



Summary of Changes

The purpose of this document is to outline the major changes made from the Discussion Draft (released April 5, 2019) to the Final Countywide Sustainability Plan (released July 29, 2019).

Introduction

- The Final Plan includes a land acknowledgement, messages from the Board Chair and CEO, and an executive summary.
- The Introduction was revised to avoid redundancy with the executive summary and includes an acknowledgment of rural communities, an explanatory note about the OurCounty plan's relationship to land use plans adopted by the Regional Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, a description of OurCounty's relationship to the Sustainable Development Goals, and map of LA County.
- The section describing the stakeholder engagement process was updated to include a description of activities that occurred after the release of the Discussion Draft.

General

- For every target, baseline data were added to provide context.
- Illustrative diagrams were added throughout the document to demonstrate the functions, impacts, and benefits of certain infrastructure systems and policy tools. Added diagrams include: Environmental and Health Impacts of Oil and Gas Operations (p.29), Transfer of Development Rights (p.73), Energy Infrastructure (p.109), and Living Streets (p.125).
- The terms used to describe the County's sphere of influence on each action were reworded from "Direct Control" and "Indirect Control" to "Direct" and "Indirect."
- References to a "clean economy" were revised to "green economy" throughout the plan.
- References to "clean energy" were revised to "zero-carbon" or "renewable energy" as appropriate.

Goal 1: Resilient and healthy community environments where residents thrive in place

Strategy 1A

- Strategy 1A was updated to “Minimize the exposure of vulnerable populations to pollution and reduce health disparities.”
- Two air quality targets were added to Strategy 1A:
 - By 2025, reach attainment status with the Federal and State annual PM2.5 standard (12.0 µg/m³)
 - By 2035, reach attainment status with the Federal and State 8-hour ozone standard (0.70 ppm)
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
2	Expand the minimum setback distance for oil and gas operations from sensitive land uses and apply these requirements to facilitate the phasing out of existing operations.	2	Expand the minimum setback distance for oil and gas operations from sensitive land uses.
5	Expand the role and authority for DPH in the initial permitting process and the ongoing enforcement of regulations for industrial facilities.	5	Expand the role for DPH in the initial siting process and the ongoing enforcement of regulations for industrial facilities.
8	Plan and implement a new lead hazard remediation program.	8	Plan and implement a new lead-based paint hazard remediation program.
9	Partner with school districts to monitor air quality and identify measures to reduce pollution exposure	9	Partner with AQMD to monitor air quality in the vicinity of schools and identify measures to reduce pollution exposure

Strategy 1C

- Unincorporated Area housing production targets were revised to specify very low-income, low-income, and moderate-income housing.
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:¹

¹ Note that these tables do not include those actions with one or two word changes unless it signifies a change to the action.

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
15	Adopt an inclusionary housing ordinance that requires affordable housing as part of all new multifamily projects.	15	Adopt an inclusionary housing ordinance that promotes mixed income housing.

Strategy 1E

- Countywide targets were updated to focus on the number of public drinking water systems violating primary MCLs, and no longer list the number of people served due to data limitations.
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
18	Assess vulnerability of the region’s drinking water systems and create an action plan to reduce or eliminate vulnerabilities.	18	Complete an assessment of the region’s drinking water systems to identify resiliency to drought and shocks, as well as risk of water quality issues due to aging infrastructure, deferred maintenance, etc.
New Action	N/A	20	Collaborate with partners to expand lead testing of drinking water in schools and daycare facilities.
New Action	N/A	21	Identify and implement policies to establish reporting of secondary maximum contaminant level violations in public drinking water systems.

Goal 2: Buildings and infrastructure that support human health and resilience

Strategy 2A

- The cool surfaces target was revised to heat-trapping surfaces, including cool and green surfaces.
- The heat-stress emergency department visits target was revised to a per capita figure.

Strategy 2C

- Three water quality targets were added to the Final Plan:
 - By 2025, compliance with Clean Water Act permit requirements to achieve water quality standards
 - By 2035, compliance with Clean Water Act permit requirements to achieve water quality standards
 - By 2045, compliance with Clean Water Act permit requirements to achieve water quality standards
- Action 32 from the Discussion Draft (Action 34 in the Final Plan) was updated with a Short-to-Long Term horizon.
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
33	Develop a recycled water master plan (Short Term).	35	Develop a local water supply plan (Short-to-Medium Term)
35	Maximize sustainable yield from our local groundwater basins and support efforts to clean up contaminated aquifers.	37	Support efforts to maximize sustainable yield form local groundwater basins.
		38	Support efforts to clean up contaminated aquifers.
36	Develop a residential and commercial/small business stormwater retrofit rebate program that includes incentives for using a watershed approach.	39	Develop incentives for residential and commercial/small business water conservation and stormwater retrofits, particularly those that use a multi-benefit, watershed approach.
38	Advocate for a collaborative approach, such as a joint powers authority, to sustainably manage regional groundwater basins.	41	Advocate for a collaborative approach to partnering with the region’s various groundwater managers to sustainably manage regional groundwater basins.

Strategy 2D

- Targets were updated to target a percent increase from the baseline urban tree canopy cover.

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
41	Implement locally tailored, youth-based tree planting projects in collaboration with community-based organizations to reduce the impacts of urban heat in low canopy islands.	44	Implement locally tailored, youth-based tree and vegetation planting and maintenance projects in collaboration with community-based organizations to reduce the impacts of heat island in low canopy areas.
42	Create a protected tree ordinance.	45	Strengthen tree protections of native tree species, such as through development of an ordinance, based on findings from the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP).

Goal 3: Equitable and sustainable land use and development without displacement

Strategy 3A

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
43	Pilot a land use tool that allows for duplex, triplex and secondary units in areas of low housing density.	46	Develop land use tools that will facilitate increased production of various housing types such as duplex and triplex buildings, where appropriate.
44	Prohibit the conversion of working lands to residential uses, including farms and rangelands.	47	Support the preservation of agricultural and working lands, including rangelands, by limiting the conversion of these lands to residential or other uses through tools such as the creation of agricultural easements, particularly within high climate-hazard areas and SEAs.
45	Evaluate the County’s General Plan growth strategies and report on additional measures needed to increase effectiveness in meeting OurCounty goals.	Removed	N/A
New Action	N/A	48	Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a County brownfields program.

Strategy 3B

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
46	Expand the number and extend of Transit Oriented Districts (TODs) in the General Plan and remove the maximum density and height restrictions of affordable housing and mixed-use developments within those TODs, while ensuring that vital public amenities such as parks and active transportation infrastructure are included.	49	Expand the number and extent of transit oriented communities while ensuring that vital public amenities such as parks and active transportation infrastructure are included.

Strategy 3C

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
49	Establish zoning that enables and promotes walkability and a mix of uses.	52	Promote walkability through various tools, including zoning that enables a mix of uses, and pedestrian enhancements.
50	Perform a comprehensive review of land use and zoning requirements to remove barriers to and incentivize infill development and multifamily housing	Removed	N/A
51	Develop equitable design guidelines that support high quality affordable housing for vulnerable populations, consistent with the physical and social culture of existing communities.	53	Develop equitable design guidelines that promote high quality living environments for all.

Strategy 3D

- Strategy language updated to read: “Ensure that public investments do not facilitate displacement, particularly of disadvantaged communities.”

Strategy 3E

- Strategy language updated to read: “Limit development in high climate-hazard areas.”
- Targets were removed from this strategy.
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	56	Evaluate options to limit new large-scale development in high climate-hazard areas.

Goal 4: A prosperous LA County that provides opportunities for all residents and businesses and supports the transition to a green economy

Strategy 4A

- The job placement targets were updated to remove “living wage” due to data limitations.
- New targets were added:
 - By 2025, reduce average Housing + Transportation Cost Index to 50%, with no resident paying more than 87% of income
 - By 2035, reduce average Housing + Transportation Cost Index to 45%, with no resident paying more than 78% income
 - By 2045, reduce average Housing + Transportation Cost Index to 40%, with no resident paying more than 66% income

Strategy 4B

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
62	Promote the development and growth of community land trusts for the provision of permanently affordable rental and ownership housing, including by identifying appropriate public land.	65	Promote the development and growth of community land trusts, housing cooperatives, and other models for the provision of permanently affordable rental and ownership housing, including by identifying appropriate public land.

Goal 5: Thriving ecosystems, habitats, and biodiversity

Strategy 5A

- Strategy updated to read: “Increase ecosystem function, habitat quality, and connectivity, and prevent the loss of native biodiversity in the region”
- The target was updated to read: “No loss of native biodiversity”
- Two new targets were added:
 - By 2025, increase the percentage of protected wildlife corridors to 75%
 - By 2035, increase the percentage of protected wildlife corridors to 100%
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	67	Develop a wildlife connectivity ordinance.

Strategy 5B

- Three new targets were added:
 - By 2025, increase to 55% the percentage of protected natural areas
 - By 2035, increase to 65% the percentage of protected natural areas
 - By 2045, increase to 70% the percentage of protected natural areas

Goal 6: Accessible parks, beaches, recreational waters, public lands, and public spaces that create opportunities for respite, recreation, ecological discovery, and cultural activities

Strategy 6A

- The targets on increasing the per capita park area in very high and high need areas were removed.
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	77	Support regional and state efforts and legislation to establish a monitoring program for freshwater recreation sites, including development an official definition for a freshwater recreation site, and providing guidelines on consistent monitoring and public notifications.
New Action	N/A	78	Collaborate with local tribes to identify and address barriers to observance of traditional practices such as harvesting and gathering, particularly on County-owned land.

Strategy 6B

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	80	Include civic art as part of design and programming for parks, beaches, public lands, cultural amenities, and public spaces.

Strategy 6C

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
76	Design, renovate and manage parks and facilities to meet the Sustainable Sites Initiative’s gold certification for sustainable and resilient land development projects.	83	Design, renovate, and manage parks and park facilities to meet the Sustainable Sites Initiative’s gold certification, or equivalent, for sustainable and resilient land development projects.

Goal 7: A fossil fuel-free LA County

Strategy 7A

- A new target was added for Unincorporated Areas:
 - By 2025, all unincorporated areas to be powered by 100% renewable energy
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
77	Commit to 100% renewable energy supply for unincorporated areas and County facilities.	Removed	N/A (are now Targets instead of Actions)
78	Collaborate with the City of Los Angeles to develop a sunset strategy for all oil and gas operations that prioritizes disproportionately affected communities.	84	Collaborate with the City of Los Angeles and other cities to develop a sunset strategy for all oil and gas operations that prioritizes disproportionately affected communities.
79	Collaborate with the City of Los Angeles to adopt a building decarbonization reach code for new development.	85	Collaborate with the City of Los Angeles, Santa Monica, and other members of the Building Decarbonization Coalition to develop building energy and emissions performance standards that put the County on a path towards building decarbonization.
84	Develop a strategy to eliminate fossil fuels in County operated co-generation facilities	90	Develop and implement a strategy to eliminate fossil fuels in County operated co-generation facilities.

Goal 8: A convenient, safe, clean, and affordable transportation system that enhances mobility and quality of life while reducing car dependency

Strategy 8A

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
93	Eliminate minimum parking requirements for all new residential units and implement parking maximums within ½ mile of a high quality transit stop.	99	Develop and implement a comprehensive parking reform strategy, which should include, but not be limited to, elimination of minimum parking requirements for all new residential units, establishment of parking maximums within half a mile of high quality transit stops, creation and expansion of parking benefit districts, and incentives for developers to provide less than maximum allowable parking.
94	Incentivize developers to provide less than the maximum allowed parking.		

Strategy 8B

- Targets were updated to reflect all traffic-related fatalities.

Goal 9: Sustainable production and consumption of resources

Strategy 9A

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
106	Require County facilities and develop incentives for businesses to pursue zero waste certification requirements (e.g., TRUE Zero Waste).	111	Pursue zero waste certification requirements at County facilities and develop incentives for businesses to achieve zero waste certification (e.g., TRUE Zero Waste).
New Action	N/A	112	Expand use of sustainable pavement methods and materials on County roadways.

Strategy 9B

- The targets were updated as follows:
 - By 2025, per capita water demand does not exceed 115 gallons per day
 - By 2035, per capita water demand does not exceed 110 gallons per day
 - By 2045, per capita water demand does not exceed 85 gallons per day
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	115	Adopt building code changes that improve water efficiency and reduce indoor and outdoor water use above current CALGreen standards.

Strategy 9C

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
110	Adopt an energy and water efficiency ordinance for existing buildings, requiring all privately owned buildings	117	Adopt an energy and water efficiency ordinance for existing buildings, requiring all privately owned buildings

	over 25,000 square feet to benchmark and report their energy and water use and demonstrate their pathway to energy and water efficiency.		over 20,000 square feet to benchmark and report their energy and water use, and demonstrate their pathway to energy and water efficiency.
--	--	--	---

Strategy 9D

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
115	Develop an equitable waste conversion facility siting and byproduct plan.	MOVED TO 9E	Develop an equitable waste conversion facility siting and byproduct plan.

Strategy 9E

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
MOVED FROM 9D	Develop an equitable waste conversion facility siting and byproduct plan.	125	Develop an equitable waste conversion facility siting and byproduct plan.

Goal 10: A sustainable and just food system that enhances access to affordable, local, and healthy food

Strategy 10A

- A new target added:
 - By 2025, 100% acceptance of CalFresh and EBT at all farmers' markets
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	129	Expand access to affordable, locally grown produce by increasing the participation of farmers markets and community-serving food retailers in nutrition assistance programs such as CalFresh and Market Match.
New Action	N/A	131	Permit the use of certain fruit trees in public rights of way and public open spaces.

Strategy 10A

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	133	Analyze supply chains for food sold in Los Angeles County and develop recommendations for monitoring environmental (e.g., water and antibiotic use) and labor practices.
125	Support local farmers and urban agriculture entrepreneurs in adopting regenerative agricultural practices, such as by offering training, technical assistance and/or financing.	135	Support local farmers and urban agriculture entrepreneurs in adopting regenerative agricultural practices, including those that sequester carbon, such as by offering training, technical assistance, and/or financing and adopting County policies that support regenerative agriculture.

Goal 11: Inclusive, transparent, and accountable governance that facilitates participation in sustainability efforts, especially by disempowered communities

Strategy 11A

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
131	Coordinate with indigenous groups on strategies to integrate the environmental management and development practices of the region's indigenous groups, acknowledging traditional sustainability practices, existing environmental knowledge and commitment to equity principles.	Moved to 11B (144)	Coordinate with local tribes on strategies to integrate their environmental management and development practices, acknowledging traditional sustainability practices, existing environmental knowledge, and commitment to equity principles.
132	Adopt a policy stating the goal that the ethnic, gender and age make up of County boards and commissions is reflective of the county's demographics.	141	Adopt a policy stating the goal that the ethnic, gender, age, and income level make up of County boards and commissions is reflective of the County's demographics.

Strategy 11B

- The target was updated:
 - By 2025, LA County continues to place within the top three participating jurisdictions in the City Nature Challenge
- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
Moved from 11A (131)	Coordinate with indigenous groups on strategies to integrate the environmental management and development practices of the region's indigenous groups, acknowledging traditional sustainability practices, existing environmental knowledge and commitment to equity principles.	144	Coordinate with local tribes on strategies to integrate their environmental management and development practices, acknowledging traditional sustainability practices, existing environmental knowledge, and commitment to equity principles.

139	Create an artist-in-residency program to work within historically impacted communities to produce asset maps that identify community resources, desires, and opportunities around sustainability efforts.	149	Work with historically impacted communities to produce asset maps that identify community resources, desires, and opportunities around sustainability efforts.
-----	---	-----	--

Goal 12: A commitment to realize OurCounty sustainability goals through creative, equitable, and coordinated funding and partnerships

Strategy 12A

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
New Action	N/A	151	Inventory and document County-owned arts and cultural assets.

Strategy 12B

- New actions were added and/or action language was updated as follows:

DD Action #	Discussion Draft Language	Final Action #	Final Plan Language
146	Update County contracting requirements and simplify the contracting process to increase opportunities with Native nations and community-based organizations, particularly those representing historically impacted communities.	157	Develop a Master Services Agreement to simplify the contracting process and increase opportunities for County departments to contract with Native American-owned businesses and community-based organizations, particularly those representing historically impacted communities.
New Action	N/A	159	Conduct a material health assessment for products widely used by the County, including pest control products and fire-fighting foam.