

Contra Costa County Sustainability Exchange
July 24, 2018
10:00 am -12:00 pm

Concord City Hall
1950 Parkside Drive
Permit Center Conference Room, Building D
Concord, CA

Desired Results from this Meeting:

- Understand the plans and associated opportunities for development of the Concord Naval Weapons Station
- Network
- Learn from colleagues across the County

Agenda:

9:30 Arrive, network, snacks

10:00 Welcome

10:10 Open Forum and Introductions
Share News, Updates, Projects

10:40 Presentation on Concord Naval Weapons Station
Joan Ryan, Community Reuse Area Planner, City of Concord
Guy Bjerke, Director of Reuse Planning, City of Concord
Mark Luckhardt, Lennar / FivePoint

11:10 Small Group Collaboration:
Issues and Opportunities Presented by the Concord Naval Weapons Station

- Transportation (Lennar / FivePoint; Peter Engel)
- Utilities and Green Buildings (Mark Luckhardt; Michael Cass)
- Open Space (Joan Ryan; Jody London)

11:40 Share Out

11:55 Next Steps, Announce Next Meeting, complete “exit ticket” comments

12:00 Adjourn

Networking Lunch (no-host)

Notes

Open Forum

- Pinole is working on a trash capture ordinance.
- The Contra Costa County Resource Conservation District is working with a farmer in the eastern part of the County on a carbon sequestration project. The RCD also has obtained planning grants for a horizontal, living levee in Rodeo. The RCD is holding a fundraiser in August at the Ruth Bancroft Garden.
- The County's Integrated Pest Management program is focused right now on weed management at County facilities and bedbugs. The County is ramping up code enforcement regarding bedbugs.
- San Pablo is installing electric vehicle charging stations at City Hall; they are currently working to maximize funds so they can install at minimum 10 ports. San Pablo also is entering into a memorandum of understanding with CalTrans and the nearby refinery to fund improvements that support the City's complete streets policy. Finally, San Pablo is expanding its focus on assistance for homeless individuals, investing \$5 million over four years. This work includes a big data collection project.
- Antioch has been focused on administrative duties related to solid waste. Antioch recently hosted a Fix-It Clinic in conjunction with the Contra Costa Library. People brought in their broken appliances and gadgets, and others were there to help them repair the items. Antioch will focus on reaching people under age 50 for future clinics. The Antioch Resource Coordinator is working with high school engineering and technology academies.
- The Small Business Development Commission relocated recently to Concord. The SBDC uses state and federal funds to help launch and support small businesses. The SBDC is looking for satellite locations. In September they will be addressing cities and chambers of commerce in the central part of the County to discuss opportunities to promote home-based businesses.
- The Contra Costa Water District reported that water use is still down: 25% below 2013 levels. CCWD has a lawn-to-garden rebate program and is looking for education and marketing partners. Integrated pest management and runoff are big areas of focus as people re-do their landscapes. A new State law effective in 2019, SB 407, requires new, low-flow plumbing fixtures. As part of its green business recertification, CCWD is developing an environmentally preferable purchasing policy.
- The Central Sanitary District noted that it has an environmentally preferable purchasing policy.
- Contra Costa County's current planning group is working on policies related to cannabis and short-term rentals, as well as a potential revamp of the County's zoning ordinances. Contra Costa County's transportation planning group is working on, among other things, a dockless bike share policy and a feasibility study of a short-line railroad in the Pittsburg/Antioch area. The County is beginning work on an update to its General Plan. The County will be working with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority on an electric vehicle readiness blueprint, which is being funded through a grant from the California

Energy Commission. The County will be working with the cities of San Pablo, Antioch, and Walnut Creek and Sustainable Contra Costa on Cleaner Contra Costa, an online platform that will allow County residents to register the actions they are taking to reduce damage to the climate. Cleaner Contra Costa is being funded through a grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and is expected to kick off in the fall of 2018.

- County Connection is looking at restructuring service routes and modifying fares.
- The County Flood Control District is working on the Lower Walnut Creek restoration; the project is in the design and permitting stage. The Flood Control District will be offering tours of Lower Walnut Creek in September; dates to be determined. They also are working with the Coastal Hazards Adaptation Resilience Group (CHARG) to look at the science behind sea level rise and climate change.
- The City of Concord is amending its parking ordinance to allow reduced parking. Concord also is working on an update to its polystyrene ban.
- The City of Walnut Creek is enrolling its municipal accounts on MCE's Deep Green service. Walnut Creek is looking to install electric vehicle chargers, and is possibly considering a plastic straw ban.

Concord Naval Weapons Station

Guy Bjerke from the City of Concord and Mark Luckhardt from Lennar/Five Point provided an overview of the process for developing the Concord Naval Weapons Station and the plans. The presentations are posted on the Sustainability Exchange web page. Participants then broke into small groups to discuss issues and opportunities this project presents.

Small Group Reports

The transportation group talked about the opportunity to create jobs at the Naval Weapons Station. Participants asked about first mile/last mile solutions. They talked about the roles of the City and Five Point over the long-term, and who will hold the vision for such a large project. They also discussed the expectations of mass transit, and explored concerns about this project creating more congestion.

The utilities/green buildings group talked about how to avoid stranded assets with recycled water, using integrated pest management techniques in the new buildings, and the role of MCE. There were some questions about handling waste, and about whether the project will be able to incorporate direct potable water reuse.

The open space/parks group discussed the land use plan, including how much space will go to the East Bay Regional Park District and what will be included in the tournament facility. They discussed making the Port Chicago Memorial more accessible to the public and options for reusing the bunkers. They also wondered what education institution will occupy the 120 acre campus.