

Climate Change Committee

6/25/2026



Oxnard Battery Storage Facility Beedy St just west of E. Vineyard Ave

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SUSTAINABILITY

What does sustainability look like at the Park District?

Sustainability is engraved throughout the Park District of Oak Park. We integrated sustainability into our Comprehensive Master Plan, committed to sustainability as a Core Value, identified key initiatives in our Strategic Plan, and our Sustainability Plan charts a course for future environmental stewardship.

Our biennial [Sustainability Plan](#) outlines goals, initiatives, and programs to implement that maintain and further the Park District's sustainability commitments in ten areas:



<https://pdop.org/about/sustainability/>

Sustainability Dashboards

Ventura County Climate Action Plan (eCAP):

<https://ecap.venturacounty.gov/>

Ventura City Climate Action Resiliency Plan Website:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/dfbefefac3794e1cb00c1a2cd30356e0>

Thousand Oaks Sustainability website:

<https://www.toaks.gov/gogreen>

Simi Valley General Plan:

<https://www.simivalley.org/home/showpublisheddocument/26842/638223436153070000>

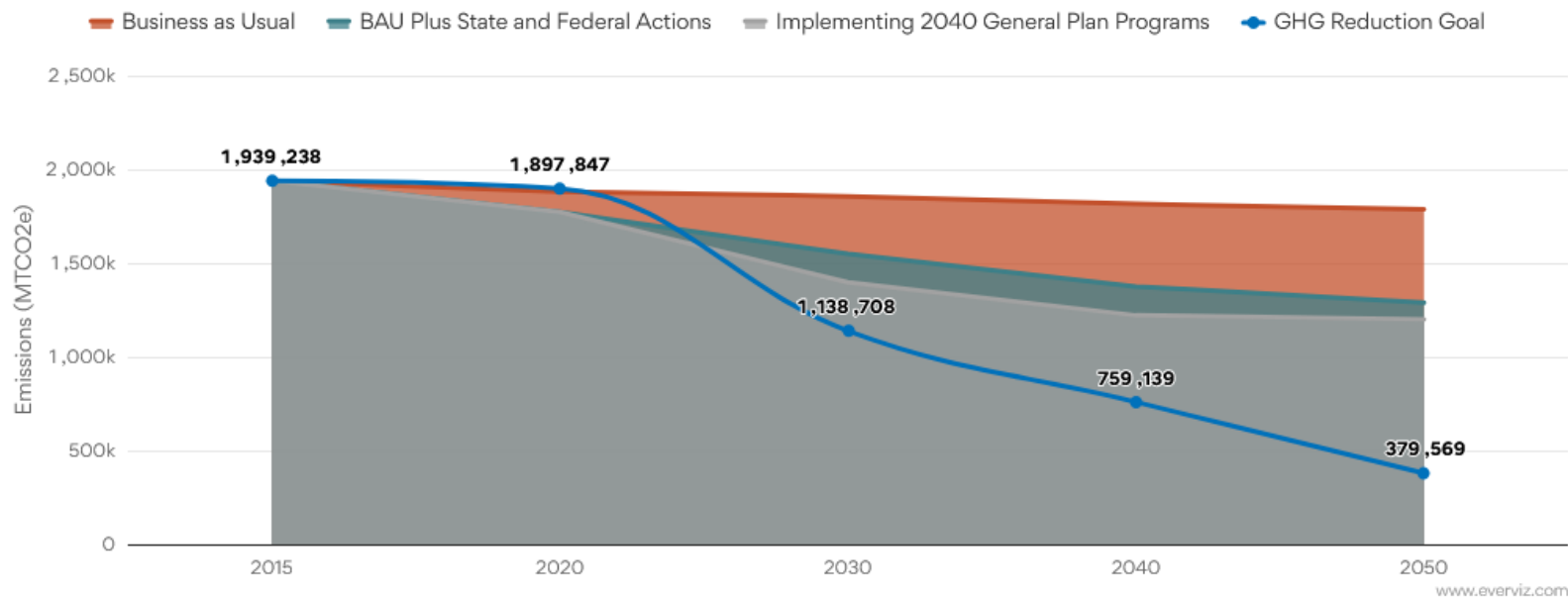
Ventura County eCAP

Goals:

**2 percent below 2015 levels by 2020,
41 percent below 2015 levels by 2030,
61 percent below 2015 levels by 2040, and
80 percent below 2015 levels by 2050.**

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Forecast, Reduction Targets, and Goals

The CAP includes an inventory of greenhouse gas emissions from 2015's activities in unincorporated Ventura County and projected forecasts based on business-as-usual (BAU) activities. To align with the state's GHG reduction goals, the CAP has set reduction targets and goals to lower the region's emissions.



Ventura County Climate Action Plan

<https://sustain.venturacounty.gov/resources/>

Many referenced pages missing!

[*Ventura County Electric Vehicle Ready Blueprint*](#) 358 pages, 2019

“To meet Ventura County’s share of California’s goals, the County’s roads will need to host 35,307 ZEVs by 2025 and 116,777 ZEVs by 2030 (roughly 15 percent of all vehicles). “ (pg 5)

“To meet the region’s anticipated demand for electric vehicle charging by 2025, the County is estimated to need 3,241 public electric vehicle charging stations. This includes 1,073 charging stations at multifamily housing developments, 800 charging stations at the region’s workplaces, 1,167 public Level 2 charging stations, and 201 DC Fast Charge stations.” (pg 5)

VC Star article: <https://www.vcstar.com/story/news/local/2024/02/09/ventura-county-gears-up-for-ev-electric-vehicle-charging-demand-is-it-enough-tesla/72452351007/>

From California Energy Commission

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/files/zev-and-infrastructure-stats-data>

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/filebrowser/download/9662?fid=9662>

Sonoma	0	0	1013	474	229	18	1734
Stanislaus	0	1	261	91	214	6	573
Sutter	0	0	18	16	16	0	50
Tehama	0	0	83	62	42	0	187
Trinity	0	0	10	2	12	0	24
Tulare	0	3	249	173	124	23	572
Tuolumne	0	0	59	5	25	0	89
Unknown	0	0	0	3833	0	0	3833
Ventura	5	0	1024	612	342	15	1998
Yolo	14	0	425	679	205	9	1332
Yuba	0	0	52	370	12	0	434
Totals	281	488	71084	124078	20155	1128	217214

June 26th, 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM



VENTURA REGIONAL FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Firewise Action Planning Lunch & Learn

Free admission. Enjoy lunch & refreshments on us!

Learn how to effectively implement a Firewise Action Plan to reduce your community's wildfire risk. Gain insights about each category of the Action Plan from Firewise Resident Leaders, VCFD, and more!

Friday, June 26th 2026

12:00PM - 2:30PM

Ventura County Fire Department Headquarters
2400 Conejo Spectrum Street, Newbury Park, CA 91320

RSVP by at Monday, June 22nd

venturafiresafe.org/event/firewise2026



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Plants – Invasive Species

From University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

<https://ucanr.edu/>

Invasive species not only have disastrous effects on natural ecosystems but have a large economic cost. The state of California spends millions of dollars each year to try to control and remove invasive species. Home gardeners can also have increased cost and work to control invasive pests, whether plant or animal.

Reducing fire hazard

Native plants tend to burn more slowly while invasive plants tend to increase fire risk.

Plants – Invasive Species

Examples of invasive plants

California Invasive Plant Council lists species that have spread in San Diego County as invasive and discourage gardeners from planting them. Here are a few common invasive plants from their list:

- Acacia species
- Brazilian Pepper Tree, *Schinus terebinthefolius*
- Butterfly bush, *Buddleja davidii*
- Eucalyptus species
- Feather grasses, *Pennisetum species*, all species and varieties
- Garden Nasturtium, *Tropaeolum majus*
- Hottentot fig/Ice plant, *Carpobrotus edulis*
- Mexican fan palm, *Washingtonian robusta*
- Mustard species
- Pride of Madeira, *Echium candicans*

Plants – Invasive Species

<https://www.cal-ipc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/InvasivePlantChecklistforCaliforniaLandscaping.pdf>

Event Planning?

Ideas for events:

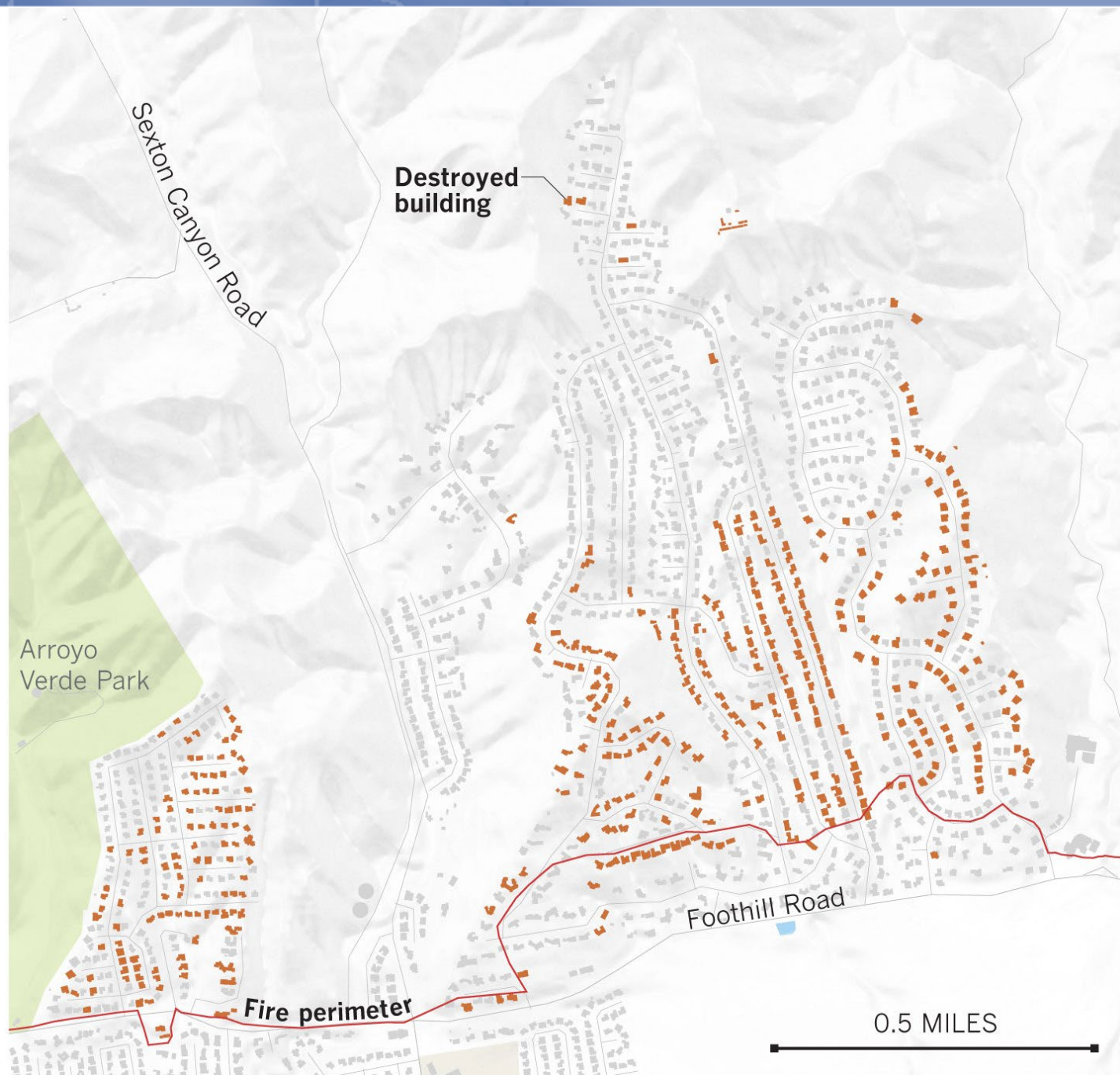
Desalination Plant – Camarillo

Tour of Harrison Waste facilities

Tour of Agromin

Tour of Port Hueneme

Other ideas?



Prepare for Wildfires

<https://www.ready.gov/wildfires>

Recognize Warnings and Alerts

VC Alert: [REGISTER](#)

Watch Duty (App)

Windy (App)

Make an Emergency Plan

- Make sure everyone in your household knows and understands what to do if you need to quickly evacuate.
- Don't forget a plan for the office, kids' school or daycare and anywhere you frequent.
- Checklist (Move outside door mats, propane tanks, close windows, fine mesh screens on vents,

Protect people, pets and property from wildfire.

Following these tips, along with making improvements to the landscape surrounding your home, can help reduce your wildfire risk.



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add image.



Visit usfa.fema.gov/wui to learn more about reducing your wildfire risk.

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Disinformation

Climate Communications by the LWVC: [LINK](#)

Spreadsheet of resources: [LINK](#)

Good ones for conversations:

"9 Ways to Respond to Political Misinformation" [LINK](#)

"The Secret to Talking about Climate Change" (Must view!) [LINK](#)

Webinar put on by the Sierra Club, [sc.org/Truth](https://www.sierraclub.org/sc.org/Truth)

[Link to the recording](#)

[Link to the slides](#)

[Difficult Conversations Guide](#)

Disinformation

From HEATED:

The gas industry is sneaking into kids' science classes

the [Switch Energy Alliance](#), a group that provides free energy and environment lesson plans to teachers and students across North America. The presentation's content seemed innocent enough... You decide.

Switch Energy Alliance video about Natural Gas:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=peRIEyF6j1E>

HOW TO TALK WITH PEOPLE ABOUT CLIMATE DISRUPTION

- 1. Make it personal*
- 2. Find out what the person's priorities are and appeal to those priorities*
- 3. Connect on values*
- 4. Find common ground*
- 5. Address the here and now*
- 6. Focus on extreme weathers*
- 7. Promote clean energy*
- 8. Emphasize cost savings*
- 9. Stress the urgency of action*
- 10. Show where action is working*
- 11. Highlight our choice of futures*

Research published in 2018 in *Science* suggests that large-scale social changes require the active engagement of about 25 percent of the population. Researchers at Yale and George Mason found that as of late 2021, one third of Americans were alarmed about the climate crisis and most of them were willing to act.

Climate Change

The League's Position

Statement of Position on Climate Change Policy, as announced by the national board, January 2019:

The League believes that climate change is a serious threat facing our nation and our planet.

The League believes that an interrelated approach to combating climate change — including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources — is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League support climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best-available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations. Individuals, communities, and governments must continue to address this issue, while considering the ramifications of their decision at all levels — local, state, regional, national, and global.

League History

In the later 2000s, LWVUS significantly increased its advocacy concerning global climate change. LWVUS believes that climate change is a serious problem that requires immediate domestic and international action. The League believes the US government should move ahead immediately, without waiting for other nations, on initiatives to reduce emissions of heat-trapping gases like carbon, methane, and other toxic air pollutants. Such actions will reduce the threat of global climate change, combat air pollution, increase energy security, and create new jobs.

In late 2006, the League joined other groups in issuing a statement of principles on the importance of reducing climate change. The League also created a Climate Change Task Force to provide information and assistance to the national board and staff on issues pertaining to climate change. The Task Force also works to develop materials for use by League members at the local, state, and national levels.

In 2008, the League called on Congress to enact legislation to significantly cut the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global climate change and supported increased energy efficiency and a shift to clean, renewable energy. The League called for a moratorium on the building of new coal-fired electric power plants and supported requirements for utilities to produce a significant percentage of electricity from renewable resources.

The League supported the *Climate Security Act of 2008*, as well as amendments to strengthen the bill. This legislation provided for a cap-and-trade system, which would have cut greenhouse gas emission from electric power, transportation, and manufacturing sources. The emissions cap would be reduced over time to meet pollution-reduction goals based on the best-available scientific information. These emissions reductions could be

Other

Next meeting Thursday, July 23, 2026