

Commenter	Comments (paraphrased)	Report Section	Response
American Chemistry Council	Consider expanding from single use packaging to require all single-use items to be recyclable or compostable, with realistic implementation deadlines, clear criteria, defined terms, and financing for infrastructure.	Action 107	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	Look at opportunities to enhance local solid waste management infrastructure, including advanced infrastructure incentives.	Goal 9	Comment noted.
	Consider advanced recycling technologies that would convert plastics with less market value back to feedstocks	Goal 9	Comment noted.
	Consider enhancing County's mechanical recycling infrastructure such as by expanding secondary material recovery facility capacity that can capture and recycle collected materials that would otherwise be landfilled.	Goal 9	Comment noted.
California Independent Petroleum Association	The County should acknowledge and study the impacts closing the oil and gas industry would have on the County's employment, budget, local economy, and energy supply.	Goal 7	A comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
	Comment period for Progress Report did not allow enough time for stakeholder review.	General	We understand that many stakeholders felt that the comment period was too short, and we commit to providing more time for review of future reports.
	Stakeholder engagement was selective, with key groups such as organized labor and business organizations left out of the process.	General	A broad and diverse group of stakeholders was informed and invited to participate throughout the process of developing the Plan and through the prioritization process. Business and labor stakeholders in particular were present in many if not all of the workshops. The Report highlights the involvement of the five anchor organizations because equity stakeholders are frequently underrepresented in sustainability planning, however these were five out of hundreds of entities that participated in some way in the development of the Plan.
	The report should include a commitment to broadening the stakeholders and completing objective analyses of the employment, fiscal, economic and energy supply implications of the Plan.	General	As noted earlier, a comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
	The Plan and associated documents lack information on resiliency of County's supply of energy, food, medical supplies, and other essential goods. Further action on the Plan should be deferred until the Resiliency Report that the Board requested is completed and incorporated into the plan.	General	The resiliency report requested by the Board will be completed as part of the Climate Vulnerability Assessment which is now underway. Results of the CVA are expected to inform future implementation of the Plan.
	The Climate Vulnerability Assessment should be broadened to include a comprehensive resiliency report (global or regional turmoil, economic depression, pandemic, power disruptions, terrorism, etc.).	Actions 28A and 28B	Comment noted.
	Learnings from COVID-19 should be incorporated into the resiliency report and all goals in the draft Plan, including those related to protecting public health, access to essential goods and services, and the recovery of employment and economic activity. Comment includes bulleted list of specific topics that should be covered by resiliency report.	General	Comment noted.
	Report should be revised to include a commitment and timeline to include a comprehensive resiliency report within any vulnerability study.	Actions 28A&B	Comment noted.
	The report should acknowledge that multiple specific actions should be deferred and reexamined after the vulnerability study and resiliency report are completed. Comment lists actions 2, 4, 5, 7, 85, 90, and 107 as examples of actions needing reconsideration in light of resiliency report, vulnerability assessment and COVID-19.	Multiple Actions	As noted above, the CVA is currently underway, and its results are expected to inform future implementation work for the Plan.
	The Plan, Climate Action Plan, and Draft Report should propose definitions for critical terms like "green", "sustainable", and "just transition" for comment by stakeholders, in particular potentially impacted workers, before seeking funding to implement new policies and programs	General	Comment noted.
	The draft Report, Plan and Climate Action Plan mischaracterize local oil and gas production. The "About this Action" summary for Action 2 should be removed from Report.	Action 2	Comment noted.
	Comment includes bullet list of points that should be included in characterization of local oil and gas production, workforce, and potential setbacks.	Action 2	Comment noted.

	Culver City should be removed from partner highlights, and if retained should reflect costs and liabilities to the City from potential shutdown of Inglewood Oil Field.	Action 2	Comment noted.
	Local oil and gas industry provides good-paying jobs. Draft Report should commit to revising Actions 59 and 60 to focus on expanding the job market in all sectors and identify what approaches are proven to work before considering eliminating jobs.	Actions 59 and 60	Language from the Plan is not open for revision at this time, however we will take this comment into consideration as these Actions are being implemented.
	Revise Report and Actions 59 and 60 to attract manufacturing and production back to Los Angeles County and build opportunities for all workers in all sectors to benefit.	Actions 59 and 60	Language from the Plan is not open for revision at this time, however we will take this comment into consideration as these Actions are being implemented.
	Plan should encourage local development of oil and natural gas resources similar to how local water supplies are encouraged, in order to support regional resilience.	General	Comment noted.
	County should not proceed with the Oil Well Ordinance at this time because it will adversely affect current and future economic conditions for the County.	General	Comment noted.
	An analysis should be done of all fiscal and economic impacts of the policies mandated in the draft Plan, and should be conducted by a neutral third party.	General	A comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
	Priorities list should be updated to reflect funding needed for Action 2 and other Actions in the form of liability and litigation costs.	Multiple Actions	A comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
	All efforts and energy should be focused on economic recovery and avoiding actions that would eliminate essential jobs.	General	Comment noted.
Building Industry Association- Los Angeles Ventura Chapter	Request additional time for public input.	General	We understand that many stakeholders felt that the comment period was too short, and we commit to providing more time for review of future reports.
	Evaluate how the Plan's Actions are impacting housing creation and production.	General	A comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
	Climate Vulnerability Assessment Action may be duplicative or conflict with goals at federal, state, and local levels. Existing mechanisms to assess emergency preparedness, building upgrades and improvements on State and County level should be considered.	Actions 28A and 28B	Existing data and targets will be reviewed as part of the CVA development.
	Any zoning or code changes should increase housing opportunities through incentives and not reduce or limit production.	General	Comment noted.
	County is already addressing goal of Action 29 through Cool Roofs Ordinance.	Action 29	The Cool Roofs Ordinance would be one aspect of a comprehensive heat island mitigation strategy, but it would also encompass other strategies and approaches.
	Consider how Measure W would affect impermeable cool pavements. There should be an exemption for cool impermeable surfaces if the surface is being used as mitigation effort as part of OurCounty compliance effort.	Action 29	Comment noted.
	Supportive of identifying County funding sources through grants. Concerned about duplication in how UFMP is carried out because County already has native tree permit process in SEAs, a 2015 Tree Planting Ordinance, and tree requirements in Title 21.	Action 43	Review of existing County ordinances would be a part of UFMP development.
	Supportive of emphasis on more transit-oriented community (TOC) models and implementing Transit Oriented District (TOD) toolkit. TOC and TOD plans should be created with stakeholder involvement, including BIA and members.	Actions 49 and 52	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	Supportive of vision to efficiently use parking resources and reduction of parking demand, and of converting industrial uses near residences and schools to higher density residential uses. Goals should be enacted through a tiered, voluntary-based, incentive system similar to City of LA TOC program.	Actions 49 and 52	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	Concerned about content of Action 65 description in Report.	Action 65	Comment noted.
	Comment expresses specific concerns related to the Department of Regional Planning's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, and notes that BIA is not supportive of the draft Ordinance.	Action 65	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	Curriculum or updated biodiversity goals and strategies should not affect, add to, or duplicate actions already found in the County's Significant Ecological Areas Ordinance and the Draft Green Zones Program.	Action 70	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.

	County should not try to move above and beyond CA and LA County environmental and building standards without the readiness of technology or infrastructure.	Actions 59 and 85	Comment noted.
Newlight Technologies	Newlight supports the goals and objectives related to single-use plastics, and would like to be involved in the stakeholder engagement activities prior to the single use plastics ordinance being brought to the Board for approval.	Action 107	Stakeholders will be engaged prior to the ordinance being brought to the Board.
SoCal Edison	SCE supports this action and can provide technical assistance to help the County in developing new reach code standards.	Action 85	Comment noted.
	SCE will also support the adoption of electric space and water heating through grid investment.	Action 85	Comment noted.
	SCE has been providing assistance to the County's Internal Services Department and will continue to partner with the County in identifying innovative solutions, including solar and energy storage, to reduce the County's GHG emissions and energy costs.	Action 88	Comment noted.
Acton Town Council	The Chief Sustainability Officer was asked by the Regional Planning Commission in November 2018 to conduct outreach to the rural unincorporated communities before drafting the plan.	General	<p>The letter cites the November 14, 2018 meeting as the time when this request happened, however review of the transcript and video, including the specific page cited by the letter do not support this comment. DRP staff who introduced CSO prior to the presentation noted that public comments were received requesting that the same presentation be done in the San Fernando and Antelope Valley (which is broadcast live as well as a recording being available on the DRP website), however there was no response or request from any Commissioners either following on this statement nor related to outreach in rural unincorporated communities. During his presentation, the Chief Sustainability Officer acknowledged these requests, noting that engagement in these communities would occur following release of the public discussion draft of the Plan the following year.</p> <p>Meetings and correspondence with town councils began in mid-April of 2019 which was just a few weeks following the initial release of the discussion draft, which was the first publicly available draft of the plan. On April 16, the CSO reached out to Susan Zahnter who is the President of the Association of Rural Town Councils to offer to present to the association. On May 14, the County agreed to extend the comment period on the draft plan for residents of the Santa Clarita and Antelope valleys to June 14, and we subsequently extended that deadline further to June 28 to ensure these important communities had time to review and provide input on the plan.</p>
	The Acton Town Council became aware of the Sustainability Plan shortly before it was presented to the Board of Supervisors, and that was when CSO met with Acton residents.	General	CSO hosted "Sustainability Summits" following the April 2019 release of the discussion draft of the plan, which was the first time a draft was available for public review and comment. Flyers for these events were sent to town councils. As noted in the response above, CSO communicated with and in some cases held presentations for several town councils starting in mid-April, and received several comment letters within the comment period for the draft plan in late June, which was specifically extended for residents of the Santa Clarita and Antelope Valleys. CSO corresponded with the Acton Town Council in mid-June, and met with residents at the very beginning of July, which was still well over a month prior to the Sustainability Plan being presented to the Board of Supervisors for the first time at the beginning of August 2019.
	By the time the Town Council was made aware of the Plan it was firmly cast and could not be altered.	General	As noted above, Town Councils submitted comment letters on the discussion draft of the Plan which was intended for public review and revision and was the first draft that was released publicly. Their comments were submitted within the comment period for that draft and were considered along with all other stakeholder comments that were received. Indeed, several changes were made to the Sustainability Plan specifically in response to discussions with Town Councils.

The Association of Rural Town Councils (ARTC) requested that a presentation be made by CSO on the priorities list and CSO made no effort to do this presentation.	General	CSO was first requested by ARTC to do a presentation at their March 2020 meeting which was subsequently cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as were their April, May, and June 2020 meetings. CSO presented at ARTC's most recent meeting in July 2020.
The Report should be expanded to explain why rural unincorporated residents have been left out of the outreach process.	General	Rural town councils were provided additional time to comment on the draft priorities report, and CSO received comment letters from several town councils.
Unincorporated rural communities were not informed about Priorities List development. Report should provide a map of where workshops were held and details on who received newsletter.	General	The Priorities report workshop was held at the Hall of Administration in downtown Los Angeles where the CSO office is located. The CSO newsletter is sent to over 3900 recipients.
The Sustainability Plan only applies to unincorporated communities and County facilities.	General	The OurCounty Plan presents a strategic, aspirational vision for the entire county, not just unincorporated portions. Though there are some actions within the Plan that the County only has the authority to implement within unincorporated areas, much of the Plan is rooted in collaboration across jurisdictions and agencies as well as with non-governmental partners such as non-profits and academia.
Report should identify individuals and organizations who provided comments on Priorities List and whether comments came from stakeholders in unincorporated areas.	General	All comment letters received on the Priorities List have been posted on the CSO website.
ATC was stunned to learn that they were still being "represented" by Day One since CSO informed the Town Council that Day One's scope had been completed in Summer 2019	General	Day One's formal role assisting in development of the OurCounty plan was completed in Summer 2019 when the engagement process was finished and the Plan was ready to be presented to the Board for adoption. As close partners in the development of the Plan, they were also engaged in development of the Priorities List, as were numerous other stakeholders. However, at no time were they expected to "represent" all County residents. Please see response below for clarification on their role as an anchor CBO which is described in the OurCounty plan.
The report should be revised to clarify the role and purpose of the anchor CBOs in general and Day One specifically since they continue to serve as representatives for Acton.	General	The role of the CBO anchors is defined in the OurCounty plan as follows: "The CBO anchors played an important role in facilitating workshops, uplifting equity in the planning process, and ensuring that policy discussions were inclusive of the perspectives of historically impacted communities." These organizations were not intended to be "representatives" of all residents in the County, which is why as noted above, CSO conducted summits to hear directly from residents, and specific meetings with Town Councils, including Acton.
The Report should describe all the outreach that each anchor CBO conducted to the communities that they represent. The Report should provide accurate and reliable contact information for the anchor CBOs.	General	As noted above, the anchor CBOs were engaged to provide comments on the Priorities List in their capacity as trusted partners in the development of the Plan. At no time either during their role in the development of the Plan, nor during the development of the Priorities list were the anchor CBOs intended to serve as representatives for all County residents.
[Comment provides specific language revisions to note that stakeholders in unincorporated rural areas of North LA County were not engaged.]	General	Comment noted.
The County has only worked with a handful of CBOs to engage stakeholders and has explicitly excluded Acton and other rural organizations. [Comment includes specific language revisions to equity definitions on page 3 of report.]		Please see comments above describing engagement and communications with Acton and other stakeholders. Additional descriptions of stakeholder engagement can be found at the following link: https://ourcountyla.lacounty.gov/resources
Amend Plan to address seismic hazards	Actions 28A and 28B	Seismic hazards are addressed through the County's All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.
CSO appears to lack concern for heat island concerns in rural areas. Revise to address mitigation measures in rural communities to address heat islands created by solar farms in Antelope Valley	Action 29	This Action was not intended to solely apply to urban areas, which is why it is described as a "heat island" mitigation strategy, rather than an "urban heat island" mitigation strategy. The Report contains reference to urban heat because it describes work that had previously been done by Department of Public Health, however it has now been revised to clarify that impacts and mitigation measures specific to rural communities will also be included in future implementation of this Action.
Clarify what "ordinance" referenced in the Report is intended to achieve and how and state that only unincorporated communities and CBOs from unincorporated areas will be consulted in the development of the ordinance.	Action 35	The section does not refer to a specific ordinance, but rather states more generally that input from community meetings would be used to inform any projects, programs, or ordinances that may be described in the Water Plan.

	The Report and Sustainability Plan do not consider walkability to be relevant or important outside of urban "mixed use" areas. Expand action to address rural areas and affirm that DRP will secure trails and pedestrian pathways on all developments in Acton.	Action 52	The basis for this comment is unknown as this Action does not contain reference limiting it to urban areas, and is not described as such in the longer narratives in the OurCounty plan nor in the Progress Report. The commenter may be referring to the implementation activities described in the Progress Report which reference work done in the East San Gabriel Valley and the Transit Oriented District Toolkit. As stated in the Annual Progress Report, implementation of the OurCounty Plan is a long-term effort that is in its very beginning stages, and the activity described in this Report is not intended to comprehensively capture all future implementation activities, but rather what has been done, and what is planned for the next fiscal year.
	The Report should be revised to clarify that the "TOD Toolkit" is only applicable to metro stations that are located within designated or proposed TOD areas.	Action 49	The Toolkit will provide a framework for analyzing and recommending transportation-related improvements, and is applicable beyond designated or proposed TOD areas.
	The Report and Plan should be revised to include Actions which ensure that the transition to a green economy will support unincorporated rural residents.	General	The OurCounty Plan is not being revised, therefore no Actions will be added. The Plan calls for development of a just transition plan however, which would include consideration of impacts to all residents.
	There has been no outreach to Acton on the building decarbonization efforts. Decarbonization should not be implemented anywhere in Acton unless the County provides a reliable and cost-effective alternative to fossil fuel-based space and water heating systems. The Report should also explain why CSO is not collaborating with unincorporated areas on this action and the Action should be revised to include language requiring this collaboration.	Action 85	Development of this program has not started yet, and therefore no formal stakeholder engagement has begun. The County will consider local circumstances such as climate zones to ensure any policies or regulations do not adversely impact public health and safety.
Valley Industry & Commerce Association	The Plan should account for and be responsive to economic conditions created by the COVID-19 pandemic. It should consider how land use policies and regulations may negatively impact employment and businesses.	General	A comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
	Future reports should monitor changes in housing and job growth as they relate to strategies and goals in the Plan	General	The Plan includes numerous metrics that will be tracked on a regular basis on the County's online performance tracking dashboard
	Instead of phasing natural gas out, the County should leverage it as an affordable method for reaching carbon neutrality.	Action 85	Comment noted.
	County should clearly define key terms like "green", "sustainable", and "just transition" to give stakeholders a better understanding of how goals and actions could impact workers.	General	Comment noted.
	County should provide a comprehensive analysis of implementation costs related to the Plan.	General	A comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
	The County should defer further action on the Plan until the energy resiliency report requested by the Board of Supervisors (August 13, 2019 meeting) is completed.	General	The resiliency report requested by the Board will be completed as part of the Climate Vulnerability Assessment which is now underway. Results of the CVA are expected to inform future implementation of the Plan.
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	The County should provide more time for public and stakeholder input.	General	We understand that many stakeholders felt that the comment period was too short, and we commit to providing more time for review of future reports.
Community Health Councils	[Comment suggests revenue generating options and urges collaboration with Board of Supervisors and CEO to explore how these can be used to support Plan implementation]	Action 150	Comment noted.
	DRP should continue increasing TOC housing by working with local housing advocates to address affordable housing needs of low income and communities of color. County should also seek other strategies to strengthen TOC program's ability to incentivize affordable housing development, such as policies to allow more multifamily housing development.	Action 49	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.

	The County should quickly move to create free transit access across the County for students, youth, disabled, senior, and low-income riders.	Action 100	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	Public Works should commit to implementation of Vision Zero despite budget cuts.	Action 105	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	CSO and DPH should work with advocates to communicate to the Board of Supervisors the importance of implementation of Good Food Purchasing policy to ensure that food insecurity is not worsened.	Action 132	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	The County should engage in a strong and ongoing public outreach campaign to ensure more LA County residents are aware of the plan, the strategies and how best to engage.	General	Comment noted.
Association of Rural Town Councils	Development of industrial utility-scale renewable energy generation is a concern for Antelope Valley due to increased dust storms and solar heat island effect.	Goal 7	Comment noted.
	County's Climate Action Plan does not acknowledge solar heat island effect, rather focuses on ways to cool urban areas.	Action 29	This comment will be provided to the Department of Regional Planning which is leading development of the Climate Action Plan.
	Switch to renewable energy will be expensive and rising costs of renewable energy is an affordability issue for residents.	Action 85	Comment noted.
	Most rural residents rely on delivered propane and loss of electricity due to fires, flooding, Public Safety Power Shutoffs, and weather related power outages presents a safety issue.	Action 85	Comment noted.
	County's Vision Zero plan overlooks high death rates due to motor vehicle crashes in Service Plan Area 5.	Action 96	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	Request stakeholder engagement (public events, workshops, and presentations) in the Antelope Valley with ARTC and others.	General	Comment noted.
MetroLink	Supportive of the OurCounty Plan and highlights Metrolink sustainability actions that are in alignment with LA County air quality goals.	General	Comment noted.
	Letter describes alignment with this goal through fleet upgrades and modernization studies.	General	Comment noted.
	Metrolink is conducting a systemwide Climate Vulnerability Assessment to identify opportunities to improve the climate resiliency of the rail system's assets.	Action 28B	Comment noted.
American Beverage Association	Supportive of the Plan's call to expand the number of water stations available to the public.	Action 35	Comment noted.
	Strongly support goal of keeping plastic out of the environment by increasing access to recycling.	Action 107	Comment noted.
	County should communicate recyclability of beverage containers and differences between plastic types to residents.	Goal 9	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
	Government and industry should partner to invest in circular system for PET plastics in order to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and tackle plastic pollution.	Goal 9	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.
BizFed	Plan should work to create jobs and affordable and homeless housing. The County should annually summarize the progress it has made on both fronts.	General	The Plan includes numerous metrics that will be tracked on a regular basis on the County's online performance tracking dashboard
	Some of the goals and actions in the Report serve as obstacles to housing production. Efforts must advance financing and construction of critical market-rate, affordable and homeless housing, not impede them.	General	Comment noted.
	Request more time for public input and that the County take action on information in letter.	General	We understand that many stakeholders felt that the comment period was too short, and we commit to providing more time for review of future reports.
	Report should acknowledge impacts of land use policies in the Plan that would drive out workers and businesses. Revise Actions 2, 59, 60, 85, and 90 to focus on expanding job market in all sectors and identifying approaches that are proven to work.	Multiple Actions	Language from the Plan is not open for revision at this time, however we will take this comment into consideration as these Actions are being implemented.
	Look for opportunities to leverage regional energy supplies and traditional and renewable energy infrastructure to reduce energy imports. Include natural gas to achieve carbon neutrality goals, and reduce dependence on energy imports rather than phasing out local sources.	Action 85	Comments related to implementation of Actions will be conveyed to departments leading that Action's implementation.

Propose definitions of critical terms like "green", "sustainable", and "just transition" for public comment, particularly from workers who may be most impacted, before seeking funding to implement new policies and programs.	General	Comment noted.
Plan should be modified based on impacts of COVID-19 pandemic, in particular timeframes for reporting and decision-making. Need more rigorous analysis of impact on Plan's viability going forward.	General	Comment noted.
Plan implementation should be delayed until completion of resiliency report directed by Board of Supervisors, and incorporation of this report into the Plan. In particular, Actions 2, 4, 5, 7, 85, and 90 should be delayed, and CSO should continue to promote actions like Action 88.	Multiple Actions	The resiliency report requested by the Board will be completed as part of the Climate Vulnerability Assessment which is now underway. Results of the CVA are expected to inform future implementation of the Plan.
Report should include timeframe, scope, and costs associated with transition to economy envisioned by the Plan.	General	A comprehensive assessment of impacts and detailed budgets will be developed as needed as part of each Action's individual implementation process.
Plan needs business community technical and expert input. Anchor groups do not have this affiliation or expertise, and LA's business community has been excluded from process.	General	A broad and diverse group of stakeholders was informed and invited to participate throughout the process of developing the Plan and through the prioritization process. Business and labor stakeholders in particular were present in many if not all of the workshops. The Report highlights the involvement of the five anchor organizations because equity stakeholders are frequently underrepresented in sustainability planning, however these were five out of hundreds of entities that participated in some way in the development of the Plan.
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