



OurCounty

Draft Review Session

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Today's Session will feature digital polling

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polling, a facilitator can provide you with
a notecard and pen.



Background

Los Angeles county geography



- Inhabited for more than 10,000 years, most of that time the land of the Chumash, Tongva, and Tataviam tribes
- 1 out of 4 Californians and 1 in 33 Americans lives in Los Angeles County
- 200+ languages spoken
- 75 miles of coastline
- At 4,084 square miles, LA county is roughly the size of Hawaii's Big Island and larger than Puerto Rico

The County's Aims & Roles



The plan should be:

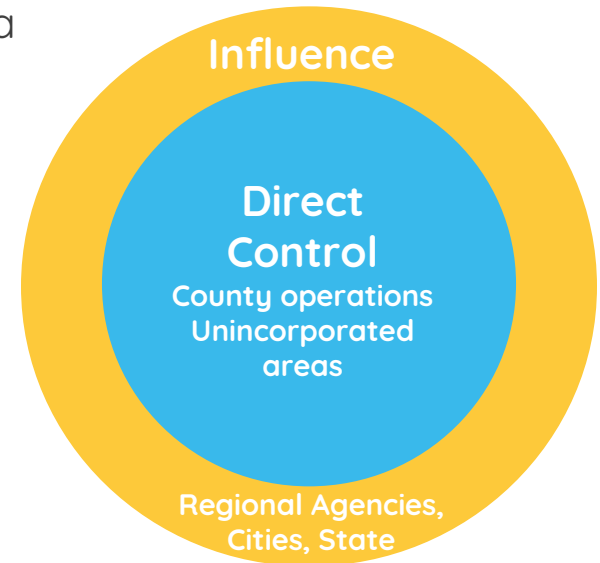
- Aspirational, Comprehensive, Long-Term, Regional, Actionable

Plan is analogous to a strategic plan

- Sets out a vision and strategy, but does not include a detailed financial assessment

Plan mostly addresses areas of County's control

- Does include some areas where we can influence others (Metro, South Coast AQMD, etc.)



Countywide Sustainability Plan Topics



- Water
- Energy
- Climate
- Air Quality
- Land Use and Transportation
- Open Space, Recreation and Habitat/Biodiversity
- Resource Recovery and Waste Management
- Public Health and Well-Being
- Economy and Workforce Development
- Housing

**Equity &
Resilience
woven
throughout**

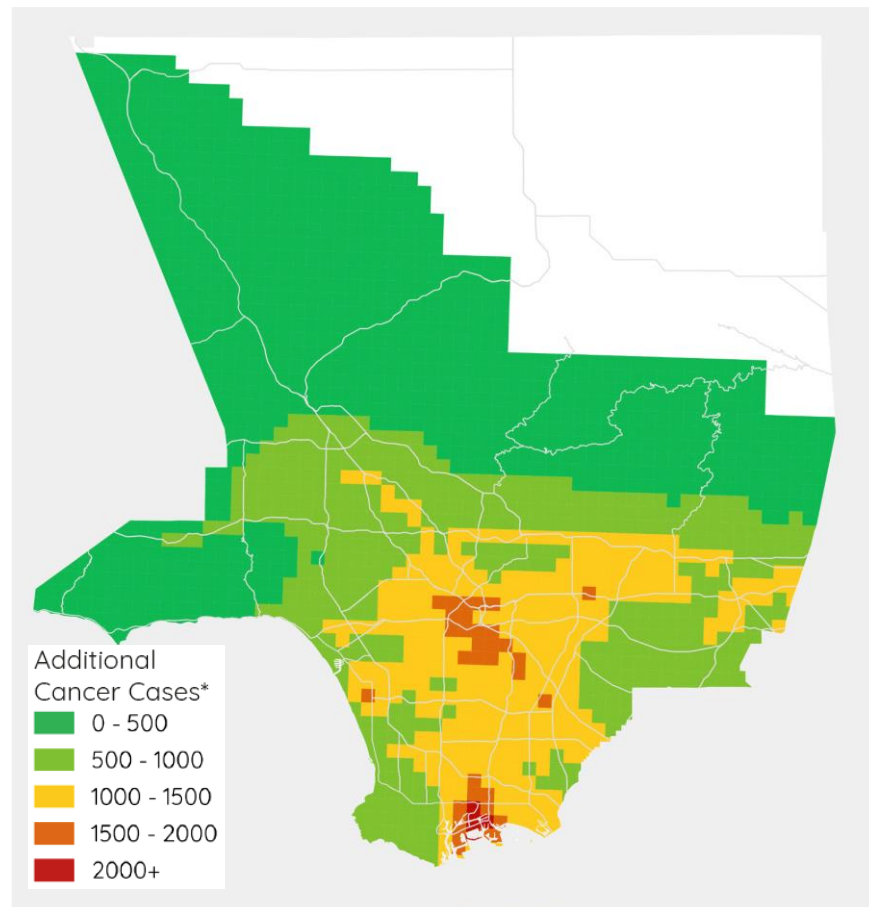
Alignment with
LA City
Sustainability
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where
appropriate



Uplifting Equity

Issue Example: Air Pollution Burden

- While there has been substantial improvement in air quality, toxic emissions are still high in areas near sources like the ports and transportation corridors
- Areas within 500 feet of freeways have some of the highest pollution levels and rates of asthma, cancer, heart attacks, strokes, reduced lung function, preterm births, and long list of other health problems
- These areas are predominantly low-income and communities of color



Adapted from the SCAQMD MATES-IV Study

Stakeholder Engagement Equity Statement



Equity

Goal

Reduce disparities across geographies due to race, class, gender, and other social differences

Strategy

Commit resources to include those often left out of policy and planning discussions

Racial Equity is a key lens which focuses on an end state in which race can no longer be used to predict life outcomes and outcomes for all groups are improved.

Defining Equity



Procedural Equity

Inclusive, accessible, authentic engagement and representation in processes

Distributional Equity

Sustainability programs and policies result in fair distribution of benefits and burdens, prioritizing those with highest need

Structural Equity

Decisions are made with a recognition of the dynamics and structures that have routinely advantaged privileged groups in society and resulted in chronic, cumulative disadvantage for subordinated groups

Transgenerational Equity

Sustainability decisions consider generational impacts and don't result in unfair burdens on future generations

What's in the plan?

High Level Goals



Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place



Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience



Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement



A prosperous L.A. County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to clean economy sectors



Thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity



Accessible parks, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities

High Level Goals



A fossil fuel-free L.A. County



A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that expands mobility while reducing car dependency



Sustainable production and consumption of resources



A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food



Inclusive, transparent, and accountable governance that supports participation in sustainability efforts, especially by disempowered communities



A commitment to realize Our County sustainability goals through creative, equitable, and coordinated funding and partnerships

Goals, Strategies, and Actions



Goals

Broad statement of a desired future state

“Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience”

Strategies

More specific statement on the approach to achieve the goal

“Integrate climate resilience and adaptation into planning, buildings, infrastructure, and community development decisions”

Actions

Detailed statements on the policy or program to fulfill the strategy

“Build shade structures at major transit stops... starting with communities with high heat vulnerability”

What's in an action?

Action 12

Complete development and start implementation of the Green Zones Program.

Horizon:

1

Short Term

Sphere of influence:

2

Direct Control

Lead County entity:

3

Department of Regional Planning

Partners:

4

DCBA, TTC

Topic Tags:

5

Air Quality, Equity, Land Use,
Landscapes & Ecosystems, Public
Health, Waste & Resource
Management

Share how you feel about the following example Actions:

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- If an action particularly resonates with you, click on it!

Key Actions

Action 12: Complete development and start implementation of the Green Zones Program.

Action 19: Develop an equitable policy framework for mapping, addressing and alerting the public to drinking water quality issues that originate from on-site and systemic plumbing issues, incorporating reporting from water agencies and crowdsourcing.

Action 15: Adopt an inclusionary housing ordinance that requires affordable housing as part of all new multifamily projects.

Action 28: Build shade structures at major transit stops as identified in Metro's Active Transportation Strategic Plan, starting with communities with high heat vulnerability.

Key Actions

Action 43: Pilot a land use tool that allows for duplex, triplex, and secondary units in areas of low housing density.

Action 77: Commit to 100% renewable energy supply for unincorporated areas and County facilities.

Action 61: Institute community benefits programs and project labor agreements for all County-managed public infrastructure investments, including local hire programs.

Action 78: Collaborate with the City of Los Angeles to develop a sunset strategy for all oil and gas operations that prioritizes disproportionately affected communities.

Key Actions

Action 81: Investigate low or no cost options to provide community shared solar facilities on County property.

Action 93: Eliminate minimum parking requirements for all new residential units and implement parking maximums within ½ mile of a high quality transit stop.

Action 92: Install bus-only lanes and signal prioritization along major thoroughfares and work with transit agencies and neighboring jurisdictions to plan and install bus rapid transit infrastructure along priority corridors.

Action 113: Establish guidelines for large-quantity food waste or green waste generators to perform on-site composting, mulching or anaerobic digestion and develop a marketing plan for the product.

Targets



- Numeric targets tied to strategies set for short term (2025), medium term (2035), and long term (2045) unless end point is achieved earlier.
- Targets are set countywide as well as for unincorporated areas and/or County facilities and operations as appropriate.

Example:

Countywide

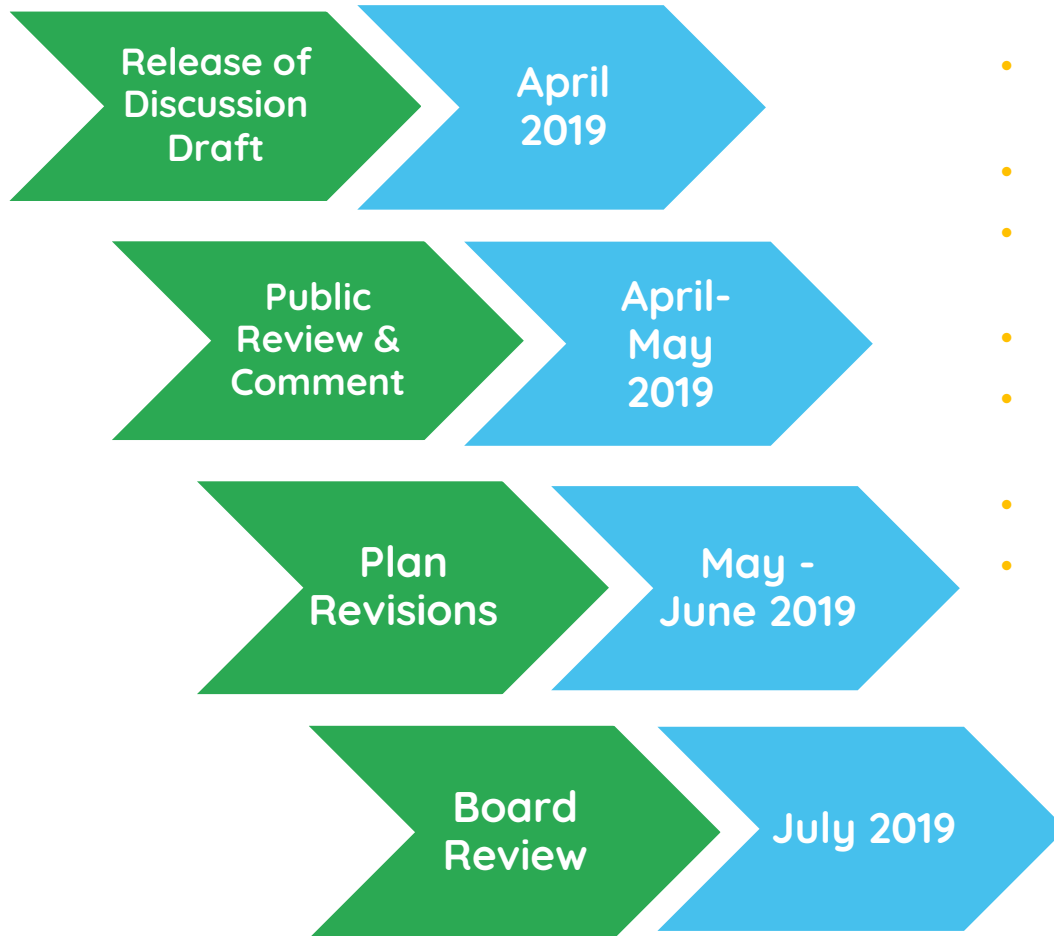
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- **2035:** Achieve a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- **2050:** Achieve carbon neutrality

County Operations

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Timeline

Discussion Draft Public Review



- 5 Community Fairs (Saturdays in April & May)
- Cities Summit (May 14)
- 2 detailed Review Sessions with previous commenters (April)
- Tribal nations meeting (TBA)
- One-on-one meetings with key stakeholders
- Online at OurCountyLA.org
- 6 week comment period

Stakeholder Engagement

Consultant Team



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ENGINEERING



Topic and data collection and analysis leadership and stakeholder engagement co-leadership



Stakeholder engagement
co-leadership

STUDIO-MLA

Topic expert: open space

Estolano LeSar
ADVISORS

Topic expert: housing,
economy & workforce development



Topic expert:
health and wellbeing

FEHR  **PEERS**

Topic expert:
transportation



Topic expert:
air quality

Stakeholder Engagement Team



Stakeholder Engagement Leads



Support



“Anchor” Community-Based Organizations



Public/Private and Nonprofit Sector Workshops



11 workshops convened invited representatives from local and regional government agencies, the business community, nonprofit agencies, and community leaders from across Los Angeles County to engage in cross-sectoral discussion about sustainability issues and opportunities.

Workshop Topics

- Water
- Energy & Climate
- Transportation
- Waste & Resource Management
- Public Health & Air Quality
- Open Space, Built Environment & Biodiversity
- Equity & Resilience



Cross-cutting topics

- Economy and Workforce Development
- Housing
- Land Use
- Equity & Resilience

Workshop Statistics



**Over 600
attendees**

Include something
specific about health
effects of climate
change

Prepare for both
increased drought and
increased precipitation
events

Focus on local jobs. Keep jobs in
communities and train folks to
take those jobs on.

**Over 300
organizations
represented**

Healthy food access
might deserve its own
goal

**Nearly 6000
comments
recorded**

Housing crisis and
homelessness need
to be addressed
throughout this whole
Plan

Help reclaim spaces that
have been used to
segregate communities
in disadvantaged spaces

When discussing
improving space and
infrastructure, equity
needs to be explicit.

Key Takeaways – Nonprofit Workshops



- More **inclusive decision-making** and transparency around safety, reliability, and management of services (such as transportation, waste, etc.)
- Increase **literacy** (water, energy, ecological, etc.)
- A more inclusive and **diverse workforce**
- Meaningful **community engagement**, representation, and accountability
- Create a **Green Jobs Action Plan**
- Eliminate (not just reduction) negative **health impacts and safety risks** in workplaces and communities
- Access to: **community ownership of renewable energy**; parks and open space; healthy and safe public spaces; equitable and affordable mobility; **affordable housing**

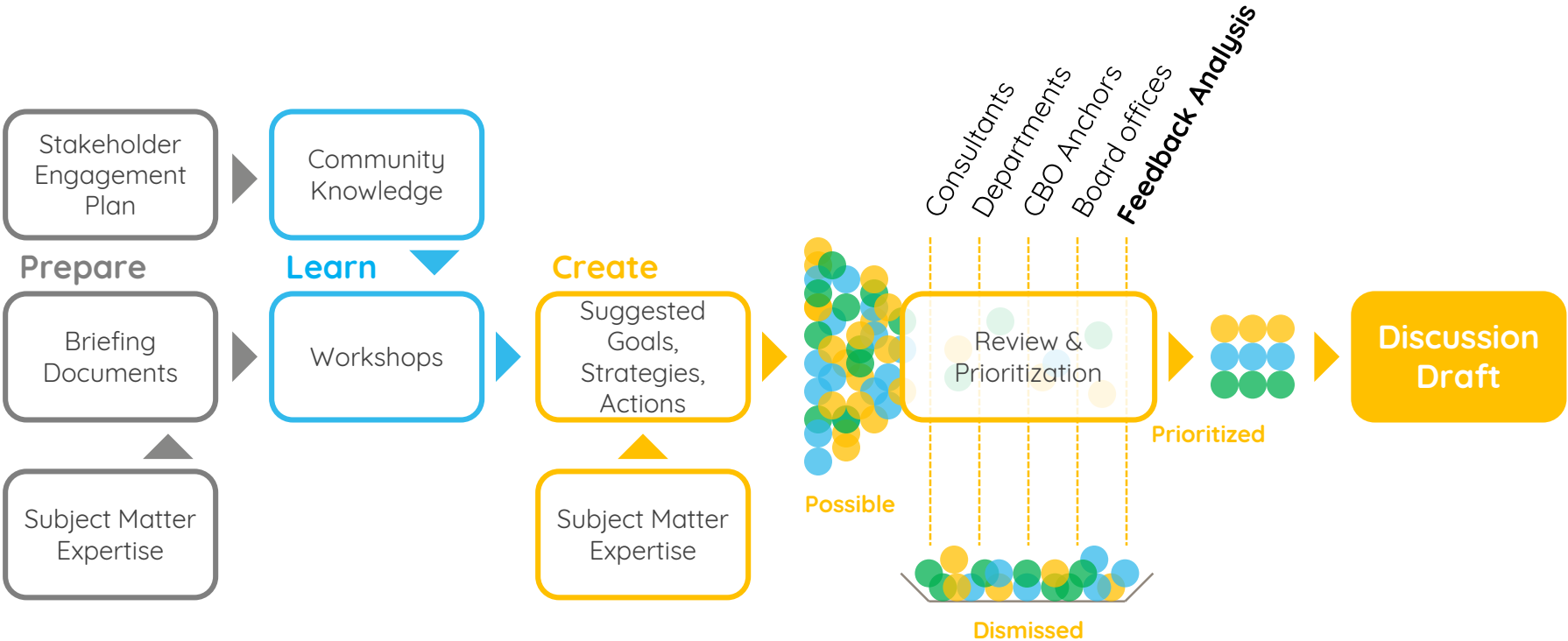


Key Takeaways – Public/Private Workshops



- Consider **regional interdependency** in policymaking.
- **Decarbonize** all fuel sources and end uses.
- Increase **workforce development opportunities** through more access to green job training and partnerships.
- Prioritize and incentivize **resilient infrastructure** and retrofit existing buildings.
- Focus on the **relationship between public health** and all other sustainability topic areas.
- More **inclusive decision-making** and community-sourced information (ex. participatory budgeting, groundtruthing, mapping, etc.)
- Support equitable **ecological literacy** opportunities for all people
- Identify **financing and funding** mechanisms.

Discussion Draft Development



Incorporation of Feedback (Examples)



“Increase access and connectivity to parks and open space for all people through universal design and mobility improvements.”



Action 74: Adopt and implement the Principles of Universal Design for County parks, open space and natural areas to be usable by all people of different ages and abilities without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

“County should prioritize electrifying its own vehicle fleet.”



Action 87: Revise and regularly update the County’s fleet policy to require zero-emission vehicles whenever possible.

“Put more resources into engaging existing healthcare providers and communities with climate-related information.”



Action 143: Disseminate climate-related health messaging to healthcare and community partners.

Today's Draft Review Session



Breakout 1 – 10:30am

- Discussion and feedback on key Goals, Strategies, and Actions in the Discussion Draft

Break – 11:30am

- Review Targets and provide feedback using sticky notes

Breakout 2 – 11:45am

- Activities and feedback on final section of the Discussion Draft and how to put the Plan into action

Where in LA County do you live?



Where in LA County do you work?



What sustainability topic areas are most important to you and/or your work?

Air Quality

Climate

Energy

Equity

Land Use

Landscapes & Ecosystems

Public Health

Transportation

Waste & Resource Management

Water

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“Our Voice, Our County” Environmental Fairs



Our Voice, Our County Environmental Fairs + Expos

Childcare and Spanish
translation services
available

Servicios de guardería y
traducción disponibles

- Door Prizes
- Tree Giveaway
- Community Resource
Tables
- Children’s Activities
- Refreshments
- Energy Cost Saving
Clinic

Saturday, April 20
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Armory Center for the Arts
145 North Raymond Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91103

Saturday, April 27
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Zev Yaroslavsky Family Support Center
7555 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Saturday, May 4
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Net Zero Plus - Electrical Training Institute
6023 South Garfield Avenue
Commerce, CA 90040

Saturday, May 11
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

California African American Museum
600 State Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Saturday, May 18
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Los Angeles Harbor College PE/Wellness Ctr
1111 Figueroa Place
Wilmington, CA 90744



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