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## Los Angeles County Adopts 2025 OurCounty Sustainability Plan

L.A. County Chief Sustainability Office Reveals Its Boldest Sustainability Plan to Date

LOS ANGELES, CA — The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today adopted the 2025 OurCounty Sustainability Plan, the most ambitious regional roadmap in the nation. The Plan includes 179 action items to enhance the well-being and foster greater resilience in every L.A. County community.

To view the 2025 OurCounty Sustainability Plan, click here.

The 2025 Our County Plan builds upon the original 2019 blueprint that set forth 12 overarching sustainability goals for the region grounded in the co-equal values of environment, equity, and economy. More than half of the action items in the original Plan have been achieved or are on track to be achieved by the target dates.

"Since the adoption of the County's original sustainability plan in 2019, Los Angeles County has navigated unprecedented challenges, from the COVID-19 pandemic to catastrophic wildfires that have tested the strength of our infrastructure and communities," said Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Chair Kathryn Barger, Fifth District. "The 2025 Plan builds on those lessons to advance a more resilient and forward-looking framework. I support its prioritization of prevention and long-term preparedness. It's important, as a County, to reaffirm our commitment to rebuild stronger and safeguard both our residents and natural resources."

"As we continue to see the real impacts of climate change in Los Angeles County, the 2025 OurCounty Sustainability Plan provides a crucial guide to ensure the County takes intentional and measured actions to enhance the well-being and resiliency of our communities through environmental care and accessibility," said Los Angeles County Chair Pro Tem and First District Supervisor, Hilda L. Solis. "While our federal government continues to move away from environmental protections, the County is leading the way towards ensuring we continue to proactively implement every opportunity, including in the County's own infrastructure, daily functions, item procurement and more, to ensure protecting our environment and the health of future generations is at the center of each department's decision-making. Now more than ever, we must move towards a more sustainable future for our communities and future generations."







"We are building on the progress made since the launch of the County's Sustainability Plan in 2019 by applying lessons learned and advancing a bold, unified framework that addresses the core elements necessary for a thriving L.A. County — including creative solutions to the climate challenges and extreme weather events we've experienced," said **Second District Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell**. "By investing in renewable energy, healthy neighborhoods, and a just economy, L.A. County is showing how local government, in partnership with communities, can create a more sustainable future."

"With this updated OurCounty Plan, we are doubling down on our commitment to a future where every Angeleno can breathe clean air, live in a safe community, and share in the benefits of a thriving green economy," said **Third District Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath**. "This plan is about action, accountability, and ensuring that our progress on sustainability reaches every neighborhood in Los Angeles County."

"As the threats posed to our communities by pollution and climate change worsen, this updated OurCounty Plan is going to help us meet the moment and protect them into the future" said **Fourth District Supervisor Janice Hahn**. "LA County is an epicenter of innovation and forward-looking policies. I'm thankful to everyone who helped shape this urgent and thoughtful document."

Some of the County's notable achievements since 2019, are:

- Adoption of an ordinance to phase out oil/gas extraction in unincorporated L.A. County
- Development of more than 110 acres of new parkland in unincorporated areas
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from County operations by over 40% since 2009
- Installation of 1,500 EV chargers at County facilities and expansion of the electric/hybrid County fleet
- Investment of nearly \$1 billion in multi-benefit stormwater capture projects

The 2025 update reflects six years of progress and learning that included resident engagement, research, and data analysis to assess gains and identify new opportunities. The CSO worked with partners and communities to discuss progress and the future direction of sustainability actions through Countywide pop-up events, a Countywide survey, and a series of in-person and virtual topical stakeholder workshops.

Nearly 70% of survey respondents agreed that Los Angeles County is more sustainable than it was five years ago, while a smaller number feel the region is better prepared for climate change (62%). Across every part of the County, air quality is by far the top concern for residents, according to the survey. Water pollution, affordable housing, utility costs, and clean energy rounded out the top five.

The updated Plan envisions streets and parks that are accessible, safe, and welcoming to everyone; air, water, and soil that are clean and healthy; affordable housing that enables all residents to thrive in place; climate-ready communities that are informed and prepared, and that have infrastructure that supports them today and that will perform in a changing climate; and a just economy that runs on clean and affordable renewable energy instead of dirty fossil fuels.

OurCounty brings together the vast array of sustainability policies, programs, and projects that County departments are working on under a single integrated framework. This unified approach helps residents, partners, and cities see the region's shared vision and work together across jurisdictions to achieve it. Collaboration across County departments and local governments will be essential to delivering on these goals.

"The updated OurCounty Plan lays out a brave path for policymakers and residents alike," said Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Officer Rita Kampalath. "This type of innovation and ambitious goal-setting is critical, especially as federal decision-makers continue to weaken environmental protections and dismantle climate-resilience initiatives. Los Angeles County must continue to lead the way."

New and expanded focus areas in the 2025 Plan include:

- Wildfire Risk Management: Implementing the Community Wildfire Protection Ordinance, updating climate-informed building codes, advocating for equitable insurance practices, and enhancing ecosystems to reduce wildfire risk and improve recovery.
- Community Resilience: Expanding battery storage systems and microgrids at County facilities, identifying community spaces for potential resilience hubs, and co-creating resilience training and programming with local organizations.
- Tribal and Indigenous Partnership: Establishing an Office of Tribal Affairs, supporting Indigenous land stewardship models, and embedding traditional ecological knowledge into climate adaptation and resilience planning.
- Ocean and Marine Systems: Promoting sustainable aquaculture, piloting solutions to reduce nutrient pollution and ocean acidification, restoring coastal and marine habitats, and developing a regional coastal resilience strategy.
- Green Goods Movement: Transitioning to zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles, implementing the Truck Route Master Plan, and investing in electrified rail infrastructure to reduce freight emissions and improve air quality.
- Green Economy: Identifying priority growth sectors through a Green Economy Study, expanding equitable workforce development programming, supporting ethical AI innovation, and strengthening small business ecosystems to ensure inclusive and sustainable economic growth.
- Resource Circularity: Increasing use of sustainable building materials in County projects, support for local upcycling and recycling markets, repurposing salvaged materials for public art, and a comprehensive inventory of local reuse, repair, and material recovery services.

## About the Chief Sustainability Office

The Los Angeles County Chief Sustainability Office leads cross-departmental efforts to achieve a sustainable L.A. County that advances equity, economic opportunity, and climate resilience, led by the OurCounty Sustainability Plan. It provides policy support and guidance to the Board of Supervisors, County departments, and regional partners to ensure a sustainable future for all County residents.

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