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### PLANNING COMMISSION SEEKS FEEDBACK ON SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

The County of Santa Cruz is nearing completion of the Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update ("Sustainability Update"), and invites the public to contribute to finalizing updated housing and other land use regulations in unincorporated areas of the county.

The Sustainability Update involves major updates to the County General Plan and County Code, as well as preparation of new Design Guidelines. These updates will serve as a blueprint for future land use and transportation priorities within unincorporated areas of the county. The Santa Cruz County Planning Commission will hold two virtual public hearings (see below) to accept public input as the County works to finalize the plan. See [www.sccoplanning.com/SustainabilityUpdate](http://www.sccoplanning.com/SustainabilityUpdate) for more information.

The Sustainability Update includes updated regulations for housing production, transportation, agriculture and resource conservation, sustainable communities, code modernization, commercial development, community services and environmental justice. Consistent with County priorities under the Vision Santa Cruz County strategic plan, the Sustainability Update is being conducted through an equity lens, and recognizes that effective land use and transportation planning are necessary to create sustainable urban communities, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide additional housing options for all county residents while protecting our natural resources and agricultural areas.

To participate in the Planning Commissions Sustainability Update meetings. Please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81481528029> at the following times.

Wednesday, August 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.

To view agenda for each meeting, click on the Sustainability update link above.