

BARCAP Summary Response to Public Comment

The Air District received 409 comments during the public comment period. The table below summarizes major comment themes and describes how these comments were addressed. A number of comments raised issues that will best be addressed during the implementation of individual measures.

How to read the response to comments table:

- Sector – indicates which economic sector the comment addresses. Comments that address more than one sector, the planning approach, or high-level themes are labeled as “General.”
- Comment Themes – summarizes the theme of similar comments that have been grouped together.
- Response – describes how comments were addressed and incorporated in the Bay Area Regional Climate Action Plan or how they will be addressed in the future.

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Sector	Comment Themes	Response
General	Include sustainable lifestyle choices such as diet changes, reduced vehicle miles traveled, and reduced consumption of goods	Added language in the Implementation chapter to emphasize the need for sustainability at all levels
General	Include people with disabilities when considering equity and access	Added language in the Introduction chapter recognizing people with disabilities and other groups at greater risk to climate change impacts
General	Include youth in outreach and education	Added language in the Implementation chapter to include youth in plan implementation and future outreach and education
General	Highlight the need for additional funding and financing opportunities	Added language in the sector chapters to emphasize the need for more funding
General	Modify the GHG emission charts, confusion around how to read	Replaced the charts in every chapter with new, easier to interpret graphics
Buildings	Acknowledge the need to grow the building decarbonization workforce, including the importance of outreach and engagement, training, and partnering with manufacturers, labor organizations, schools and colleges, need for targeted support for small and frontline contractors	Added new language to measure B-3 Additional partners including labor organizations will be considered during implementation

Buildings	Recognize obstacles to building electrification, including the lack of electrical capacity, the need for panel upgrades and installation challenges (e.g. space constraints)	Will be addressed during implementation of measure B-1
Buildings	Acknowledge need for funding/financing options for building electrification, particularly for low- to medium-income communities	Refined language in action B-1.4
Buildings	Include a concierge program for appliances, contractors, and incentives	May be considered during implementation of measure B1, depending on available funding
Buildings	Recognize the importance of public outreach and education regarding building decarbonization	Will be further considered during implementation
Buildings	Include zonal/neighborhood building decarbonization	Refined language in action B-2.3
Buildings	Include a measure or action on laws and reach codes to require or encourage building electrification	Outside of the scope of the plan, which focuses on regional actions; reach codes must be enacted at the local level
Natural and Working Lands	Incorporate concerns regarding green space access and community engagement and empowerment on green solutions	Language was refined in the NWL chapter to emphasize the importance of equity and community involvement in developing green spaces
Natural and Working Lands	Recognize importance of green infrastructure to reduce heat island effect and its impact on public health	Added more language on the threat of extreme heat in NWL sector narrative and in the climate resilience text box
Natural and Working Lands	Recommend actions around land use, removing paving, and dense in-fill housing	Added new language on removing paving in measure NWL 4 and on land use growth in the NWL chapter introduction
Natural and Working Lands	Recognize the importance of connecting with youth and schools on urban greening	Added language on the importance of youth education throughout the NWL chapter
Natural and Working Lands	Highlight the importance of coastal ecosystems and water systems as carbon sinks	Added language to measure B2 clarify and emphasize the importance of coastal and water systems
Power	Highlight the importance of enhancing energy resilience and resilience hubs	Refined the language in the power sector chapter regarding resilience
Power	Include greater adoption of solar energy projects on local properties such as schools, multifamily buildings, parking lots	Minimal language edits, language refined highlighting the important of local solar energy
Power	Acknowledge concerns regarding electricity rates and affordability	Added language in the Power sector narrative on how power sector

		measures can help apply downward pressure on rates
Power	Acknowledge concerns regarding data center energy use	Added a textbox discussing data center energy use
Power	Highlight the need to recognize storage as an important grid asset	Added language in the power sector narrative and measure co-benefits emphasizing the importance of energy storage deployment
Transportation	Kudos for the focus on frontline communities and multifamily residences for EV charging infrastructure, identified the need for more public charging infrastructure	No change needed
Transportation	Include concern regarding EV accessibility and cost	Refined language in action T-1.1
Transportation	Highlight the need for e-bike incentives and other micromobility devices	Refined language in action T-1.1
Transportation	Highlight the need for e-bike charging infrastructure and secure e-bike parking	Will be considered during implementation
Transportation	Acknowledge the importance of reducing airplane travel	Outside of the scope of the plan, which focuses on regional actions
Transportation	Acknowledge concerns regarding alternate vehicle fuels such as hydrogen fuel cells and low-carbon liquid fuels	Outside of the scope of the plan, which focuses on regional actions; requires state level action such as the Low Carbon Fuel Standard
Transportation	Include expanded and safe public transit and pedestrian, bicycle, and e-mobility infrastructure to reduce VMT and increase active transit	Added measure T-4 to support Plan Bay Area 2050+ implementation
Waste	Highlight expanded food recovery, recognizing food waste as a large emitter and highlighting the importance of addressing food waste in the near term	Refined language in the waste sector narrative and in measure W-1
Waste	Provide public education on food waste and proper organics sorting	Additional language added to action W-1 regarding priority groups for outreach such as multifamily property owners and tenants
Waste	Include durability of building materials and adaptability of building spaces	Added language to the Waste chapter highlighting the importance of durable and adaptable buildings and building materials
Waste	Support regulations and incentives to require or encourage low carbon concrete and other construction materials with low embodied GHG emissions in construction projects,	Added language to the sector narrative regarding materials with low embodied GHG emissions

	require public works projects to reduce embodied carbon, or GHG emissions associated with the lifecycle production of building materials	
Waste	Recognize concerns regarding incorrect or low code enforcement regarding building/construction requirements	Added language to emphasize the importance of code enforcement

