

Santa Clara County Climate Collaborative

EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Work Group Meeting

March 12, 2025



County of Santa Clara Office of Sustainability

Agenda

- Welcome & Meeting Goals
- CPRG Updates
- CCAP Measures and Actions
- CCAP Engagement: Focus Groups
- Food Systems Focus Group
- Wrap up and Next Steps



Meeting Goals

- Update on the current status of CPRG funding
- Review of feedback on measures and actions
- Introduction to sector-based focus groups



CPRG Updates



CPRG Updates

- County met with EPA on 3/5/2025
- Best practice to maintain a regular frequency to reimburse costs on a timely basis
- CCAP Final Version due to EPA on 12/1/2025 and should include all technical analyses (LIDAC, Workforce)



CPRG Timeline 2025

Activity	Tentative Timelines
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus groups to provide additional input on the measures specific to each sector	April- Early May 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback on updated measures and actions to CPRG Work Group	May 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize measures and actions to be included in the CCAP	End May 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical analyses	June 2025 – September 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public comment and review of measures and actions	Summer 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial draft of CCAP for internal review by SBC and SCC counties	October 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final CCAP submitted to EPA	December 1, 2025



CCAP Measures and Actions



Recap of Measures and Actions

- Measures and Actions describe how climate goals will be attained regionally
- Completed Version 2 last week
- Version 2 incorporates comments from SCC, SBC, CPRG, 3CE, Valley Water
- Contains 8 key Strategies with 32 Measures and several Actions under each Measure

Strategy



Measure



Action



Strategy #4b: Increase Commercial ZEV use to X% of VMT by 2030 and X% by 2045

Measure 4.1b: Create an Agricultural Equipment Decarbonization Program

Create a working group with AMBAG, agriculture leaders, farmworker advocates, San Benito County representatives, and interested cities to design and monitor the expansion of AMBAG's current suite of programs to provide funding and technical assistance for agricultural equipment decarbonization.



Feedback Received on Measures and Actions

Key Themes:

- Assign lead/support agencies
- Reduce number of working groups/combine with existing
- Call out current pilot projects, incentive programs, funding opportunities
- Focus regionally rather than just locally
- Try to address waste



New Measure Ideas

- Regional Building Decarbonization Program (building on SVCE/3CE and other programs)
- Bidirectional EV charging
- Regional transit payment system
- Create a 15 min neighborhood playbook
- Partnerships with private sector for EV charging/building decarb
- Tertiary water treatment plants (potable reuse)



Next Steps and Questions

- Questions?
- Next steps
 - Assign lead/support agencies
 - Focus Groups to review Actions
 - CPRG to review Version 2



CCAP Engagement Focus Groups



Focus Group Approach

- Focus Groups Overview:
 - Measures and Actions corresponding to each sector will be discussed at the focus group
 - The focus groups will help set up a framework for countywide collaboration
 - The focus groups will consist of organizations (public agency, CBOs, non-profits etc.) working in each of the sectors
 - Each group will meet 1-2 times depending on the discussions and stakeholder input



Focus Group Approach

- Sectors
 - Food systems
 - Transportation
 - Energy
 - Agriculture
 - Workforce development
- Other potential focus groups
 - Tribes and Tribal non-profits
- Stay tuned for future updates by email and information on the other focus groups



Food Systems Focus Group



Food Waste as Priority Measure in PCAP

- Carbon Sequestration, Organics and Materials Reuse
 - Expand Incentive Programs for Compost Application
 - Enhance the Existing Food Recovery and Organics Diversion Program
 - Develop a Community-Scale Reuse System
- Need to connect to existing efforts
 - County of Santa Clara Food Systems Work Plan
 - Santa Clara County Food Recovery Initiative



Food System Workplan Goals

Goal 1

Leadership and
Coordination

Goal 2

Community
Engagement

Goal 3

Agricultural Viability

Goal 4

Food Economy

Goal 5

Food Security

Goal 6

Food Waste Reduction

Goal 7

Community Education



Photo credit: Spade & Plow

Countywide Food System Leadership: Constellation Model



Food Systems Focus Group

- Focus Group Lead: Cayce Hill, Food Systems Manager, County of Santa Clara
- Meeting Frequency: 1-2 meetings over the next 2 months
- Focus Group Stakeholders: Representatives from Countywide Food System Leadership Coalitions and Organizations.
- Deliverables:
 - Identify implementation framework and relevant stakeholders for actions on a region-wide scale
 - Help set up a framework (if one does not already exist) that would foster countywide collaboration and collaboration within and between counties (if needed)



Focus Group Specific Measures and Actions

Strategy #6: Reduce emissions from waste by X% by 2030 and Y% by 2045

- Measure 6.1: Establish a series of connected organics diversion hubs to be able to reduce organics sent to landfills and increase edible food recovery and distribution.

Example Action: Identify and apply for funding to develop a pilot Food Recovery hub within the MSA with a focus on siting to best distribute edible food to disadvantaged communities

- Measure 6.2: Develop a Community-Scale Food/Beverage Container Reuse System.

Example Action: Establish a committee with County, food service, and institution leaders to develop a program, infrastructure, schedule, and budget to enable consumers in the MSA to borrow reusable food packaging from participating food service establishments and return them to convenient locations throughout their communities



Wrap Up & Next Steps



Upcoming Events

- Upcoming BayREN Regional Forum:
 - **March 19, 2025, 9am-12pm;**
 - Registration Link [here](#)
- BayREN Energy Concierge Office Hours:
 - **March 19, 2025, 2-3pm**
 - Registration Link: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)



Next Steps

- Please join and share the: [SC4 LinkedIn](#) page with your network
- Next CPRG Work Group meeting: May 14 at 1 p.m. (virtual)
- To add a colleague, email: sustainability@ceo.sccgov.org

