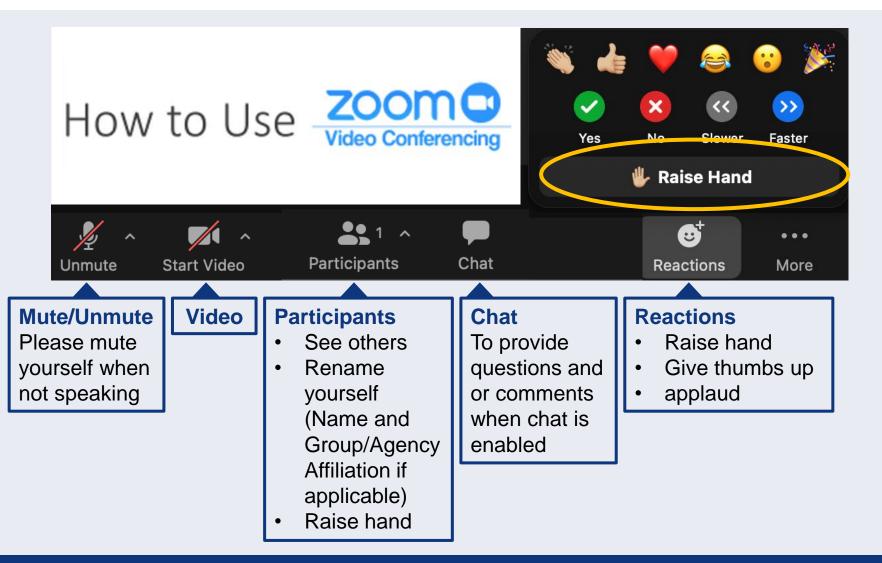


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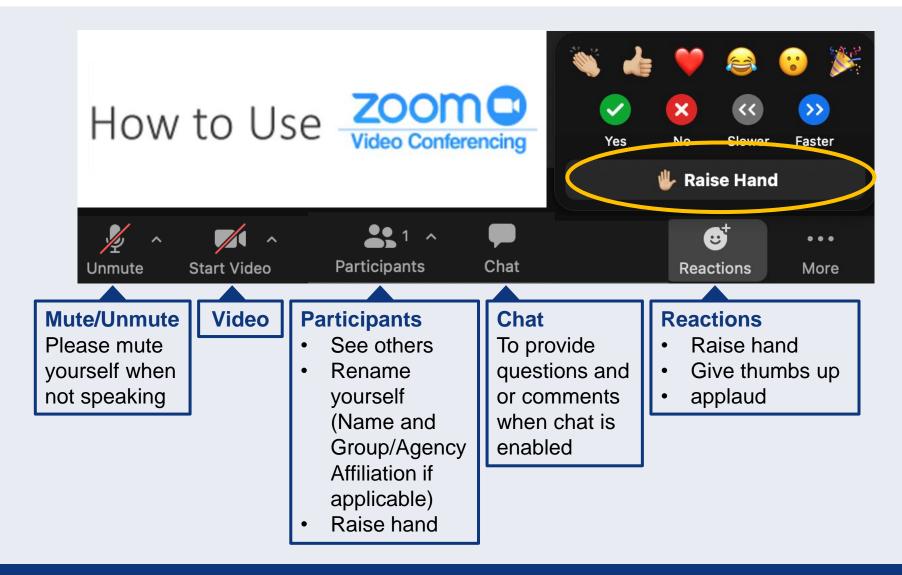
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Kick-off Public Workshop

Monday, September 30, 2024

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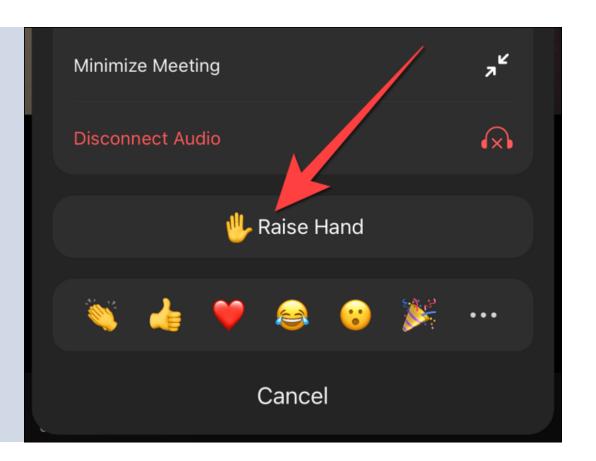
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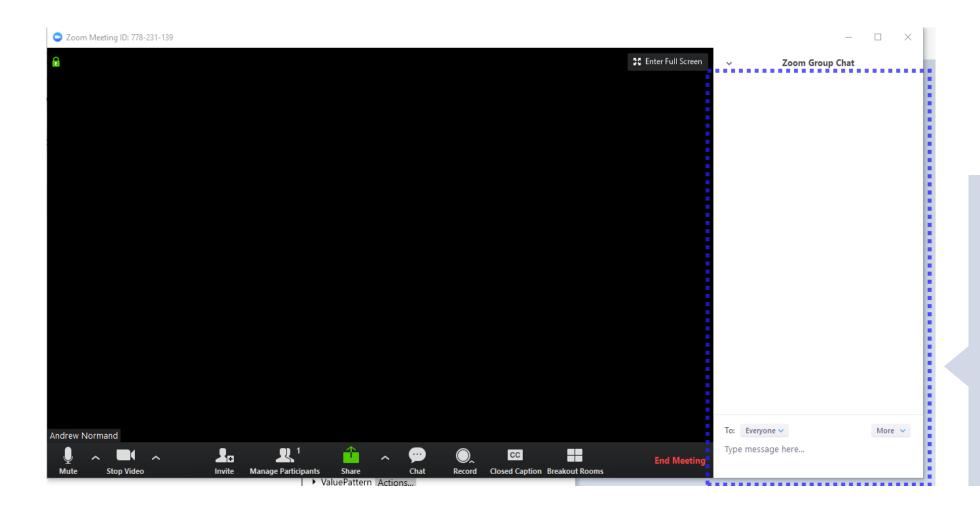


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### Thank you for being here!





If you'd like, introduce yourself by putting your name, location and any affiliation in the chat.

### Agenda



- 2 What is the BARCAP Initiative?
- 3 Live Polling
- 5 ? Q&A
- 7 Breakout discussion: Creating a Carbon Neutral Future

## Welcome and Opening Remarks

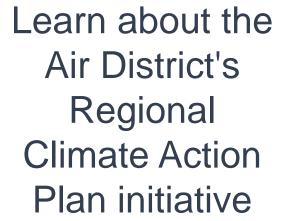


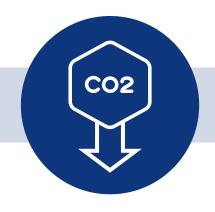


## **Workshop Goals**









Help shape a vision for a carbon neutral Bay Area



Connect with other people committed to climate action

## Overview of the Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan (BARCAP) Initiative



#### **Abby Young**

Climate Protection Manager
Bay Area Air Quality Management District



### The Bay Area is Experiencing **Impacts of Climate Change Today**





An extreme heat wave has arrived in California. Here's what it means for the Bay Area

By Gerry Díaz, Newsroom Meteorologist Updated July 8, 2023 8:41 a.m.







Wildfires in Southern California torch dozens of homes and force thousands to evacuate



#### SF and major coastal cities 'sinking' amid rising sea levels, report says

"The Bay Area is ground zero for climate change and sea level rise. We are literally 8 million people living in a bathtub."

By Suzanne Phan 🚮 Thursday, March 7, 2024





#### Atmospheric river lashes California with heavy rain and wind

By Mary Gilbert, Antoinette Radford, Eric Zerkel, Elise Hammond, Zoe Sottile, Amir Vera, Kathleen Magramo and Deva Lee, CNN

Updated 7:24 AM EST, Tue February 6, 2024

Tens of thousands of people in northern California have been allowed to return to their homes after evacuating as wildfires spread in the region during a heatwave.

Weather

Watch Listen Live TV

A disastrous megaflood is coming to California, experts say, and it could be the most expensive natural disaster in history

### The Bay Area's Contributions to **Global Climate Change**



Sources across the economy emit greenhouses gases (GHGs) into the atmosphere.

























**Transportation Commercial** 

**Residential & Buildings** 

**Industry** 

**Electricity** Generation (Power)

Waste & **Materials** Management

Agriculture/ **Natural & Working Lands** 



These sources also remove GHGs from atmosphere and are called sinks.

## The Many Benefits of Climate Action



Taking action to reduce GHG emissions and increase sinks can:



Improve outdoor air quality



Reduce disease and premature deaths



Save electricity and money



Expand access to nature



Improve transportation options



Make buildings more energy-efficient, comfortable, and healthy



Create business and job opportunities

## Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan Initiative





Air District received funding from US EPA to lead development of a regional climate action plan for an eight-county area (see map on left)\*

#### **Key deliverables include:**

- BARCAP Phase 1: Priority Climate Action Plan (submitted Feb 29, 2024)
- BARCAP Phase 2: Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (due Dec 1, 2025)

<sup>\*</sup>Santa Clara County is leading its own US EPA-funded planning effort

## How is the BARCAP Unique?



## Typical Local Climate Action Plans

- Single jurisdiction-focused plan
- Implemented by a local jurisdiction
- Adopted by city councils or boards of supervisors
- Calls for local action to reduce GHG emissions and adapt to climate change

#### State Scoping Plan

- Statewide plan for carbon neutrality by 2045
- Implemented by state agencies
- Adopted by California Air Resources Board
- Calls for state action to reduce GHG emissions

## Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan

- Regional roadmap to meet region's vision and climate goals
- Implemented by a mix of agencies and organizations
- Submitted to EPA
- Calls for regional action to reduce GHG emissions

### **Goals of BARCAP Initiative**



GOAL 1
Reduce Bay
Area's
contributions to
climate change to
help achieve
carbon neutrality
by 2045

GOAL 2
Create a healthier breathing environment and provide benefits to frontline communities

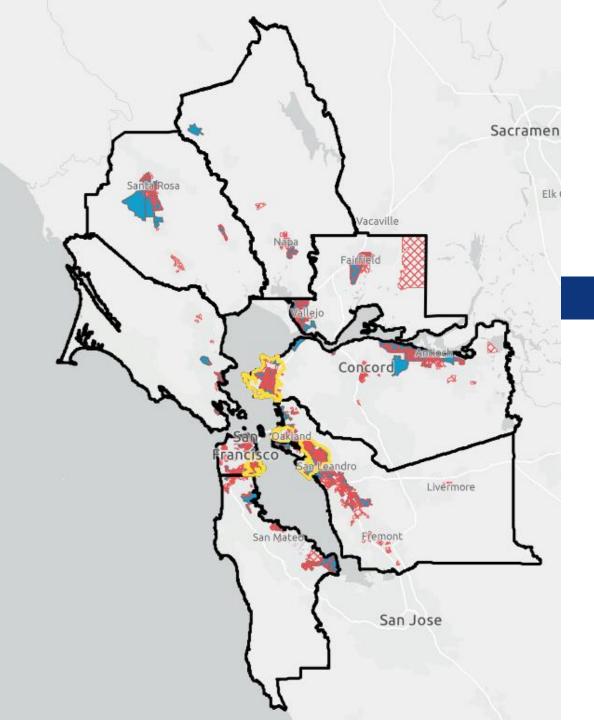
GOAL 3
Take regional
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build upon State
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action plans

GOAL 4
Address
important crosscutting issues
that extend
across multiple
components of
the plan



# Goal 1: Reduce Bay Area's Contribution to Climate Change to Help Achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2045

- BARCAP will have near- and longterm targets
- Air District recommends aligning with state targets, which are:
  - 40% reduction from 1990 levels by 2030
  - Carbon neutrality by 2045
- Federal and state actions will be taken into account in meeting regional targets



# Goal 2: Create a Healthier Breathing Environment and Provide Benefits to Frontline Communities

#### Where are the frontline communities for BARCAP?

**BARCAP Planning** 



**AB 617 CERP** 



EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities



MTC Equity Priority Communities



#### See the webmap at:

https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/57bdb412b26 e4f2eaf8fa762b735652f/page/Map/



## Goal 3: Take Regional Action to Complement and Build Upon State and Local Climate Action Plans

- Complement and build upon efforts of State and local climate action plans
- Unlock barriers and accelerate implementation of local climate actions
- Form committed partnerships of agencies and organizations to pursue implementing regional actions in the BARCAP

### **Advisory Work Group for BARCAP**







































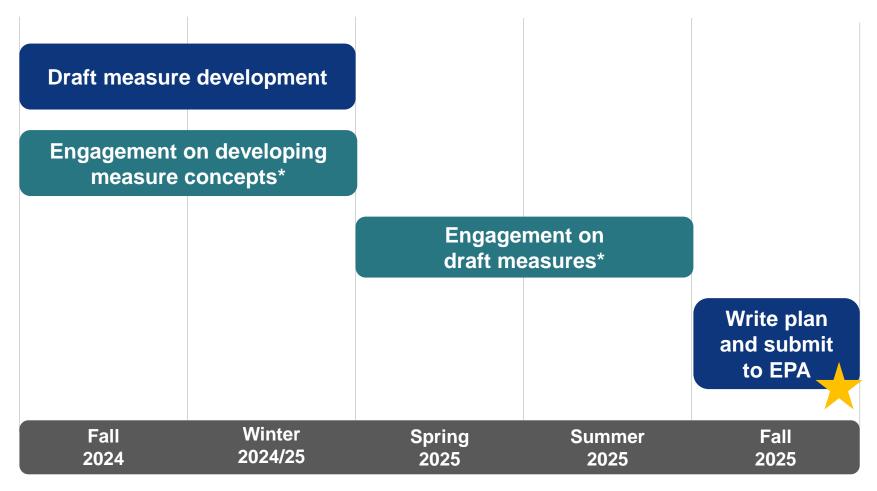
## Goal 4: Address Important Cross-cutting Issues That Extend Across Multiple Components of the Plan

Evaluate issues of interest to the region that span economic sectors (e.g., transportation, buildings, energy)

- Economic opportunities and workforce development
- New and emerging technologies
- Opportunities for resilience benefits

## **BARCAP Development Timeline**





<sup>\*</sup> Engagement includes the public, frontline communities, and local governments



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Q&A





#### Switch to Poll EV:

- Where do you live in the Bay Area?
- How involved are you in preventing climate change?

## Who is joining us today?



Link to optional, anonymous demographic survey + event feedback form

## **Overview of Prior Work**



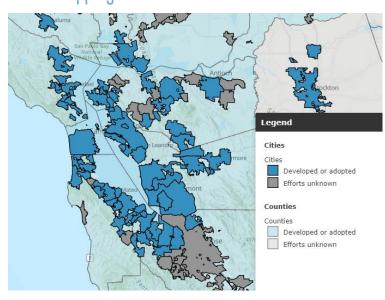


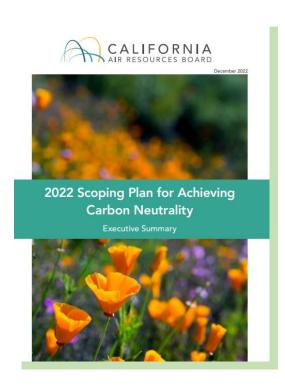
## Building Upon Robust Local, Regional, and State Climate Plans

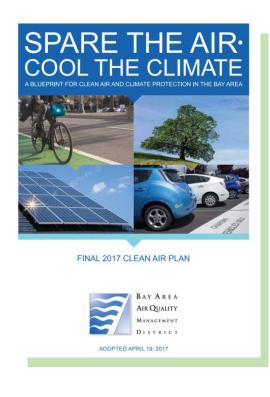


The BARCAP is building upon a robust foundation of climate planning.

## California Climate Action Portal Mapping climate action across California











## Where We've Been (Phase 1 of BARCAP initiative)



- Summer 2023-Spring 2024: Engaged 150+ stakeholders in eight working sessions, one public workshop, three surveys, and assorted local government and CBO events
- Stakeholders included regional agencies, local governments, CBOs, nonprofits, CCAs and utilities, workforce training organizations, organized labor representatives

## Where We've Been (Phase 1 of BARCAP initiative)



- Air District, partners, and stakeholders co-developed:
  - Recommendations for priority sectors: buildings and transportation
  - Priority measures for those sectors
  - Design principles to guide measure development
  - List of key benefits/disbenefits of most interest for frontline communities
  - Suggestions for implementation grant proposals and partners
- Priority Climate Action Plan includes two priority measures for reducing emissions with a focus on frontline communities:
  - Existing residential building decarbonization
  - Mode shift through mobility hubs

## Phase 1 Output: Key Benefits and Disbenefits



- Identified and conducted analysis of key benefits (to maximize) and disbenefits (to minimize) for frontline communities related to potential buildings and transportation measures
- Update and expand for Phase 2 to include more economic sectors



Housing quality & security



Energy cost burden & security



Public & community health



Transportation access & costs



Jobs & workforce development



Climate resilience co-benefits



Community engagement, awareness, & capacity

## Phase 1 Output: Design Principles to Guide Measure Development



- Set of guiding values that informed Phase 1 initial measure development
- Will update to help guide Phase 2 final measure development

- Climate equity
- Cooperative (builds upon existing efforts)
- Coordinated (builds cooperation and meaningful relationships among LGs and CBOs)
- Funding/financing access
- Genuine affordability & access
- Health & safety
- Housing & community stability
- Jobs & local entrepreneurship
- Resilience

## Summary of Phase 1 and Next Steps for Phase 2



## Phase 1 completed Spring 2024, including:

- Priority Climate Action Plan focused on buildings and transportation
- Benefits/disbenefits analysis and design principles
- Extensive engagement

## Phase 2 ongoing with plan due Dec 1, 2025, including:

- Developing measures and benefits/disbenefits analysis for all sectors
- Updating design principles
- Conducting lots of engagement and deep work with stakeholders
  - Technical workgroups
  - Local government outreach
  - Public workshops
- Priority community workshops and focus groups
- Survey

## **Polling Questions**



Please finish the sentence: In 2050, I want the Bay Area to be... (word cloud)

What do you see as the greatest opportunities for the BARCAP? (open-ended)

- Examples

What do you see as the greatest challenges for the BARCAP? (open-ended)

- Examples

Please rank the following benefits from most to least important to you: (ranking)

- Public and community health
- Transportation access and affordability
- Housing quality and security
- Access to clean, reliable, affordable energy
- Job creation and workforce development
- Protecting communities from climate change impacts
- Community engagement, awareness, and capacity
- Access to affordable, healthy food

## What would it look like to achieve our goals?



Together we envision a Bay Area where achieving our climate goals fosters thriving communities, healthy natural systems, and a sustainable and prosperous economy.

On the path to that future, we will create family-sustaining jobs, inspire innovation, improve air quality and public health, and prioritize environmental justice.

### **Breakout Process**



- 25 min discussion (or remaining time until 6:55PM)
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## Discussion Questions: What would it look like to achieve our goals?



- What does a carbon neutral future mean for...
- What benefits of lowering our region's emissions are most important to you? And conversely, what are your top concerns, potential disbenefits, or barriers you see to achieving a carbon neutral future?
- Do you have any other considerations or concerns to share for Phase 2 of the BARCAP process?



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### **Discussion Share-Out**



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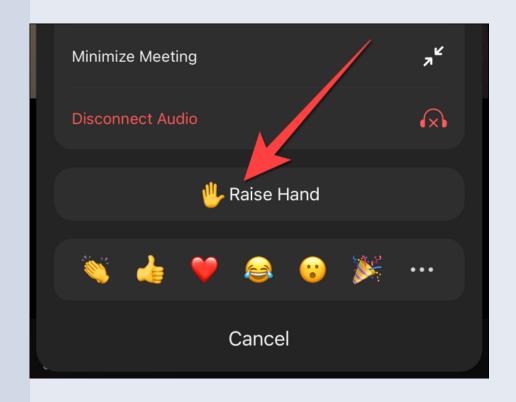


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### **Discussion Question 1**



What does a carbon neutral future mean for...

- Your home/household?
- Your neighborhood/commute to work or school?
- The Bay Area region?

## Discussion Question 2

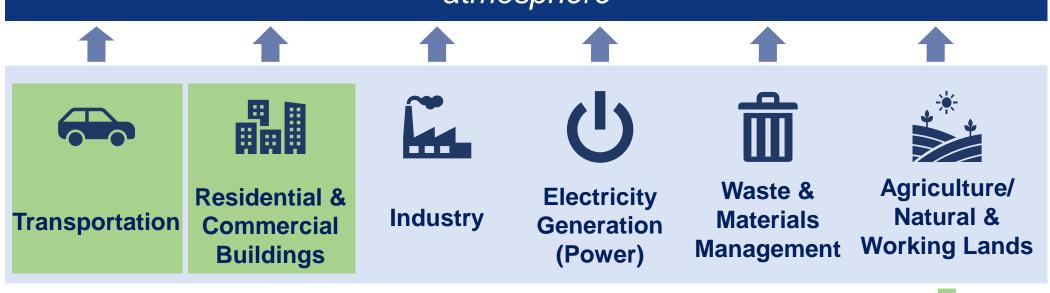


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**Examined in Phase 1** 



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## **Discussion Question 3**



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