
Santa Clara County Planning Collaborative

Regular Monthly Meeting Agenda + Notes

May 12, 2022

12:00pm - 1:30pm, via Zoom

Slide Deck: citiesassociation.org/documents/rhna-6-meeting-5-12-22

I. General Announcements and Updates

- May is **Affordable Housing Month!**
 - Find Santa Clara County events here:
<https://siliconvalleyathome.org/affordable-housing-month/>
- **Progress Updates:** What is your jurisdiction's timeline for a first draft housing element?
 - Several jurisdictions shared that they have already released drafts for review to the public in early May, while others will be able to release drafts in late May and June.
- **Constraints Final Report** will be released in late May.

II. Bay Regional Energy Network Program Presentation

- Breann Boyle gave a presentation on BayREN's housing policy program, encouraging jurisdictions to include energy planning in the housing element process.
- For information on energy planning in housing elements:
<https://citiesassociation.org/documents/bayren-housing-elements-and-energy-handout/>
- For more information on BayREN: www.bayren.org

III. ABAG Announcements

- **HESS Tool Update:** Somaya Abdelgany demonstrated the updated HESS tool.
 - Jurisdictions are encouraged to explore the realistic capacity module and update data with local findings.
- **REAP Funding Applications:** ABAG is still processing scopes of work for REAP funding, cities can still submit applications.
- **Housing Element Review Letters:** ABAG reviewed HCD comment letters on Southern CA Housing Elements, this report highlights common problems and overall themes:
 - <https://abag.ca.gov/technical-assistance/learning-southern-california-sacramento-summary-housing-element-review-letters>
- **Equity Engagement Primer:** ABAG will soon be releasing a primer document on best practices in engaging different stakeholder groups, particularly historically underrepresented populations.

IV. Debrief: Stakeholder Listening Session, Developer Panel

- Listening Session Panel held 5/5/2022.
- Eight panelists, both affordable and market rate developers.
- Report summary and recording:
citiesassociation.org/documents/stakeholder-listening-session-development-constraints-panel-may-2022

V. AFFH Follow Up and Feedback

- **Lawyers' Committee Supplemental Data and Technical Assistance**
 - Jurisdiction staff should reach out to Lawyer's Committee staff for any questions or general help with data.
- **Root Policy Research** will join the collaborative as an on-call consultant for data analysis in June.
- **General Equity Advisory Group (EAG) Outreach**
 - General consensus was that jurisdictions would find individual listening sessions more helpful than a large group panel.
 - Reach out to B+D Planning to set up individual EAG Listening Sessions. Contact Paul Peninger: peninger@bdplanning.com
- **Farmworker Housing Group:** This group will convene next week, interested participants should email Paul Peninger: peninger@bdplanning.com
 - Group will adapt regional and state resources to be applicable for Santa Clara County.
 - State requires consideration of farmworker housing for all cities, this group will explore options for jurisdictions with smaller farmworker populations.
 - Suggestion: Farmworker policy focus group/panel

VI. Policies and Programs Exercise

- B+D Planning staff led meeting participants in a best practices exercise to clarify policy drafting.
- The exercise emphasized that good policies:
 - Can clearly be accomplished.
 - Have a reasonable timeframe.
 - Incorporate AFFH considerations.
 - Incorporate geographic or neighborhood level factors.
 - Are reasonably detailed.
 - Offer a big picture summary.

VII. PBOT: Policy Bot

- Jurisdiction staff can use the PBOT to explore policy options that are directly applicable to specific community needs and a jurisdiction's individual housing element.
- Download here: citiesassociation.org/documents/pbot-housing-policy-bot

Upcoming Meetings

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Thursday, June 9 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/9233718280?pwd=S0NZdkpXUk9OaDB5aUdvdWRRdGVldz09>

Meeting ID: 923 371 8280 Passcode: 2021