

OurCounty 2021 Annual Report Draft for Public Comment				
Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office (CSO)				
Response to Public Comment				
Source	Name or Organization	Report Section	Comment	Response
Comment Letter	The Nature Conservancy	General	Support vegetated nature based solutions	Support noted
Comment Letter	The Nature Conservancy	Action 1	For Goal 1, Action 1 which references limiting the siting of new sensitive uses at least 500 feet from freeways, the Conservancy recommends that each potential new siting be analyzed to determine opportunities to improve air quality less than 500 feet from freeways by incorporating vegetated nature-based solutions into those areas.	Language revised; implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	The Nature Conservancy	General	When partnering with community-based organizations who have limited funding and capacity, the Conservancy recommends providing a budget to compensate any anticipated outreach costs, in addition to stipends compensating community participants for their time participating. Other best practices include providing free food at all public events, supporting childcare options, and compensating transportation costs. The Conservancy also recommends incorporating recommendations from community-based organizations about how to proactively address barriers to community participation, including technological access, language, culture, and message relevance. In particular, the Conservancy recommends that all Los Angeles County agencies consider robust community engagement with tribes and tribal organizations who continue to connect with and relate to water in Los Angeles in important ways. Many tribes and tribal organizations continue to be key stewards and caretakers of our scarce resources in the face of significant challenges.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 28A, 28B, 29, 30	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 34, 35	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 43	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 47, 56	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 59, 60	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 92	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 97	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 114	It states that the net zero water ordinance for new development priority was removed as a priority, and it is not clear if this is a temporary or permanent removal of the priority. I hope it is only temporary, as it demonstrates a real commitment to water self-reliance and conservation that although may be nearly realized through other independent and cumulative policies, isn't as strong of a statement as net zero water.	Language revised; comment noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 119	Action 119 was to ensure all county facilities over 25,000 sq ft report energy and water use to the energy star portfolio manager. My question related to this action is whether this should be updated to 20,000 sq ft to be consistent with Action 85, which sets the minimum size for energy and water benchmarking at 20,000 sq ft?	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 130	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Comment Letter	UCLA Sustainable LA Grand Challenge	Action 148, 149	Offer of support/partnership	Support noted
Office Hours	Susan Campisi, Dorothy Wong	General	Concern about trees and treatment of trees in Altadena area. Suggest relying on established community based organizations and others who have local knowledge on the ground. Suggest a multibenefit solution approach to tree management, considering factors such as heat and resilience. Inquired about tree plan for unincorporated county areas.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Office Hours	Indivisible California Green Team	General	Concern about recent agreement with CPUC and utilities, and how it will impact adoption, availability, and affordability of distributed solar resources in the County. Suggest more grants and low-income loads to all residents for rooftop solar. Suggest the need for specific measurable goals related to rooftop solar. Keeping a robust net metering program in place is very important. Solar is a big part of the solution for decarbonization, and a complement to other energy efficiency measures taken in a highly decarbonized building.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Office Hours	Thomas Riebs	General	The County is not taking advantage enough of the potential to engage with international stakeholders. In particular, there are engagement opportunities with businesses, who could be a primary beneficiary of improved walkability/bikeability as more people access their stores. The five focus areas of my business are air, water, clean energy, mobility, and infrastructure.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Office Hours	Ban SUP	General	Concern about the plastics crisis and the nexus of climate change, water, and plastics. Three main points are: (1) adding teeth to ordinances related to plastics to strengthen them and close loopholes for bad actors, (2) the City and County should take the lead and model the way forward for reducing single use plastics, and (3) educate the public about the plastics crisis, including working with global media firms.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	General	Recommend that the County pursue local climate action by advancing low-cost, high-impact strategies	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 2	Recommended adding a oil and gas phase out plan that would be implemented in 5 years	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 29	Recommended adding that the urban heat island strategy include both nature-based strategies as well as high-albedo surfaces.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 43	Recommended that UFMP also consider soil remediation in pollution-burdened communities so that new trees can thrive.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 49	Noted that affordability and a mix of uses are critical ingredients to fostering inclusive, complete communities.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 50	Noted that wider, ADA-accessible sidewalks with shade trees, high-visibility crosswalks, as well as improved pedestrian-scale lighting can encourage people to travel outside of cars and make for more vibrant neighborhood streets.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 56	Noted that the County should encourage further infill development, one of the most effective strategies to reduce GHGs within the County's purview.	Language revised; implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.

Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 85	Identified public safety, public health, air quality, affordability, and climate benefits related to all-electric building codes, which are now being used by over 40 local governments in CA	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 90	Support	Support noted
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 92	Recommended pursuing state and federal funds for EVSE	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 93	Recommended commitment to phase out of internal combustion engine vehicles by 2025	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 99	Support	Support noted
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 100	Recommended funding free transit through a streamlined, accessible process using repurposed funding that had been set-aside for highway widenings/expansions.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 101	Support	Support noted
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 107	Recommended that the single use plastic phase out should adopting new and improving existing policy to prevent manufacturers from circumventing bans (e.g., bag bans); leading by example by banning single use plastics at County facilities and by County contractors; and educating the public on the plastics crisis, the impacts on water and greenhouse gas emissions, the truth about plastic downcycling not recycling, and existing alternatives to single use plastics.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 128	Support	Support noted
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 132	Support	Support noted
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	Action 158	Recommended County Green Purchasing Policy consider priority for firms that use zero/low-carbon mobility solutions, utilize TDM, and implementation waste reduction practices	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	General	Recommend new action on aligning transportation spending with climate, public health, and air quality goals.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Active SGV et al	General	Recommend new action on local solar rooftop generation and storage	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Acton Town Council	Action 5	DPH has never conducted any engagement with our community about industrial facilities; ATC requests that CEO confer with DPH to understand the extent of engagement they have done, whether any has been done in North County and if not why, and revise the report to reflect that.	Language revised; comment noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Acton Town Council	Action 11	GDDs will not be the panacea that is described in the report because majority of illegal dumping takes place outside of their coverage areas; ATC requests that the report language be revised to reflect that GDDs are not sufficient to address the problem.	Language revised; comment noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Acton Town Council	Action 35	DPW has not yet engaged our community around the County Water Plan; concern that this might not be possible to achieve based on the tight schedule to release the draft plan by Spring 2022; request to revise the report to reflect extent of engagement so far	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Acton Town Council	Action 53	Concern that the equitable design guidelines will be binding and applied to all projects in unincorporated areas, without regard for differences between urban/suburban/rural areas; indication that ATC has not been able to obtain any information about the revisions or the consultants hired to help develop them; and request that the County provide copies of consultant contract and documentation of relevant Title 22 revisions, and work with Acton on the guidelines.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Acton Town Council	Action 56	Concern that the recommendations for limiting large-scale development come from a report issued under the "Community Planning for Wildfire Program" (CPAW), which will prohibit all discretionary subdivisions, contrary to previous County commitments to not block small residential development or minor land divisions; request that the Draft Report be revised to clarify that implementation will focus solely on large-scale developments and that CPAW recommendations prohibiting minor divisions and imposing discretionary review procedures on ministerial development will not be implemented.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Acton Town Council	Action 70	ATC has been unable to find a copy of the document referenced in the report and was not engaged in the process; request that the County provide a copy and include ATC in future engagement.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Acton Town Council	Action 85	Concern that the report does not list unincorporated communities as one of the stakeholder groups to be engaged; request that the County engage with Acton as soon as possible.	Language revised; implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Office Hours	WeTap.org	Action 27	Request that the County prioritize installation of public water fountains, and do more education and outreach	Action 27 has been added to the Priorities List.
Office Hours	Anne Chomyn	General	Feels the County doesn't communicate enough about sustainability goals and projects; would like to have a better understanding of how Action 9 will be implemented; posed a question about whether ZEV charging infrastructure can also support charging of lawn equipment; request that County take a position on AB 1346.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Office Hours	Dorothy Wong & Susan Campisi	Action 105	More community listening needed for implementation. Altadena's Slow Streets program was an opportunity to engage community. Recommend changing status quo pavement conditions procedures. Recommend discussing upcoming Bicycle Master Plan Process coming up in the Final Draft.	Language revised; implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Office Hours	Eli Lipman, Move LA	Action 90	County should consider the use of hydrogen as a replacement for natural gas in County-owned co-generation facilities	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Office Hours	Eli Lipman, Move LA	Action 59	County should consider Carbon Capture and Storage as an opportunity for the Building Trades as part of any Just Transition strategy	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Southern California Gas Company	General	Promotes "renewable natural gas" (bio-methane) and hydrogen as part of climate solution, describes SCG programs, and seeks collaboration with local governments.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Southern California Edison	General	Given the urgency of the climate crisis, the County should act quickly and aggressively to implement the sustainability plan, especially Goal 7.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Southern California Edison	Action 85	Support - SCE will collaborate with the County on this action to accelerate implementation.	Support noted
Comment Letter	Southern California Edison	Action 92	Support - SCE will partner with the County on this action with its Charge Ready program	Support noted
Comment Letter	Southern California Edison	Action 93	Support - SCE will partner with the County on this action with its Charge Ready program	Support noted
Comment Letter	Southern California Edison	Action 94	Support - SCE will partner with the County on this action with its Charge Ready program	Support noted
Comment Letter	Southern California Edison	Action 95	Support - SCE will partner with the County on this action with its Charge Ready program	Support noted

Comment Letter	American Beverage Association	Goal 9	Offer member company support and expertise to help County reach overall sustainability goals	Support noted
Comment Letter	American Beverage Association	Goal 9	Recruiting business community will accelerate activities and amplify results	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	American Beverage Association	Goal 9	Thoughtful policies and priorities will facilitate private-sector engagement	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	American Beverage Association	Action 107	PET beverage bottle is not a single use plastic package - a ban on plastic beverage bottles would cause harm to SoCal rPET reclaiming industry and would not help further sustainability goals	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	American Beverage Association	Goal 12	Offer member company support and expertise to help County reach overall sustainability goals	Support noted
Comment Letter	American Beverage Association	Goal 12	Engage citizens and businesses in recycling and waste reduction activities by developing education and outreach strategy in partnership with beverage industry	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Actions 34, 35, 42, 114, 127, 128, 130, 78, and 138	Expressed support for work on these actions	Support noted
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Actions 85, 92, 104, 110, and 158	Glad to see County lead by example on these, encourage County to require, encourage, incentivize others to follow these examples	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	General	County should release a tentative plan to achieve all actions in the Plan as part of Annual Reports with visual timeline and final deadline	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Actions 1, 7	Support prioritization	Support noted
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 2	Request clarifying language to description of Action 2: "Expand the minimum setback distance to no less than 2,500 feet for oil and gas operations from any sensitive land uses or receptors including but not limited to schools, daycare centers, playgrounds, parks, residences, places of worship or medical facilities."	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department; Action language is not subject to change at this time.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 4	Support prioritization, request concrete examples of proposed mitigation	Support noted; comment noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 17	Request this be added to priorities list to include implementation of a utility debt forgiveness program, particularly for low-income ratepayers	Action 17 has been added to the Priorities List.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 27	Request this be added to priorities list	Action 27 has been added to the Priorities List.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 28A&B	County should go beyond supporting use of Climate Vulnerability Assessment (CVA) information and investigate opportunities to require the use of CVA info for planning purposes, for instance through a County order or staff directive from the Board	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 33	Request this be added to priorities list	Action 33 has been added to the Priorities List.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 34	Request County to take further action to ensure sufficient funding for multi-benefit projects such as through WHAM taskforce, and invest in projects considered "best" according to Safe Clean Water Program (SCWP) Fund Transfer Agreement	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 42	Support, but recommend that County incorporate Drainage Needs Assessment Program (DNAP) into SCWP, and mitigate flood risk through multi-benefit and integrated approach	Support noted; implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 47	Include exception if proposed conversion is to conservation land such as wetlands	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 53	Include guidelines for climate resilient buildings and couple with Action 114 to achieve Net Zero Water goals	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 59	Task Force should discuss needs and opportunities for green and just economic and social transition especially after recovery from COVID-19 pandemic.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 64	Request this be added to priorities list	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department; Action 64 has not been added to the Priorities List this year.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 68	Do not recommend using LARMP as guide for considering community needs and habitat restoration, solely as a resource for research and data on the River and surrounding communities.	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 70	County should connect with local Tribal experts and local nurseries when developing training materials	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 74	County should work with CBOs whose work align with this action and implement Greening in Place Plan	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 77	Request this be added to priorities list and approve County support for AB1066	Action 77 has been added to the Priorities List.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 84	Request this be added to priorities list	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department; Action 84 has not been added to the Priorities List this year.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 97	Support this priority, County should pursue it through a lens of equity to ensure affordable alternatives are offered and additional cost burdens are minimized for low-income residents	Support noted; implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 107	Add development and implementation of comprehensive single-use plastic foodware ordinance for next year plans. Included sample language.	Language revised; comment noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 114	County should pursue Net Zero Water Ordinance for new development and redevelopment.	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 120	Work with non-profits and CBOs who do work aligned with this action	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 124	Request this be added to priorities list	Comment noted and relayed to relevant department; Action 124 has not been added to the Priorities List this year.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 145	Request County clearly identify next steps to begin implementation	Language revised; comment noted and relayed to relevant department.
Comment Letter	Heal the Bay	Action 156	Much more can and should be done here, such as training County staff in other departments on principles of sustainability	Implementation recommendations noted and relayed to relevant department.