



**Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee
October/November 2014 Work Plan - Updated: 11/3/14**

1. Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan - County of Santa Cruz

- a. Committee submitted more correspondence on the Plan prior to the 10/28 Board of Supervisors hearing. Committee members also attended the hearing and provided public comments. Committee members will remain engaged in matters related to the Plan as the County moves forward on Plan specifics in 2015. **(IN PROGRESS)**

2. Affordable Housing Program - County of Santa Cruz

- a. Committee will draft/submit a response to the proposed policy changes. **(COMPLETED)**
- b. Committee will meet with County officials to discuss options for future policy; also discuss alternatives to the currently proposed fee-based approach. **(COMPLETED)**
- c. Committee will attend 11/5 Housing Advisory Commission and 11/12 Planning Commission meetings to voice our comments. **(IN PROGRESS)**
- d. Committee will begin to look at ways to get involved with the four (4) SC County cities regarding similar policy within their jurisdictions. **(IN PROGRESS)**

3. County Population Growth Projections - County of Santa Cruz

- a. Committee continues to monitor on-going discussions regarding the annual County growth rate. The significance is the correlation between the growth rate, the number of housing permits allocated, and the actual number of housing unit constructed. Committee will report back on research that is being conducted. **(IN PROGRESS)**

4. Economic Vitality Strategy (EVS) - County of Santa Cruz

- a. Board of Supervisors hearing on the EVS is tentatively scheduled for December. Committee will submit comments and be present at that hearing **(IN PROGRESS)**
- b. Committee is awaiting the revised, two-part version of the EVS. It is slated to be released in November. **(IN PROGRESS)**

5. Regional Water Discussion - various jurisdictions

- a. City of Santa Cruz Water Solutions Advisory Committee (WSAC) has concluded their sixth round of meetings. Committee members participated in pre-WSAC meeting planning sessions with WSAC members. **(COMPLETED)**
- b. WSAC idea fair was held October 16th from 11:00 - 9:00 PM. Committee members attended and staff posted a recap on the SCCBC website. **(IN PROGRESS)**