

# Soquel Town Hall

November 8th, 2022



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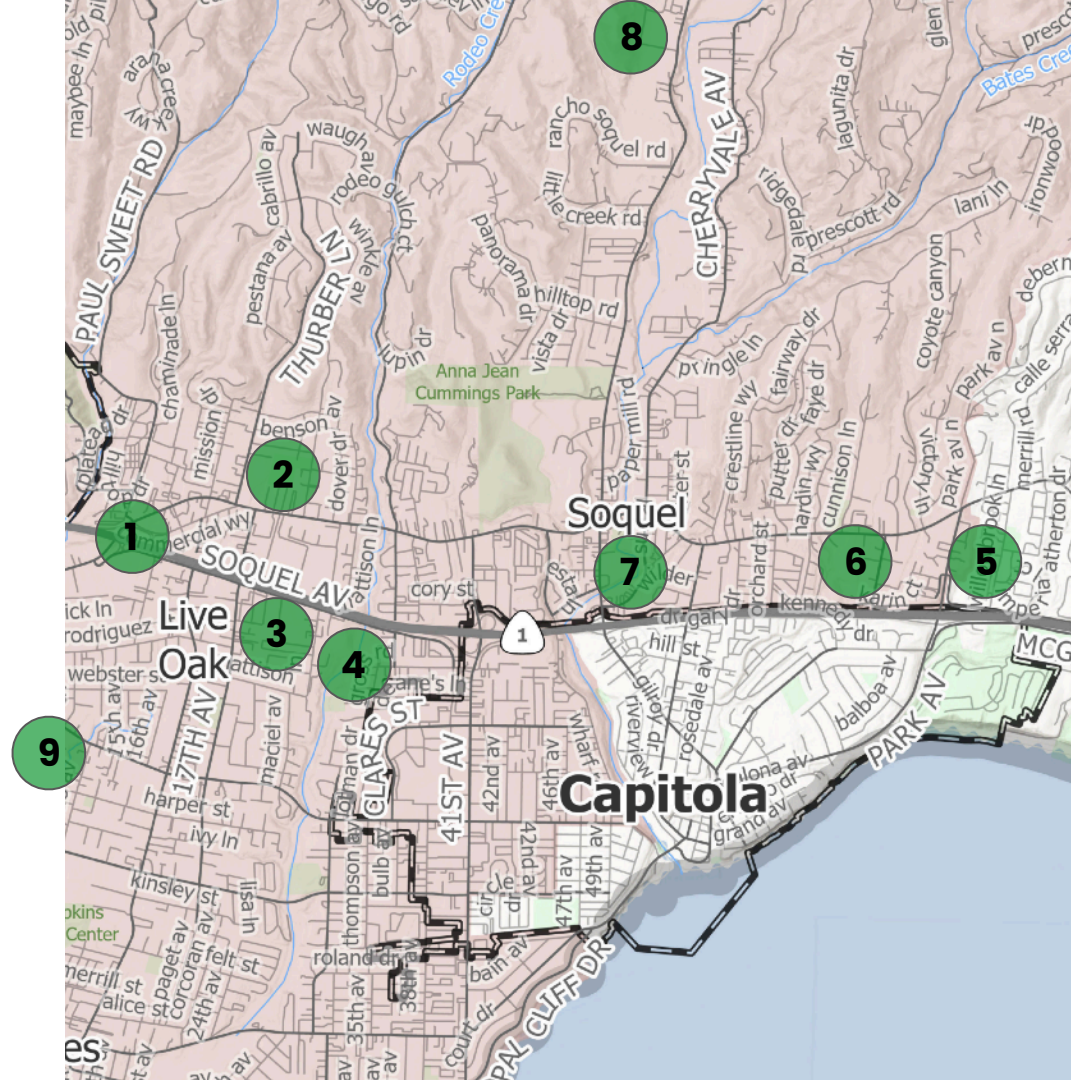
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1ST DISTRICT



# Agenda

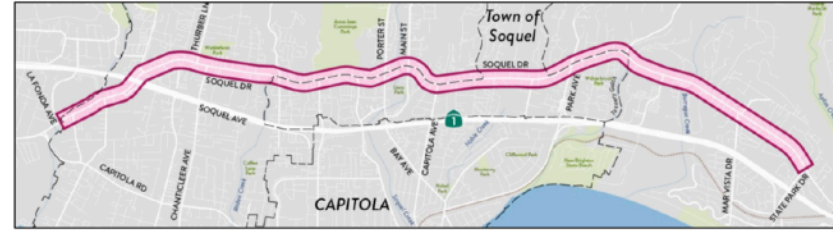
1. Soquel Dr Multimodal Project and Highway 1
2. Sustainable Santa Cruz Plan and Housing Element 2023
3. Water Update
4. Kaiser
5. Park Haven Plaza
6. Senior Care Facility
7. Heart of Soquel - Call to Artists
8. Verizon Cell Tower
9. Homelessness Update
10. Q&A



# Soquel Dr Buffered Bike Lane & Congestion Mitigation Project

5.6 miles from Harbor High to Aptos. Estimated construction start: Dec. 2022 – Mar. 2023

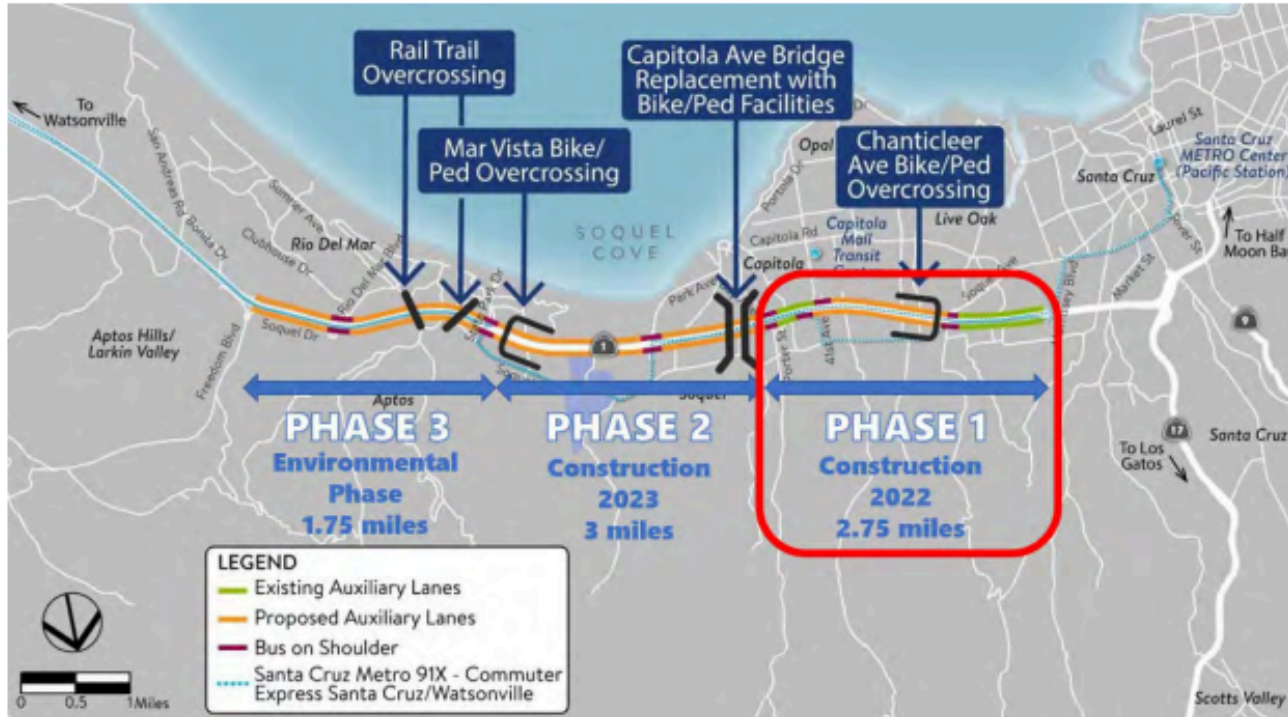
1. **Bikes:** 10+ miles of continuous protected or buffered bike lanes
2. **Pedestrians:** 0.6 miles of sidewalk gap closures, 11 enhanced pedestrian crossings with Rapid Flashing Beacons, 94 ADA ramp upgrades
3. **Adaptive Traffic Signals:** Upgrades to **22 intersections** with (ATS) and Traffic Signal Priority (TSP) for **METRO**



# 41st Ave Adaptive System



# Highway 1 - Aux Lanes & Bus on Shoulder Project



## Schedule







Construction starting this December, will continue into 2024.

**Figure 1 - Phase 1 Project includes auxiliary lanes and a bus on shoulder facility in both directions of Highway 1 (41<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Soquel Drive), retaining walls, soundwalls, and a new bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Chanticleer Avenue**






# Soquel Dr Phase 2

- Applying in December to extend Soquel Dr multi-modal improvements to Freedom Blvd. and implement transit improvements between La Fonda and Watsonville.

## CONTRACT 2 - SOQUEL DRIVE

-  Provide upgrades to signals to feature adaptive signal control
-  Add transit priority at signals
-  Install buffered and protected bike lanes
-  Add sidewalk gap closures and upgrades, connections to Aptos schools
-  Install ADA curb ramps at intersections
-  Upgrade crosswalk visibility by installing rapid flashing beacons at some locations

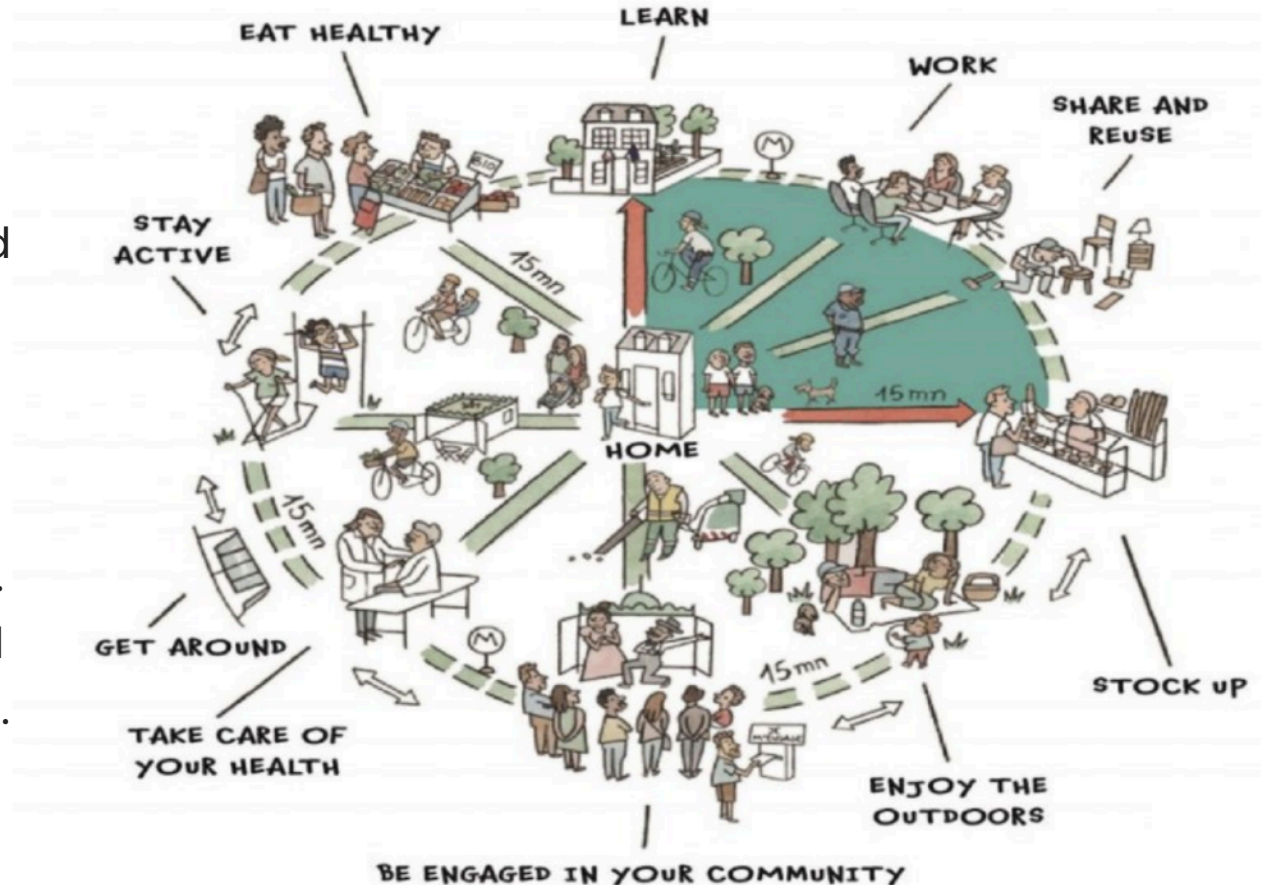
## CONTRACT 3 - TRANSIT

-  Add two zero-emission buses for SC Metro's Cross-County Routes
-  Install in-lane bus boarding platforms at 34 locations
-  Add bus shelters at 40 locations
-  Provide solar-powered real time arrival displays at 41 locations
-  Add ticket validators at 38 locations

# Sustainability Update to the County General Plan

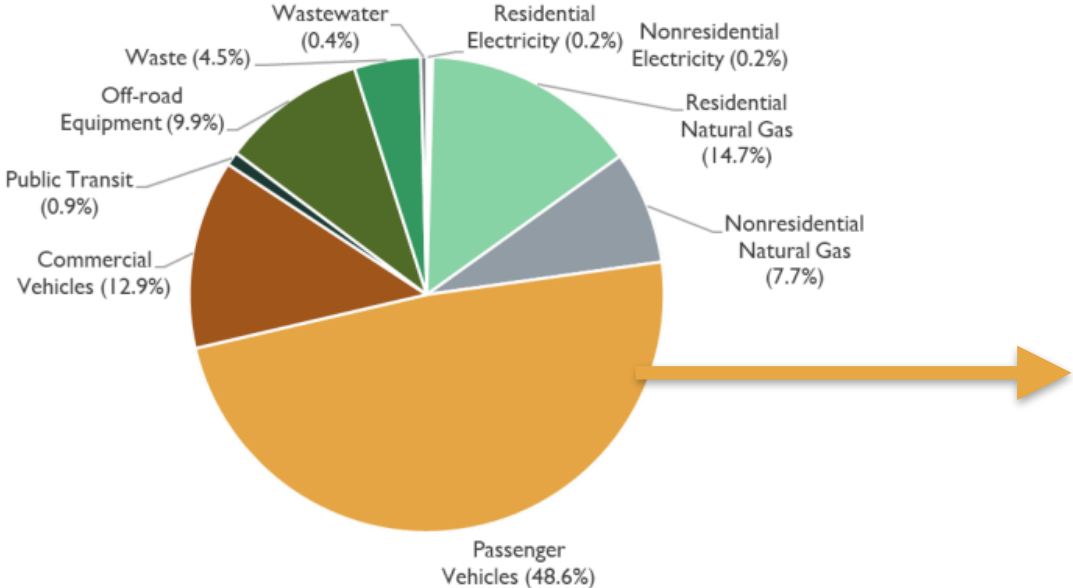
**Goal:** create 15 minute neighborhoods.

A 15-minute neighborhood is a neighborhood in which you can access all of your most basic, day-to-day needs within a 15-minute walk of your home. It is also sometimes called a **complete neighborhood**.



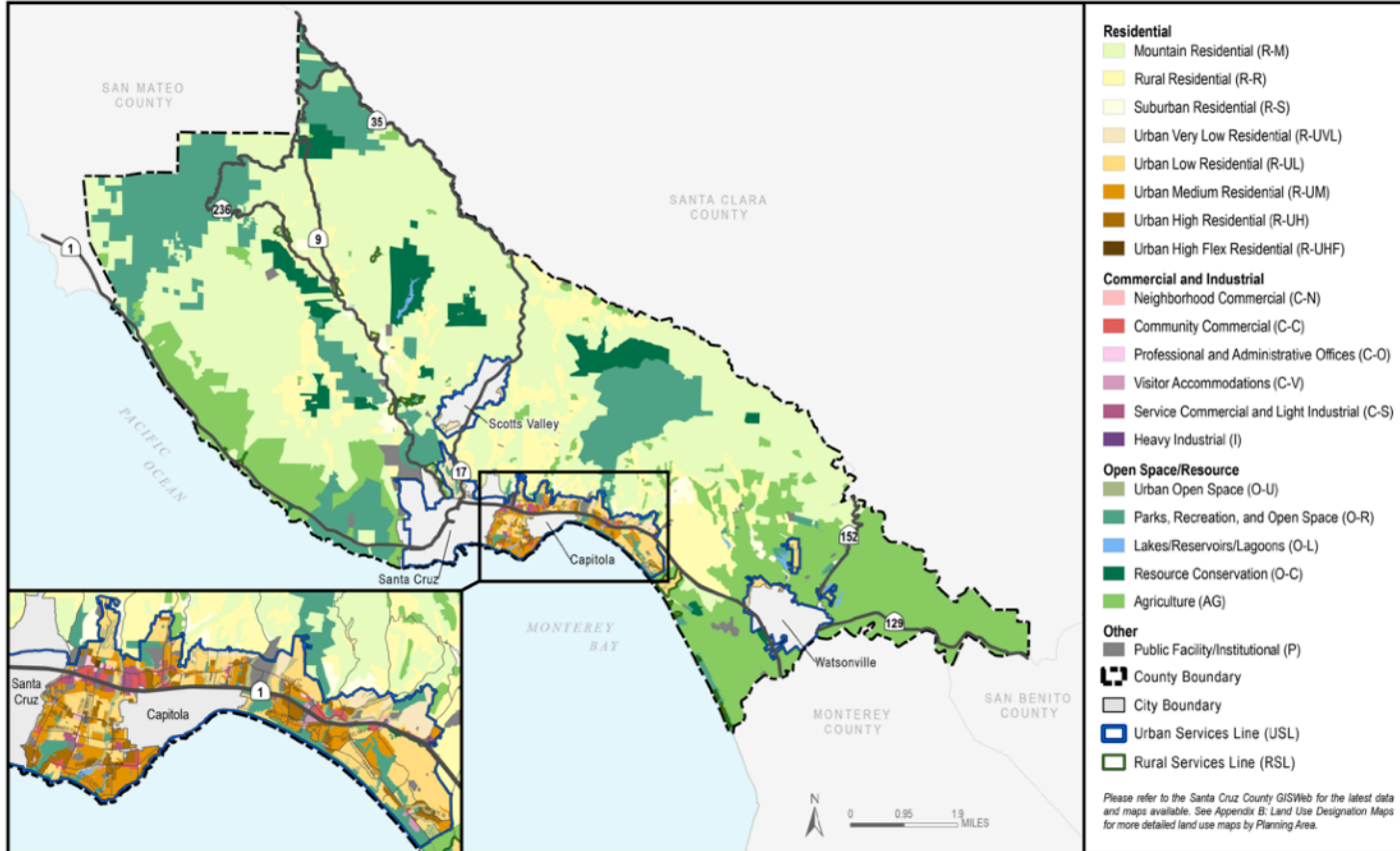
# Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

- County updating plan from 2013 with new focus on adaptation.
- New emissions inventory available. Passenger vehicles account for roughly 50%.
- Gas burning cars are making it hotter.





# Sustainability Update Includes...



Source: Santa Cruz County.

- Largest General Plan Amendment in 25 years
- Amendments to the County Code
- New zoning types: Residential Flex, Medical Flex
- Creation of Santa Cruz County Design Guidelines
- Specific Rezoning at Thurber Ln/Soquel Dr and on Portola Dr

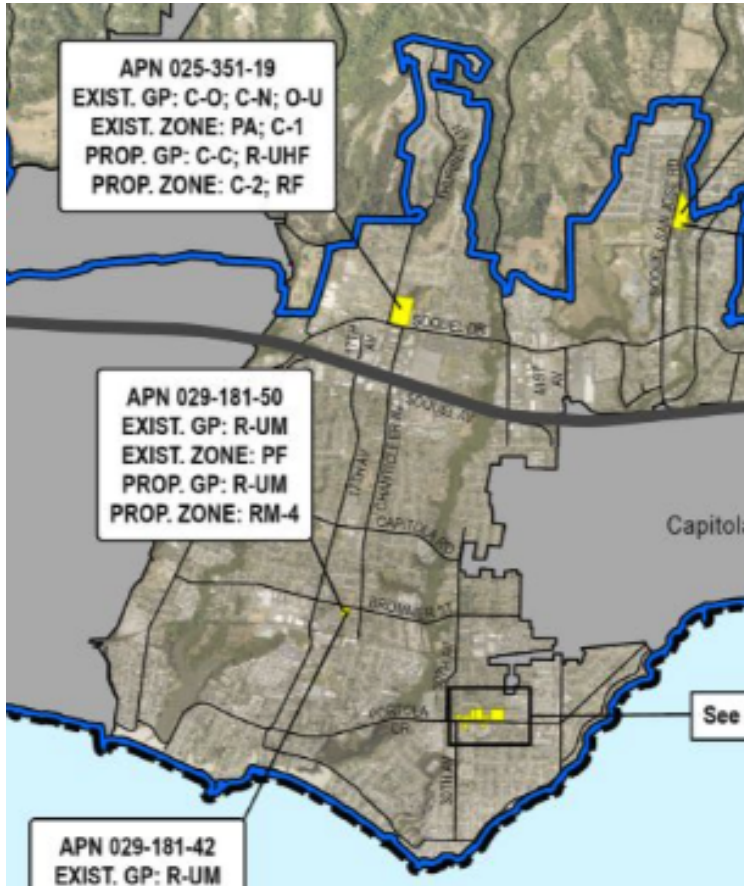
# Design Guidelines



- B1** Gable roofs de-emphasize upper floor building mass
- B2** Varying wall planes accentuate individual units
- B3** Setback variation
- B4** Roofline and height changes



# Thurber and Soquel Dr, Proposed Rezoning



**Site specific goals:** create a community gathering space, new connections to Winkle Park, additional services like a market and coffee shop, and add housing for local workforce.

# Sustainability Update Next Steps

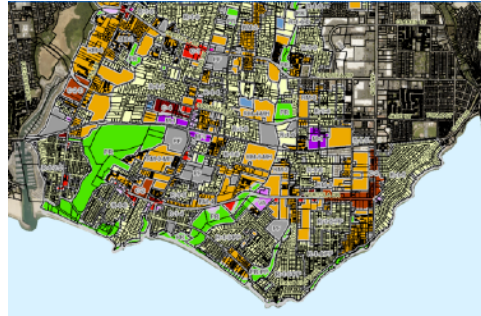
Public Hearing	Meeting Information	Date and Time
Planning Commission Public Hearing #1	Meeting format: Virtual <a href="#">View Agenda</a> Join on your computer via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029</a> Join by phone: (669) 900 6833, Conference ID: 814 8152 8029 #	Wednesday August 24 9:30 am
Planning Commission Public Hearing #2	Meeting format: Virtual <a href="#">View Agenda</a> Join on your computer via Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029</a> Join by phone: (669) 900 6833, Conference ID: 814 8152 8029 #	Wednesday September 14 9:30 am
Board of Supervisors Public Hearings	Meeting format: Hybrid Virtual and in-Person	October - December 2022

# Housing Element and RHNA: How it Works

**Regional Housing  
Needs Assessment  
Allocation**



**Housing Element  
and Zoning Map  
Update**



**Permitting and  
Construction**



# Local RHNA Numbers

Units built in the past 8 years

Income Level	5 <sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA	Units Permitted	Percent
<i>Very Low</i>	317	72	12%
<i>Low</i>	207	119	57%
<i>Moderate</i>	240	269	112%
<i>Above Moderate</i>	550	284	52%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>56%</b>

Income Level	5 <sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA	6 <sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA	Percent Increase
<i>Very Low</i>	317	1,492	471%
<i>Low</i>	207	976	471%
<i>Moderate</i>	240	586	244%
<i>Above Moderate</i>	550	1,580	287%
<b>Total RHNA</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>353%</b>

Units we need to plan for

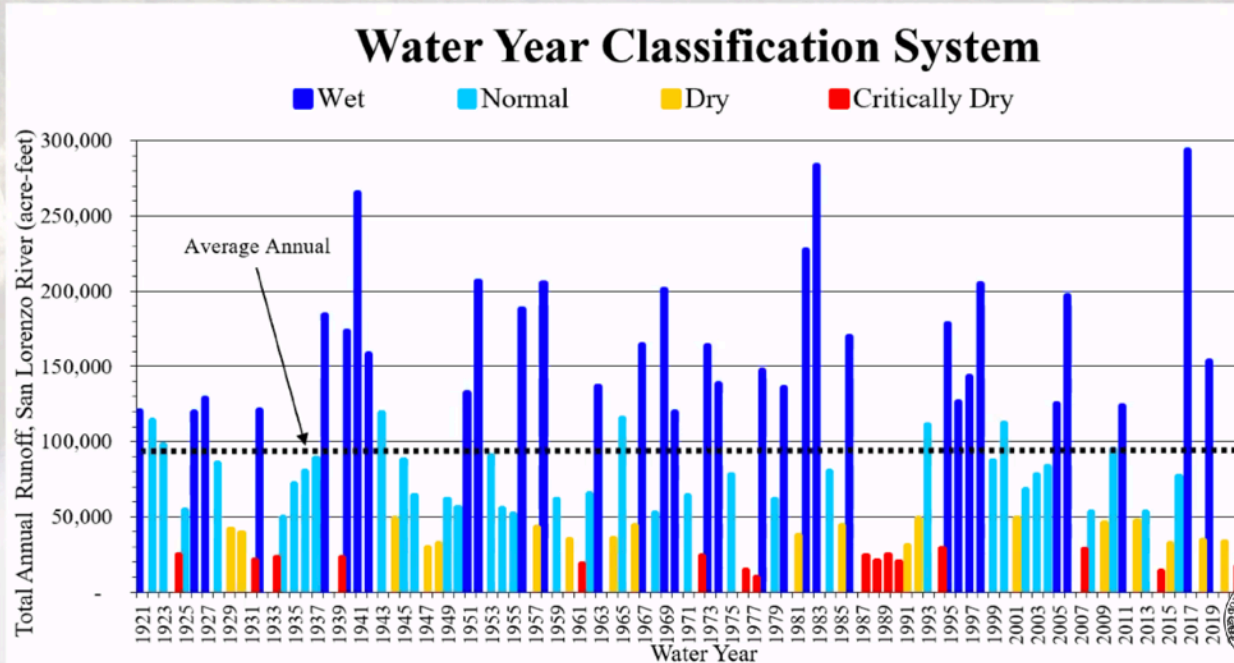
# Citizens Assembly on the Housing Element

- Invitations sent to randomly selected citizens, similar to jury selection
- Ensures fair representation of renters and youth
- Petaluma, Eugene OR and Paris France among the many locations that have implemented Citizen Assemblies



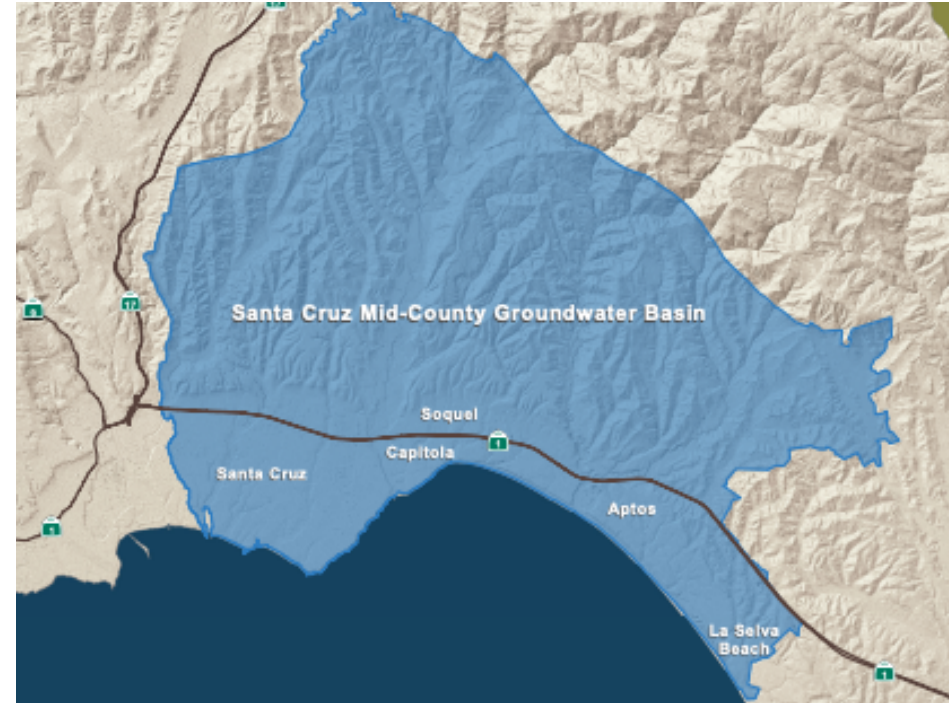
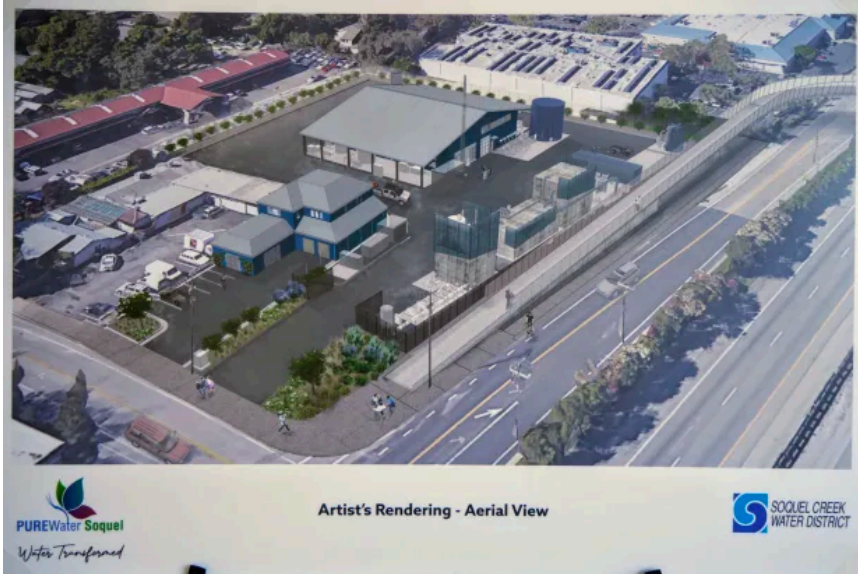
# Water

## The Santa Cruz Water System Relies on Highly Variable Surface Water Resources





# Water Treatment and Storage



- Pure Water Soquel anticipated to come online in 2024
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery, ASR, beginning production phase in 2023

# Kaiser, Medical Office Building Proposal

- Community meetings to discuss traffic mitigation proposals within the next month
- Hearings at the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in Feb and Mar of 2023



# Park Haven Plaza

- 36 unit project
- 15 modules are in production at FactoryOS and will be ready for delivery in February
- Site work has commenced and tree protection fencing is in place.
- Soil excavation likely starting this week.
- Construction sign is up listing contact info
- [info@novindevelopment.com](mailto:info@novindevelopment.com)
- 925-344-6244 x 109



# 5630 Soquel Dr, Senior Care Facility

- 80 Unit senior care and memory care facility planned.
- Demolition permit and rough grading permit granted
- Building permit in progress, expected by the end of the month



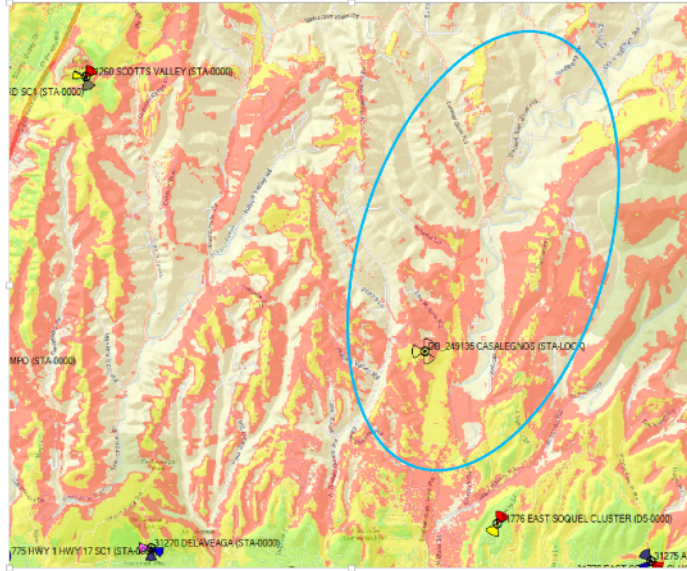
# Heart of Soquel – Call to Artists

- Seeking an artist for a site-specific public art component to Heart of Soquel Parkway
- Total budget of \$27,000
- Apply via [www.scparks.com](http://www.scparks.com)
- Deadline for submission is December 16th, 2022



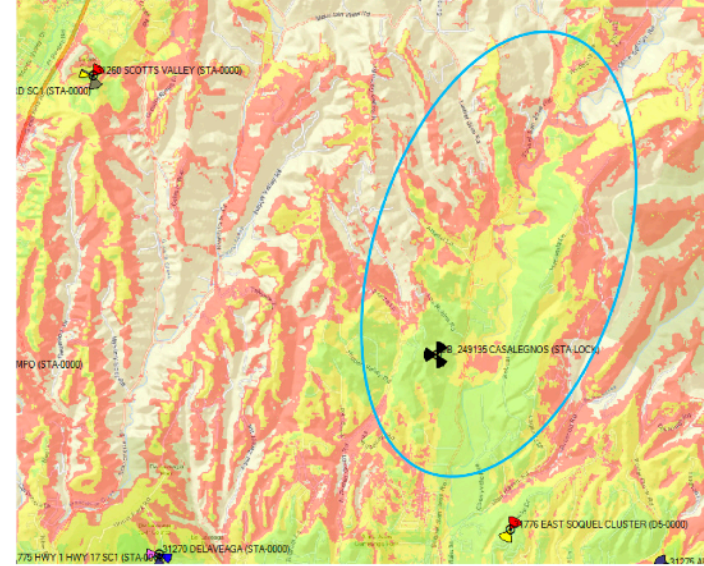
# Verizon Cell Tower Live

coverage without proposed site:



=Good In-Building, = Good In-Vehicle, =Good on-Street.

coverage with proposed site:



=Good In-Building, = Good In-Vehicle, =Good on-Street.

- Live as of October 11th.
- County is negotiating a lease to add First Responder Equipment

# Benchlands Camp Cleared

- Approximately 30% of campers accepted alternative accommodations
- Capacity remains at River St Camp and City Overlook Shelter
- Over \$2M in housing vouchers distributed
- Planning for additional shelter options underway
- Increased funding for Downtown Streets Team and cleanup





Government

Departments

Living

Working

Business

Visiting



### Elections Department



#### Current Activities

- [November 8, 2022 Statewide General Election](#)
  - [Online County Voter Guide - coming soon!](#)
  - [Returning your vote by mail ballot - dates and how to](#)
  - [Certified Write-In List - there are no certified write-in candidates for state or local contests](#)
  - [Ballot Drop Box Locations](#)
  - [Voting Locations](#)
  - [VoteMobile Locations](#)
  - [Contact Candidates](#)
  - [Local Measures](#)
  - [County Random Alphabet for 28th, 29th and 30th Assembly Districts](#)



#### Voter Registration

- Register to vote or change party/address/name
- Change just your mailing address
- Check your voter registration & voting history
- California's New Motor Voter Program
- High School Voter Initiatives
- About voter registration
- Cancel your voter registration
- Voter Registration Totals



#### Voting Options

- Voters with disabilities
- Accessible Voting from Home - RAVBM
- Voting for Military/Overseas - RAVBM
- Voting and Homelessness
- Jail voting toolkit



#### Voter Services

- [Where is my ballot?](#)
- Language services
- Accessibility services
- Voter Bill of Rights
- County Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
- State Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)
- State Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)



A photograph of a diverse group of people in a professional setting, likely a meeting or conference. Many individuals have their hands raised, suggesting an interactive session or a Q&A period. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the audience members in the foreground.

**Questions?**

**Ask Me Anything...**



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# Questions?



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***Thank You!***