

Appendix B:

AMENDMENTS TO ALAMEDA COUNTY OPEN SPACE ELEMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH SENATE BILL 1425

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Introduction

This Appendix documents the County's compliance with SB 1425 by incorporating relevant, adopted General Plan policies and programs by reference into the existing Open Space Element. As the General Plan documents referenced in this Appendix are updated from time to time, this Appendix will be revised accordingly to maintain SB 1425 compliance.

Senate Bill (SB) 1425 (Stern, 2022) requires cities and counties to review and update the Open Space Element of their general plans to address the following topics:

- Equitable access to open space for all residents, correlated with the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element;
- Climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space, correlated with the Safety Element; and
- Rewilding opportunities¹, correlated with the Land Use Element.

The Alameda County General Plan consists of several documents. Three area plans – East County, Castro Valley, and Eden Area – contain land use and circulation elements for their respective geographic areas, as well as area specific goals, policies and actions for circulation, open space, conservation, safety, and noise. The countywide Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Seismic and Safety, Scenic Route Elements, and Climate Action Plan contain goals, policies, and actions that apply to the entire unincorporated area. The Environmental Justice (EJ) Element applies to the “EJ Priority Communities,” which are defined as the Eden Area and southwestern Castro Valley.

Following the Oct. 6, 2025, [draft guidelines](#)² provided by the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI), Planning Department staff conducted a comprehensive review of the County General Plan to identify gaps and opportunities to support compliance with SB 1425. Based on this review, staff determined that the requirements of SB 1425 are already satisfied through existing General Plan policies and related implementation measures.

Each plan contains multiple polices and programs that collectively address the requirements of SB 1425. For example, the Castro Valley General Plan contains three policies that address Equitable

¹ Per SB 1425, “rewilding opportunities” may include, but are not limited to: 1) Opportunities to preserve, enhance, and expand an integrated network of open space to support beneficial uses such as habitat, recreation, natural resources, historic and tribal resources, water management, and aesthetics; and 2) Establishing a natural communities conservation plan to provide for coordinated mitigation of the impact of new development.

² https://www.lci.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/docs/20251006-SB_1425_TA_Discussion_Draft.pdf

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Access to Open Space, and the Eden Area General Plan contains nine. A gap in equity-related policies was identified in the East County Area Plan; however, the County’s “disadvantaged communities” as defined by SB 1000 are located within the Eden Area and Castro Valley. The Environmental Justice Element specifically addresses equitable access to open space for these communities. While there are no “disadvantaged communities” in East County as defined by SB 1000, several countywide elements – including the Open Space Element, Community Climate Action Plan, and Housing Element – contain policies that promote equitable access to open space in all unincorporated areas of Alameda County, thereby satisfying SB 1425 requirements. A similar approach was used to ensure countywide coverage for the remaining SB 1425 focus areas, including climate resilience and rewilding opportunities. A summary of the total number of policies and programs that satisfy SB 1425 requirement is provided in Table 1.

Table 1. Count of Policies and Programs that satisfy SB 1425 Requirements

Relevant Plan	Equitable Access to Open Space	Climate Resilience and Co-benefits of Open Space	Rewilding Opportunities
Open Space Element	5	0	11
Castro Valley General Pl	3	5	11
Eden Area General Plan	10	5	7
East County Area Plan	0	3	16
Environmental Justice Elt	16	2	1
Community Climate Actin Plan	2	2	1
Housing Element	2	0	0
Safety Element	0	7	1
TOTAL	38	24	48

A description of the relevant plans is below, and a catalog of applicable policies and actions begins on page A-4.

- [Castro Valley Area Plan \(adopted 2012, last amended 2024\)](#)**
https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/CastroValleyGeneralPlan_2012_FINAL.pdf
 The General Plan for Castro Valley is part of the Alameda County General Plan serving as the Land Use and Circulation elements for the urbanized area of Castro Valley.
- [Eden Area General Plan \(adopted 2010, last amended 2024\)](#)**
<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/EAGPcomplete.pdf>
 The General Plan for the communities of Ashland, Cherryland, San Lorenzo, Hayward Acres, and Fairview – collectively known as the Eden Area.
- [East County Area Plan \(adopted 1994, last amended 2025\)](#)**
<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/EastCountyAreaPlancombined.pdf>
 The General Plan for Sunol and the rural unincorporated communities outside the cities of Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton. The East County planning area extends from the

Pleasanton/Dublin ridgeline on the west to the San Joaquin County line on the east, and from the Contra Costa County line on the north to the Santa Clara County line on the south.

- **[Environmental Justice Element \(adopted 2024\)](#)**

(https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/EJElement_adoptedAug2024.pdf)

Consistent with SB 1000, the goals, policies, and actions in the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element address community-identified issues related to reducing pollution, improving air quality, promoting equitable access to health-inducing benefits, and increasing civic engagement in the “disadvantaged” unincorporated EJ Priority Communities.

- **[Community Climate Action Plan \(2014\)](#)**

(https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/110603_Alameda_CCAP_Final.pdf)

The Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) outlines a course of action to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated within the unincorporated areas of Alameda County. The Board of Supervisors incorporated the CCAP into the County General Plan as an optional element, giving its policies equal legal standing to those of other General Plan elements. A [comprehensive CCAP update is underway](#)³, with adoption expected in mid-2026.

- **[Open Space Element \(adopted 1973, last amended 1994\)](#)**

(<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/generalplans/documents/Open%20Space%20Element%201994.pdf>)

The Open Space Element of the Alameda County General Plan presents policy proposals for the protection and preservation of major open spaces within the County.

- **[Housing Element \(adopted 2024\)](#)**

(<https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/housing-element/documents/Alameda-County-Housing-Element-December-2024.pdf>)

The Housing Element is the primary tool used by the State to ensure local governments are appropriately planning for and accommodating enough housing across all income levels. This Housing Element covers the planning period 2023-2031.

- **[Safety Element \(adopted 2012, last amended 2026*\)](#)**

(https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/documents/ACSafetyElementAmnd_RevDraft_April2024.pdf)

The Safety Element identifies natural and human-made hazards and sets goals, policies, and programs to help minimize risks associated with those hazards. The [Safety Element is currently undergoing revision](#)⁴ to comply with SB 379, SB 99, AB 747, and AB 2684, with adoption anticipated in early 2026. **NOTE: References to Safety Element policies and actions in Table 1 refer to the April 2024 draft Safety Element amendments, which will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption alongside the Open Space Element update. This section of the Appendix will be finalized upon adoption.*

³ <https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/ccapse-public-draft.htm>

⁴ <https://www.acgov.org/cda/planning/ccapse-public-draft.htm>

Catalog of policies and actions that meet SB 1425 requirements

1. SB 1425 Requirement: Access to open space for all residents in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity, correlated with the environmental justice element or environmental justice policies in the General Plan, as applicable.

a. Open Space Element

- i. Provide an Equitable Distribution of Open Space: Within the limits of availability, an equitable geographic distribution of open space throughout the county should be provided for the benefit of all the residents.
- ii. Provide Open Space Around Each Community: Where still feasible, open space surrounding each community should be provided to limit urban development and provide community identity by permanent protection from continuous urban land uses. Open space surrounding communities would include permanently protected watersheds, woodlands, agricultural lands, marshlands, and water bodies.
- iii. Provide Park and Recreation Areas in Open Space Adjacent to Each Community: Because of increasing demand per capita for park, recreation, and nature areas in or near metropolitan centers, selected portions of easily accessible open space surrounding communities should be utilized for leisure time facilities.
- iv. Recreation and Park Areas Accessible to Each Community Should be Provided: To provide for close-in leisure time facilities, recreation and park areas should be provided within the open space surrounding each city or community. Recreation trails should be provided throughout the public open space surrounding each community to connect with recreation areas.
- v. Provide Recreation Opportunities For All People: A range of facilities to provide leisure time enjoyment for all age and economic groups should be included within each park and recreation area.

b. Castro Valley General Plan

- i. Policy 8.1-1 Environmental Justice in Provision of Community Facilities/Services. Ensure environmental justice in the provision of community services and facilities so that all segments of the community have equal access to facilities and none are disproportionately affected by any potential adverse impact.
- ii. Goal 8.2-1 Provide and maintain, in coordination with other public agencies, a system of local public park and recreation facilities offering a variety of active, passive, and cultural recreational opportunities that is adequate to meet the diverse recreational needs of community residents and visitors. Also consider the additional demands of those who work in the community but are not residents.
- iii. Policy 8.2-3 Identification of Areas Underserved by Parkland. Use HARD standards to identify areas that are underserved and as a basis for planning and prioritizing community and neighborhood parks and facilities to serve Castro Valley's existing and projected population.

c. Eden Area General Plan

- i. Goal PR-1 Improve the quality of life in the Eden Area through the maintenance and improvement of parks and recreation facilities
- ii. Goal PR-1, Policy 1 A full range of parks and recreational facilities should be provided for Eden Area residents of all ages and physical capabilities.
- iii. Goal PR-1, Policy 3 Park facilities in the Eden Area should maintain a balance between active and passive recreation and should ensure that the park system benefits a diverse range of interest groups.
- iv. Goal PR-1, Policy 4 The County, working with HARD, shall strive to achieve a combined park acreage-to-population ration of five acres per 1,000 population for local and community parks in the Eden Area.
- v. Goal PR-1, Policy 5 The County shall work with HARD to locate a park that is accessible to every Eden Area resident by foot or transit.
- vi. Goal PR-1, Policy 7 New and rehabilitated parks in the Eden Area shall comply with the requirements and standards in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- vii. Goal PR-1, Action 1 Conduct regular community outreach with residents, neighborhood associations, and similar groups to solicit public input on park needs.
- viii. Goal PR-2 Develop new parks and recreational facilities in the Eden Area to meet existing deficiencies
- ix. Goal PR-2, Policy 1 Work with HARD to identify strategic locations for new or expanded parks in the Eden Area.
- x. Goal PR-2, Policy 8 To the extent feasible, new investments in parks should be focused on neighborhoods that are the least served in terms of park access and variety of recreational amenities.

d. Environmental Justice Element

- i. Policy EJ1.2 Integrate Environmental Justice principles into zoning, the General Plan, and related land use strategies and approaches.
- ii. Policy EJ2.1 Invest in the study, maintenance, expansion, and protection of urban forests and nature-based solutions in the Priority Communities as a central strategy to combat pollution, improve human and ecosystem health, increase climate resilience, and promote access to nearby nature for all, with a goal of achieving at least 20% urban tree canopy (UTC) cover throughout the Priority Communities by 2050
- iii. Action EJ2.1A The Community Development Agency will work with relevant County and community partners to develop, adopt, and implement an Urban Greening Master Plan that guides the County’s future urban greening investments. The Plan will expand upon the 2015 draft Urban Greening Master Plan for Ashland and Cherryland and will establish baseline canopy coverage via an urban tree canopy assessment; outline specific and measurable tree planting goals, timelines, and monitoring mechanisms; identify tree planting opportunity sites; secure funding; address tree maintenance and lifecycle considerations; and center and engage the Priority Communities in plan development and implementation.

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- iv. Action EJ2.1E The Public Works Agency will identify funding and partnerships, and seek input from residents, to evaluate and revise its Tree Program in support of community tree resources in the public right-of-way.
- v. Action EJ2.1F The County will cultivate creative partnerships with neighboring jurisdictions and other entities to increase urban greening capacity in the Priority Communities.
- vi. Policy EJ3.6 Support and collaborate in the development of a comprehensive and integrated system of parks, plazas, playgrounds, trails and open spaces that addresses existing deficits in the Priority Communities
- vii. Action EJ3.6B CDA Planning will offer to collaborate with the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District (HARD) to engage Priority Community residents in the location, design, and programming of new parks and green space that respond to the community's specific needs.
- viii. Action EJ3.6D The County will actively participate in the creation of pocket parks and other small green spaces in the Priority Communities.
- ix. Action EJ3.6E The County will encourage multi-use connector trails in the Priority Communities.
- x. Policy EJ5.3 Promote, incentivize, and remove barriers to, urban agriculture in the Priority Communities.
- xi. Action EJ5.3A DSAL will consider collaborating with HARD, school districts, faith-based organizations, and other major landholders in the Priority Communities to identify sites suitable for urban agriculture and explore options, funding, and partnerships to establish community gardens, urban farms, school gardens, and other community-oriented urban agriculture activities on those lands.
- xii. Action EJ5.3C The Planning Department will create incentives that encourage developers of new or remodeled multifamily residential sites to include shared, uncovered open spaces for food growing (e.g. community gardens, rooftop gardens) in their projects.
- xiii. Policy EJ6.1 Reduce barriers to park and recreation access in the Priority Communities
- xiv. Action EJ6.1A The County will coordinate with the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District (HARD) and Priority Community residents to identify and reduce barriers to utilizing local park resources or physical activity programming, such as cost, access, or safety concerns.
- xv. Policy EJ6.3 Support programs and partnerships that connect Priority Community residents to nearby green spaces, parks, and hiking trails.
- xvi. Action EJ6.3A Alameda County Health will explore opportunities to connect Priority Community youth and adults to local parks through partnerships with the East Bay Regional Parks District, the Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District, REACH Ashland Youth Center, local school districts, and others, including exploring development of a bus scholarship or parks transportation program.

e. Community Climate Action Plan

- i. G-3 Establish a local community garden program to increase local food security and provide local recreation amenities.
- ii. G-4 Work with local farmers and agricultural non-profits to develop urban-edge farming opportunities in the unincorporated county.

f. Housing Element

- i. Program 7.D Environmental Justice Element Implementation In compliance with SB 1000, the Environmental Justice (EJ) Element identifies policies and objectives that prioritize improvements and programs to address the needs of disadvantaged communities in six required topic areas: pollution and air quality, access to public facilities, access to healthy food, access to safe and sanitary homes, health and physical activity, and civic engagement in the public decision-making process.
- ii. Program 7.E Park Permitting The unincorporated communities are served by the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District, the East Bay Regional Parks District, and the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District. Community members consistently state the need for more green space and parks, particularly as neighborhoods grow denser. To better support the parks districts' work, the County will amend the zoning ordinance to remove the Discretionary Review process for construction of park facilities.

2. SB 1425 Requirement: Climate resilience and other co-benefits of open space, correlated with the safety element.

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- i. Policy 7.1-8 Historical Woodlands and Grasslands. Encourage the East Bay Regional Park District to restore historical woodlands and grasslands to provide natural habitat and reduce fire danger.
- ii. Policy 8.3-3 Location of Trails within Flood Control and Riparian Corridors. When feasible, locate trails with the boundaries of flood control and riparian corridors. Site creekside trails to minimize disruption to riparian areas.
- iii. Goal 12.2-2 Prepare Castro Valley for the effects of climate change through the adoption of adaptation and resiliency strategies.
- iv. Policy 12.2-2 County Climate Action Plan. The County's Climate Action Plan shall be the guiding document for the reduction of greenhouse gases in Castro Valley and shall be implemented through all components of the County General Plan including the Castro Valley General Plan.
- v. Policy 12.2-5 The County shall participate in regional efforts focused on adapting communities to the effects of climate change.

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b. Eden Area General Plan

- i. Goal GH-1 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Eden Area.
- ii. Goal GH-2 Prepare the Eden Area for the effects of climate change through the adoption of adaptation and resiliency strategies.
- iii. Goal GH-2, Policy 1 The County shall participate in regional efforts focused on adapting communities to the effects of climate change.
- iv. Goal GH-2, Policy 2 The County shall work with cities on either side of the portion of San Lorenzo near the San Francisco Bay to evaluate threats due to sea level rise.
- v. Goal GH-2, Action 1 Adjust the CAP to reflect any new information about sea level rise or other negative effects of climate change that may impact the Eden Area.

c. East County Area Plan

- i. Program 22 The County shall develop management guidelines to implement specific resource management objectives for watershed and biological resource protection to apply to those lands designated as "Resource Management."
- ii. Policy 124 The County shall encourage the maintenance of biological diversity in East County by including a variety of plant communities and animal habitats in areas designated for open space.
- iii. Policy 126 The County shall encourage no net loss of riparian and seasonal wetlands.

d. Environmental Justice Element

- i. Policy EJ2.1 Invest in the study, maintenance, expansion, and protection of urban forests and nature-based solutions in the Priority Communities as a central strategy to combat pollution, improve human and ecosystem health, increase climate resilience, and promote access to nearby nature for all, with a goal of achieving at least 20% urban tree canopy (UTC) cover throughout the Priority Communities by 2050.
- ii. Policy EJ2.6 Decrease air pollution and improve air quality in the Priority Communities, including reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions consistent with the Community Climate Action Plan.

e. Community Climate Action Plan

- i. G-1 Expand the urban forest (e.g., street trees and trees on private lots) in order to sequester carbon and reduce building energy consumption.
- ii. G-2 Include carbon sequestration as an objective within County-led natural restoration projects.

f. Safety Element

- i. Goal 2 To reduce the risk of urban and wildland fire hazards.
- ii. Goal 2, Policy 12 The County shall require that open space within developed areas be designed and maintained to minimize fire hazards and ensure compatibility between development and any significant biological resources.
- iii. Goal 3 To reduce hazards related to flooding and inundation.

- iv. Goal 3, Policy 11 The County shall promote flood control measures that advance the goals of recreation, resource conservation (including water quality and soil conservation), groundwater recharge, preservation of natural riparian vegetation and habitat, and the preservation of scenic values of the county's arroyos and creeks.
- v. Goal 3, Action 9 Work with ACFCWCD and other agencies and jurisdictions to conduct feasibility studies and implement flood control improvement projects, including, but not limited to: creek restoration, regional detention facilities in existing or proposed open space areas and/or parks, dredging; existing area dams that are silted-up, dredging existing facilities for increased capacity and recreation.
- vi. Goal 4 To minimize risks to lives and property due to extreme heat
- vii. Goal 4, Policy 2 Develop and implement a Cool Community Strategy to reduce the impacts of the heat island effect through various measures including increasing urban tree canopy and use of cool roofs and cool pavements as well as increasing green space in the unincorporated areas of the county, prioritizing implementation in the areas most impacted by extreme heat currently.

3. SB 1425 Requirement: Rewilding opportunities, correlated with the land use element.

a. Open Space Element

- i. Provide a Coordinated System of Open Space: A coordinated system of public and private open space and major park and recreation areas should be provided throughout the county and should connect to open space of adjacent counties. All major areas of public open space should be connected by trails and scenic routes.
- ii. Preserve Large, Continuous Areas of Open Space: Large, continuous areas of open space, protected from intrusion by development should be preserved.
- iii. Provide A Variety of Open Space for Specific Open Space Uses: A variety of open space should be provided, including open space for public use and enjoyment and for protection of agriculture, wildlife habitat, and scenic values.
- iv. Provide Open Space Around Each Community: Where still feasible, open space surrounding each community should be provided to limit urban development and provide community identity by permanent protection from continuous urban land uses. Open space surrounding communities would include permanently protected watersheds, woodlands, agricultural lands, marshlands, and water bodies.
- v. Provide Park and Recreation Areas in Open Space Adjacent to Each Community: Because of increasing demand per capita for park, recreation, and nature areas in or near metropolitan centers, selected portions of easily accessible open space surrounding communities should be utilized for leisure time facilities.
- vi. Include Existing, Potential, and Depleted Wildlife Habitats: Existing and potential marine and wildlife habitats should be preserved in a natural, undeveloped state as part of the open space plan, as a means of preserving and attracting wildlife. Depleted habitats adaptable to restoration should also be included as open space. All habitats should be established as sanctuaries or refuges and closed to the public, except for ecological study in selected areas.

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- vii. Recreation and Park Areas Accessible to Each Community Should be Provided: To provide for close-in leisure time facilities, recreation and park areas should be provided within the open space surrounding each city or community. Recreation trails should be provided throughout the public open space surrounding each community to connect with recreation areas.
- viii. Establish Ecological Preserves in Major Park Areas; Limit Public Use: Ecological preserves should be established within major park areas to preserve existing vegetation and wildlife in the natural habitat. Public use should be primarily for study and limited in such a manner to preserve the natural conditions.
- ix. Preserve Natural Ecological Habitats in Shoreline Areas: Outstanding natural ecological habitats in shoreline areas of the County should be designated for protection and maintenance as wildlife preserves as a means of protecting marine and wildlife and to permit ecological studies.
- x. Provide Continuity in Shoreline Open Space: Wherever possible, continuous shoreline open space, both public and private, should be provided; all public shoreline open space should be connected by continuous systems of trails and scenic routes to provide public access to San Francisco Bay.
- xi. Designate Unique Waterfront Areas for Public Use: Designate and preserve outstanding topographical, geological, or historical areas suitable for recreation or viewpoints on the Bay shoreline for public use. Priority waterfront land uses, such as industrial and residential, should be located in such a manner to preserve unique waterfront areas.

b. Castro Valley General Plan

- i. Goal 7.1-1 Protect Castro Valley's native wildlife through conservation and restoration of natural habitat.
- ii. Policy 7.1-1 Major Wildlife Corridors Protection. Protect the major wildlife corridors that run through or are adjacent to Castro Valley: (1) the corridor along the East Bay Hills in the forest and chaparral between major interstate highways; and (2) along creeks.
- iii. Policy 7.1-2 Comprehensive Habitat Preservation. Preserve a continuous band of open space consisting of a variety of plant communities and wildlife habitat to provide comprehensive rather than piecemeal habitat conservation.
- iv. Policy 7.1-3 Open Space Preservation. Preserve the undeveloped areas designated as open space within planned unit developments as permanent open space.
- v. Policy 7.1-4 Open Space Objectives. Require that open space provided as part of a development project be designed to achieve multiple objectives, including but not limited to: recreation, scenic values, habitat protection, and public safety.
- vi. Policy 7.1-5 Riparian Habitat. New development shall not disturb any riparian habitat.
- vii. Policy 7.1-6 Watershed Plan Coordination. Encourage the formation of a San Lorenzo Watershed Commission charged with ensuring coordination between multiple agencies and overseeing preparation of a comprehensive watershed plan
- viii. Policy 7.1-8 Historical Woodlands and Grasslands. Encourage the East Bay Regional Park District to restore historical woodlands and grasslands to provide natural habitat and reduce fire danger.

- ix. Action 8.1-3 Establishment of a Parks and Open Space Zoning District. Amend the Alameda County Zoning Ordinance to establish a Parks and Open Space Zoning district. Include provisions in the ordinance that establish a "no net loss" policy for public open space.
- x. Goal 8.3-1 Provide a comprehensive system of hiking, equestrian and bicycle trails to connect major park and recreation areas within and adjacent to the Castro Valley Planning Area, to connect neighborhoods, and to provide an alternative means of access between neighborhoods and the downtown.
- xi. Policy 8.8-3 Location of Trails within Flood Control and Riparian Corridors. When feasible, locate trails with the boundaries of flood control and riparian corridors. Site creekside trails to minimize disruption to riparian areas.

c. Eden Area General Plan

- i. Goal PR-1 Improve the Quality of Life in the Eden Area through the maintenance of parks and recreation facilities.
- ii. Goal PR-1, Policy 9 All park and recreation lands shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be dedicated and held inviolate in perpetuity, protected by law against diversion to non-recreational purposes and against invasion by inappropriate uses. Exceptions to this policy may be made in the interest of acquiring additional park land or recreation facilities.
- iii. Goal PR-4 Create a comprehensive network of multi-use trails and linear park facilities within and through the Eden Area
- iv. Goal PR-4, Policy 1 The County shall pursue the conversion of underutilized rail corridors and spurs in the Eden Area into multi-use trails.
- v. Goal PR-4, Policy 2 The County shall improve access to the Bay Trail from the Grant Ave Area.
- vi. Goal PR-4, Policy 4 The County should pursue opportunities to increase access from all parts of the Eden Area to the EBRPD trail systems, the Hayward Regional Shoreline and Chabot Regional Park. These opportunities include improved trailheads that serve Eden Area residents, improved access from within the Eden Area and enhanced signage.
- vii. Goal PR-4, Action 1 Work with EBRPD, ABAG, EBMUD, HARD, Alameda County Flood Control and any other appropriate agency to enhance access to and facilities near and within the Bay Trail and the Hayward Regional Shoreline. Improvements should include additional signage, expanded parking facilities and pedestrian amenities such as benches, trash cans and restrooms.

d. East County Area Plan

- i. Policy 51: The County shall work with East County cities to preserve a continuous open space system outside the Urban Growth Boundary with priority given to the permanent protection of the Resource Management area between Dublin and North Livermore and the area north of the Urban Growth Boundary in North Livermore.
- ii. Policy 52: The County shall preserve open space areas for the protection of public health and safety, provision of recreational opportunities, production of natural resources (e.g.,

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- agriculture, wind power, and mineral extraction), protection of sensitive viewsheds, preservation of biological resources, and the physical separation between neighboring communities.
- iii. Policy 53: The County shall preserve a continuous band of open space consisting of a variety of plant communities and wildlife habitats to provide comprehensive, rather than piecemeal, habitat conservation for all of East County. This open space should, as much as possible, be outside of the Urban Growth Boundary and contiguous to large open space areas of Contra Costa, Santa Clara, and San Joaquin Counties.
 - iv. Policy 65: The County shall work cooperatively with the cities of Pleasanton and Hayward, the Castro Valley community, the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), and landowners to retain Pleasanton Ridglands as permanent open space and reserve a regional trail corridor connecting Sunol with the West Dublin hills. Accordingly, the County shall oppose city sphere of influence expansions and annexations outside the Urban Growth Boundary in this area for purposes of urban development.
 - v. Program 23: The County shall work with the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD), and the San Francisco Water Department to incorporate continuous open space areas outside the Urban Growth Boundary into the Bay Area Greenbelt system
 - vi. Policy 102: The County shall encourage the San Francisco Water Department to provide limited public access on trail corridors through the watershed lands surrounding San Antonio and Calaveras Reservoirs, Sunol Watershed, and the Arroyo de la Laguna. The County shall work with the East Bay Regional Park District to incorporate these watershed corridors into the regional trail system, where recreational use would not conflict with watershed protection objectives.
 - vii. Policy 103: The County shall designate an area outside of the San Francisco Water Department lands that extends to the limit of the watershed boundary as "Resource Management". Within this area, the County shall encourage land use activities to adhere to management guidelines developed for the protection of watershed lands and shall ensure that subdivisions of lands or quarry operations and reclamation plans within this designation are approved only where such subdivisions or quarry operations would not adversely affect the watershed protection objectives of the San Francisco Water Department.
 - viii. Policy 104: The County shall preserve the area located between the Sunol/Ohlone Wilderness and San Francisco's San Antonio and Calaveras Reservoir watershed lands for uses compatible with watershed and recreational lands.
 - ix. Policy 121: The County shall secure open space lands, through acquisition of easements or fee title, specifically for the preservation and protection of indigenous vegetation and wildlife.
 - x. Policy 122: The County shall encourage that wetland mitigation be consolidated in areas that are relatively large and adjacent to or otherwise connected to open space. To the extent possible, these areas should be included in, adjacent to, or linked through open space corridors with lands designated as "Resource Management" that are managed specifically for the preservation and enhancement of biological resources.

- xi. Policy 124: The County shall encourage the maintenance of biological diversity in East County by including a variety of plant communities and animal habitats in areas designated for open space.
- xii. Policy 125: The County shall encourage preservation of areas known to support special status species.
- xiii. Policy 126: The County shall encourage no net loss of riparian and seasonal wetlands.
- xiv. Policy 128: The County shall ensure that, where quarries will be reclaimed as open space, reclamation plans are designed to restore biological value to sites through appropriate revegetation, contouring of lakes to simulate natural bodies of water, and protection or in-kind replacement of significant trees.
- xv. Policy 130: The County shall preserve an open space corridor connecting the Bird's Beak Preserve with lands designated "Resource Management." This open space corridor shall vary in width between 50 and 150 feet.
- xvi. Policy 131: The County shall require that roadways be designed to minimize impacts to wildlife corridor and regional trails. Where appropriate, grade-separated crossings and/or other features shall be used to maintain the viability of the affected corridor.

e. Environmental Justice Element

- i. Policy EJ2.1 Invest in the study, maintenance, expansion, and protection of urban forests and nature-based solutions in the Priority Communities as a central strategy to combat pollution, improve human and ecosystem health, increase climate resilience, and promote access to nearby nature for all, with a goal of achieving at least 20% urban tree canopy (UTC) cover throughout the Priority Communities by 2050.

f. Community Climate Action Plan

- i. G-1 Expand the urban forest (e.g., street trees and trees on private lots) in order to sequester carbon and reduce building energy consumption.

g. Safety Element

- i. Goal 3 To reduce hazards related to flooding and inundation.
- ii. Goal 3, Action 9 Work with ACFCWCD and other agencies and jurisdictions to conduct feasibility studies and implement flood control improvement projects, including, but not limited to: creek restoration, regional detention facilities in existing or proposed open space areas and/or parks, dredging; existing area dams that are silted-up, dredging existing facilities for increased capacity and recreation.