draft Safety Element.

The updates are part of the county's General Plan, last revised in 2013 and 2014, with significant overlap in climate adaptation and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures. The CCAP is a comprehensive update, while the Safety Element aligns with state law. Public drafts were released in October 2023, with adoption expected in early 2024. Community engagement was central to the development process.

Key highlights include:

- The previous CCAP set GHG reduction targets, but transportation remains a significant emissions challenge.
- The updated CCAP focuses on new topics like equity, climate resilience, and life-cycle GHG accounting. It also aligns with California's goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.
- The CCAP includes a production-based and consumption-based GHG inventory, setting targets for emissions reduction, including a 40% reduction by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2045.
- Chapter 5 outlines various strategies, from land use and mobility improvements to waste management and climate resilience.
- Chapter 6 focuses on implementation, prioritizing actions such as improving bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and expanding electric vehicle charging stations.
- Questions from the Board emphasized the need for specific action plans, including identifying key gaps in pedestrian and bike networks, and clear goals for EV charging station placements.

#### **Speakers**

Kelly Abreu commented on the Community Climate Action Plan & Safety Element.

#### **Purpose:**

**Report progress**

**Advocacy or Education**

Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation

Other:

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

#### **V. Update on the Proposed Amendments to East County Area Plan and County General Ordinance Code Title 17 to Promote Development of Visitor-serving Uses Supporting the South Livermore Valley Wine Region**

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Liz McElligott, Assistant Agency Director, Community Development Agency, presented a staff report on the Proposed Amendments to the East County Area Plan, to Promote Development of Visitor-serving Uses supporting the South Livermore Valley Wine Region.

In March of 2022, staff received a letter from the Tri-Valley Conservancy (TVC) with a list of proposed amendments to ECAP and the County Zoning Ordinance intended to promote the development of economically sustainable agricultural operations in the South Livermore Valley. After discussions between County planning staff and TVC board members and staff, TVC provided a revised set of proposed amendments dated July 5, 2023, and additional revisions were included in the attached document, dated July 27, 2023.

The main barrier to progress is staff capacity, as the team is currently busy with other projects like the housing element, climate action plan, and safety element. Funding is needed to hire a consultant for a required CEQA review, which will start once resources are secured. Although some initial work might begin this fiscal year, significant progress won't happen until the new fiscal year. These amendments are not directly related to the 2022 Measure D, although some aspects of Measure D have been incorporated into the East County Area Plan.

**Speakers**

Dick Schneider and Kelly Abreu commented on the Proposed Amendments to East County Area Plan and County General Ordinance Code Title 17 to Promote Development of Visitor-serving Uses Supporting the South Livermore Valley Wine Region.

**Purpose:**

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education
- Request Transportation and Planning Committee recommendation
- Other:

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**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jason Bezis, an attorney for the Alameda County Taxpayers Association, expressed concern about the lack of environmental protection for vineyards in Alameda County. He suggested that the county should follow the models of Napa and Sonoma counties, which have ordinances limiting vineyard development on hillsides and near waterways.