

# Sustainability Policy + Regulatory Update

## LATINO AFFAIRS COMMISSION

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT + INFRASTRUCTURE DEPT

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# 01 Background + Vision

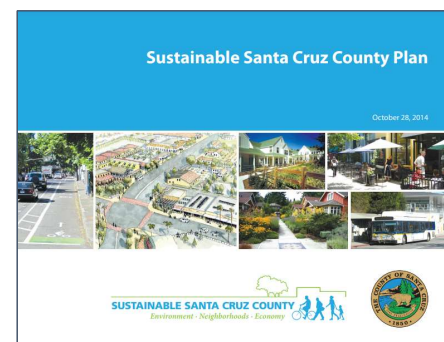


## What is the Sustainability Update?

- Amendments to General Plan/Local Coastal Program
- Amendments to County Code
- New County Design Guidelines
- Amendments to Land Use Map/Zoning Maps

## Project Goals

- Implement Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan
- Modernize County Code
- Accommodate growth 2020-2040
- Align with state legislation, local + regional plans



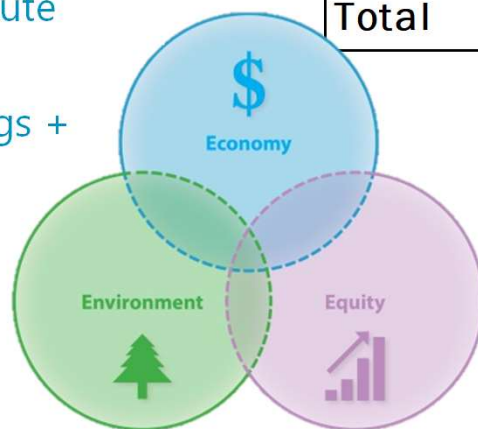
## 03 Project Topic Area: Sustainable Development



### Sustainable development at all scales

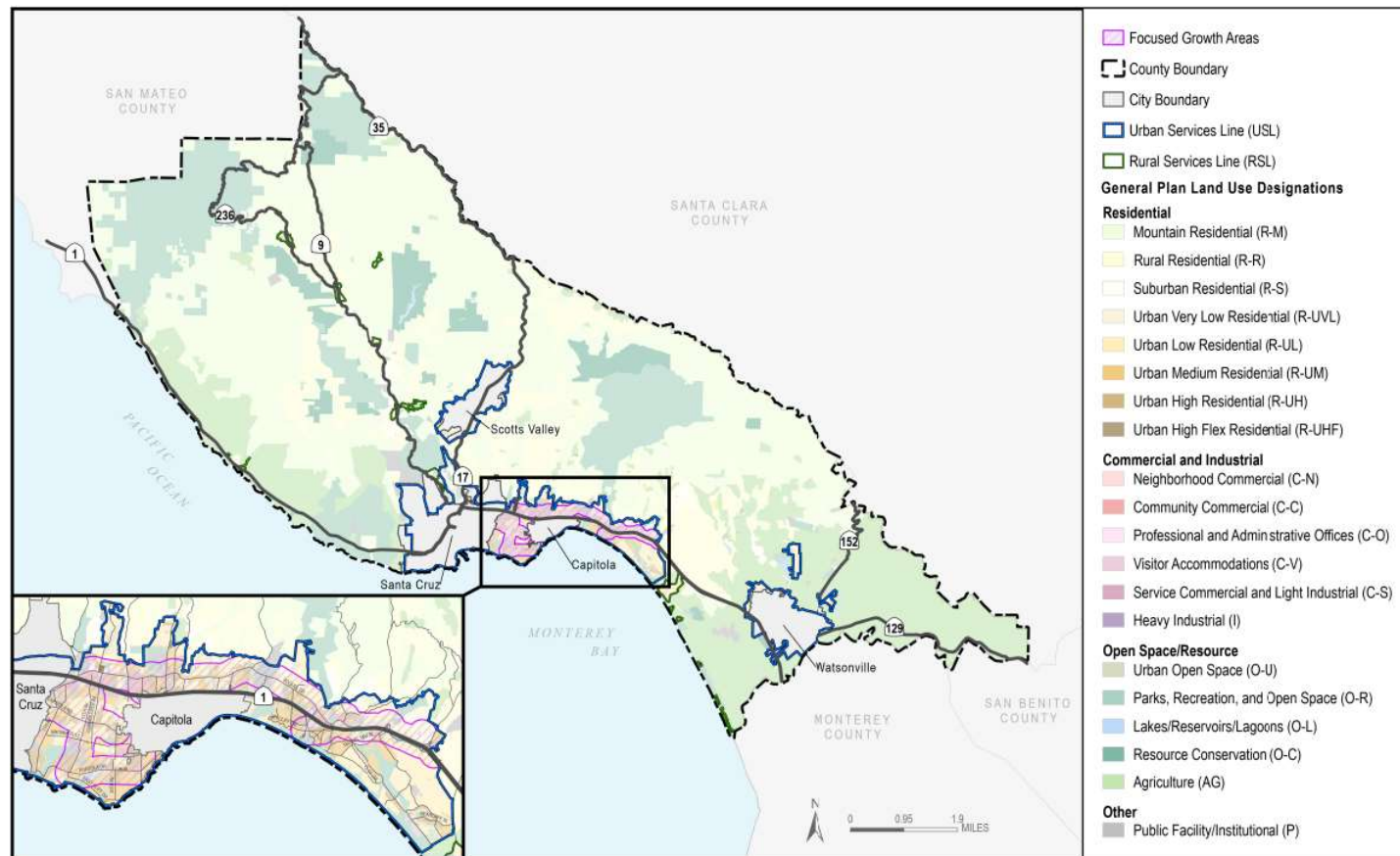
- Regional scale: coordination with other jurisdictions + planning agencies
- County scale: urban + rural services lines
- Community scale: corridors + activity centers
- Neighborhood scale: 15-minute neighborhoods
- Building scale: green buildings + sustainable sites

Potential Estimated Growth		
Area	Dwelling Units	Commercial (Sq Ft)
North County	442	1,142,300
Mid-County	3,697	4,196,400
South County	359	870,850
Total	<b>4,498</b>	<b>6,209,550</b>



Learn More:  
General Plan/LCP Chapters 1 + 2  
Fact Sheet: Sustainable  
Development

# 03 Project Topic Area: Sustainable Development



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## Project Topic Area: Built Environment



- Amendments focus on urban development
- New zone districts: Residential Flex, Workplace Flex
- Mixed-use standards
- Hospital and medical mixed-use standards
- Modernization of use and development standards
- County Design Guidelines

### Learn More:

Community Meeting #2, 3/28/22

General Plan/LCP Chapter 2

County Code Chapter 13.10

Design Guidelines

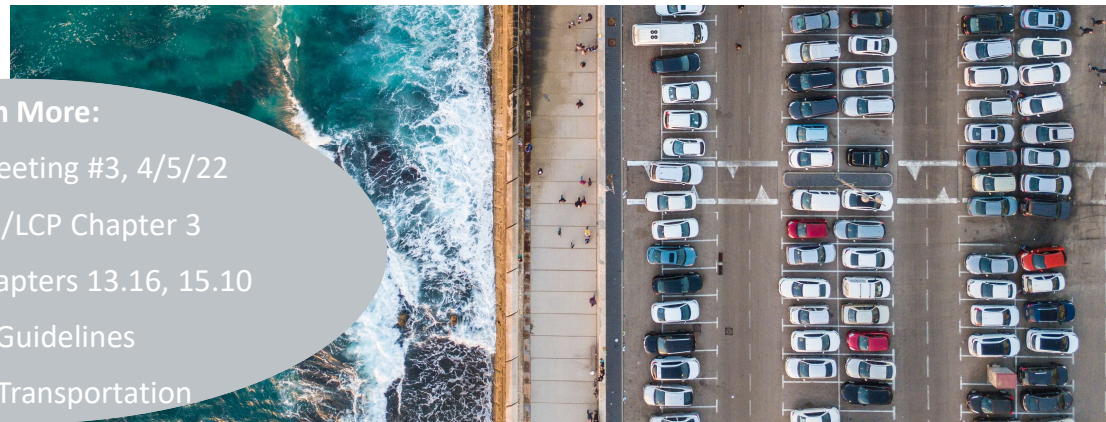
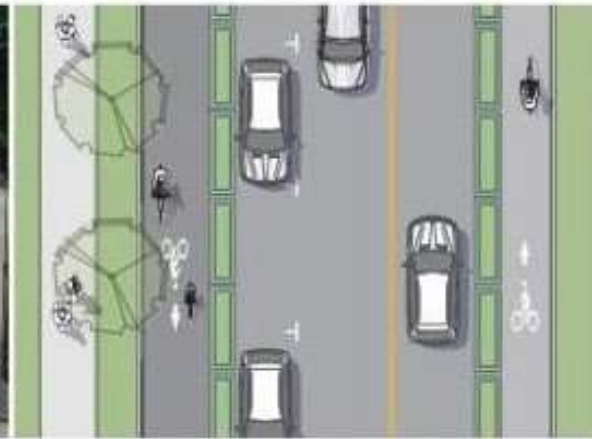
Fact Sheets: Housing,  
Commercial Development



## 03 Project Topic Area: Transportation



- New layered network street type system
- Focus on community character, streetscape, safety, technology, coastal access
- Vehicle miles traveled
- New roads/roadway projects
- Transportation demand management
- Parking + site circulation standards



### Learn More:

Community Meeting #3, 4/5/22

General Plan/LCP Chapter 3

County Code Chapters 13.16, 15.10

Design Guidelines

Fact Sheet: Transportation



## 03 Project Topic Area: Community Services



- Community services must be adequate to accommodate growth
- Consistency with County Parks Strategic Plan
- Focus on water supply and conservation
- New policies to address Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
- Telecommunications, broadband access and new technologies

### Learn More:

Community Meeting #4, 4/12/22

General Plan/LCP Chapter 7

Fact Sheet: Community Services



## 03 Project Topic Area: Agriculture + Natural Resources



- Protection of agricultural, biological, cultural, groundwater, coastal, timber, minerals, visual resources & open spaces
- No major changes to environmental protection standards
- Highway 1 Scenic Roadway
- Expanded land uses on agricultural land (agricultural support uses, agritourism, wineries and breweries, weddings, essential public facilities)



### Learn More:

Community Meeting #4, 4/12/22

General Plan/LCP Chapter 5

County Code Chapters 13.10,  
16.50

Fact Sheet: Agriculture and  
Natural Resources



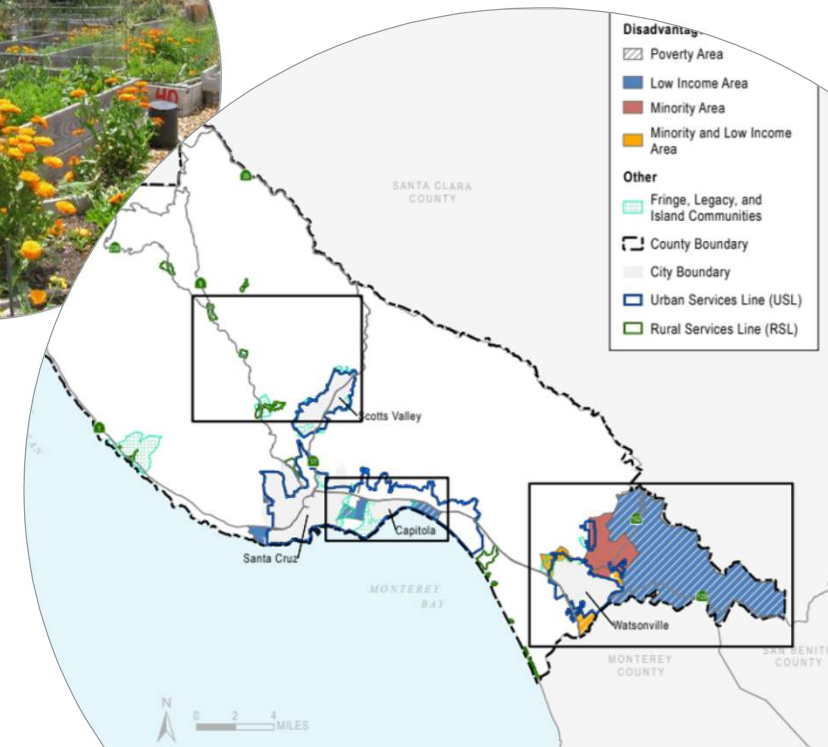
# 03 Project Topic Area: Environmental Justice



- Identification of policies that support environmental justice throughout General Plan
  - Reducing pollution exposure and improving air quality
  - Equitable access to food, housing, services, resources, opportunities
  - Targeted policies for disadvantaged communities
- Definition of “disadvantaged community”
- Mapping of disadvantaged communities



Learn More:  
Community Meetings #2-4  
General Plan/LCP Chapters 1,2,3,5,7  
Fact Sheet: Environmental Justice



## 03 Project Topic Area: Code Modernization



- Clarify permit requirements
  - Replace Level 1-7 use permits with use and site development permits
- Consolidate procedural requirements, parking regulations, coastal regulations
- Modernize allowed land uses
- Remove obsolete standards and definitions



### Learn More:

Community Meeting #5, 4/20/22

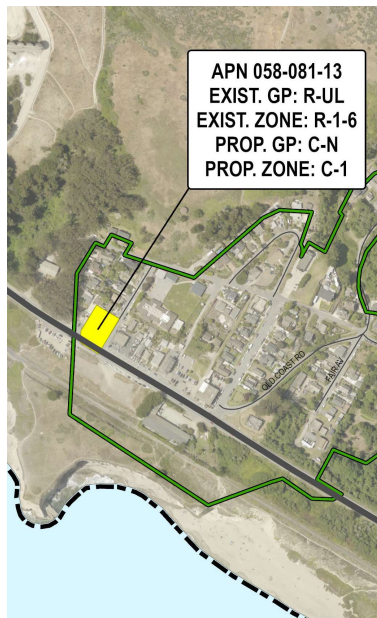
County Code Titles 5, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18

Fact Sheet: Code Modernization

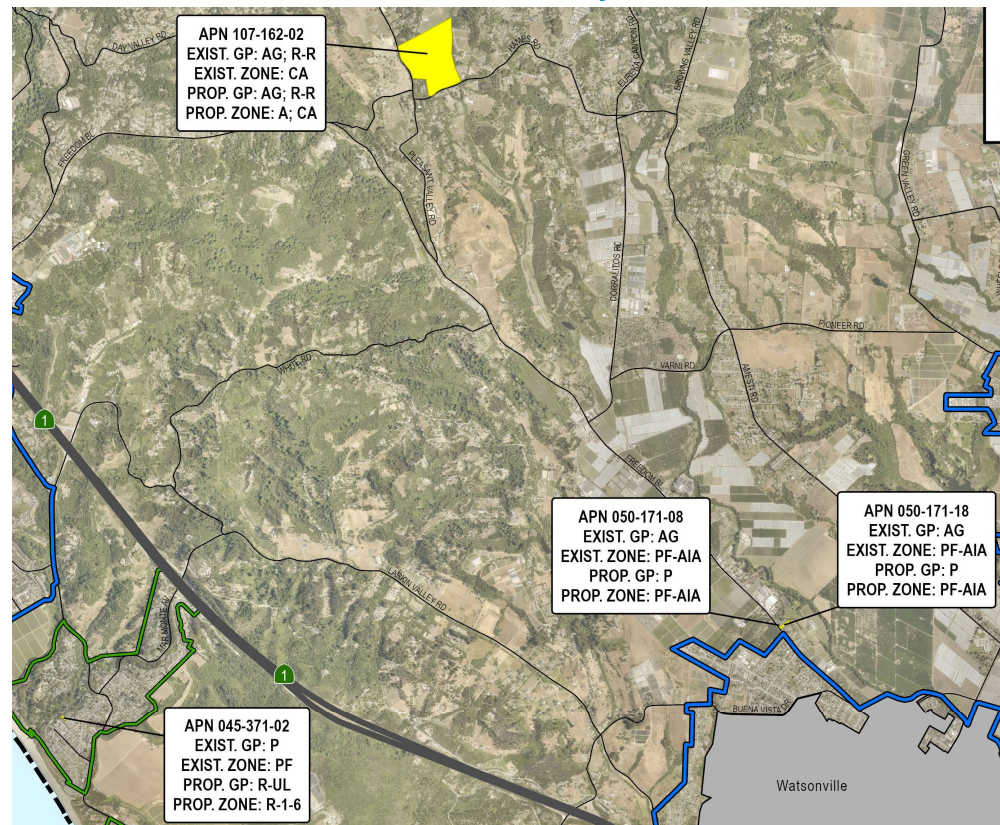
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## North County



## South County

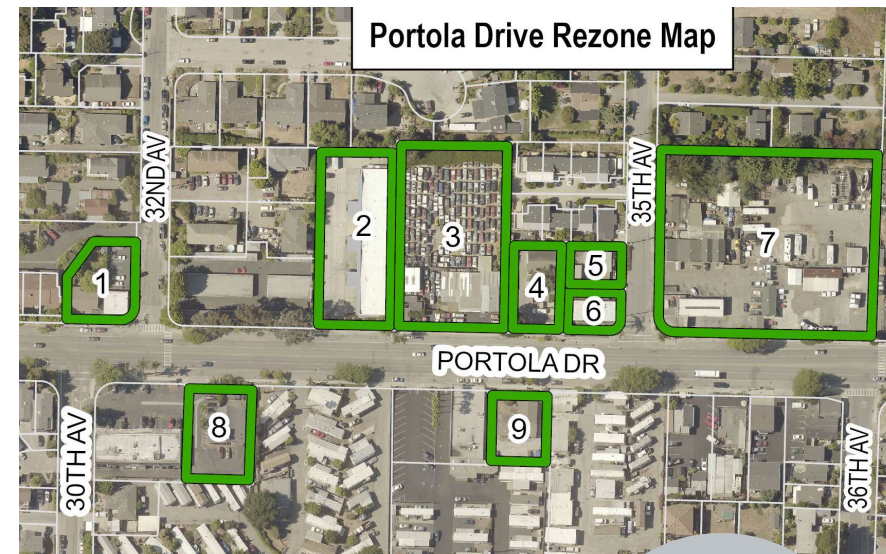
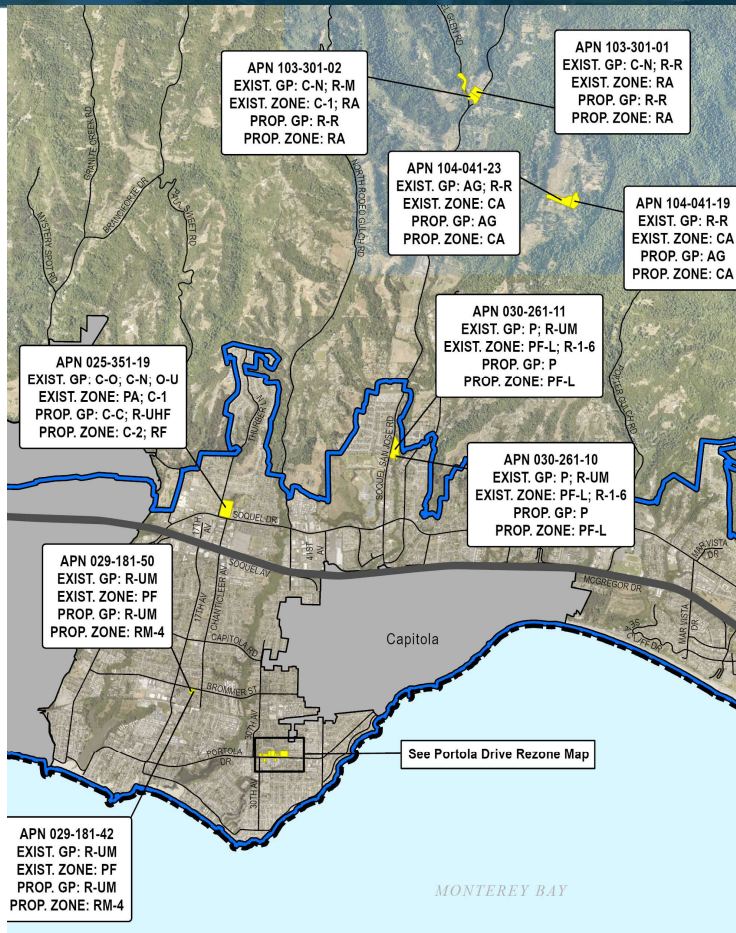


Learn More:  
Community  
Meeting #5,  
4/20/22

# 03 Project Topic Area: Land Use/Zoning Changes



## Mid-County



Learn More:  
Community  
Meeting #5,  
4/20/22

# 04 Environmental Impact Report



Learn More:

<https://www.sccoplanning.com/sustainabilityupdate> "EIR"

Once the EIR is posted, it will be available on the County's CEQA webpage, at the Government Center and at area libraries

- Draft EIR → Public Comment → Final EIR
- EIR topics of particular concern
  - Aesthetics
  - Agriculture
  - Cultural Resources
  - Land Use
  - Population and Housing
  - Public Services & Utilities
  - Water supply and groundwater
  - Transportation including VMT

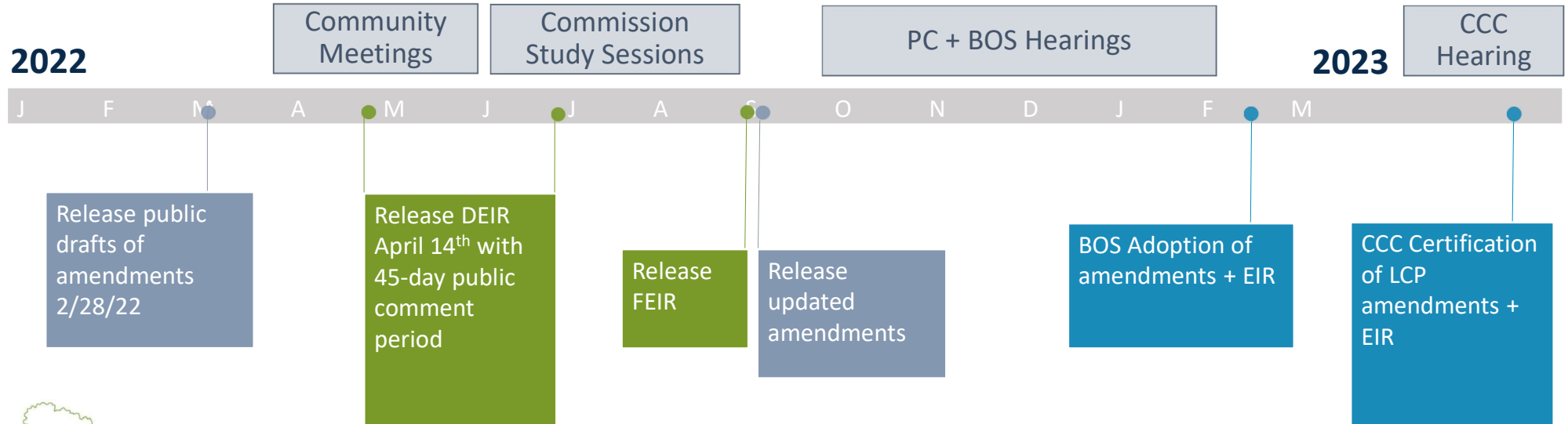
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## Schedule and Public Input



2022

2023



EIR: Environmental Impact Report - DEIR: Draft EIR - FEIR: Final EIR

PC: Planning Commission - BOS: Board of Supervisors - CCC: California Coastal Commission

## 06 Resources



- Website: <https://www.sccoplanning.com/sustainabilityupdate>
- Written public comment options
  - <https://www.sccoplanning.com/sustainabilityupdate> "Get Involved"
    - Take the project survey!
    - Summit comments on project documents
  - Submit comments on EIR: Email [CEQA-NEPA@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:CEQA-NEPA@santacruzcounty.us)
- Project Email: [SustainabilityUpdate@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:SustainabilityUpdate@santacruzcounty.us)

