

County of Santa Barbara



Annual Progress Update

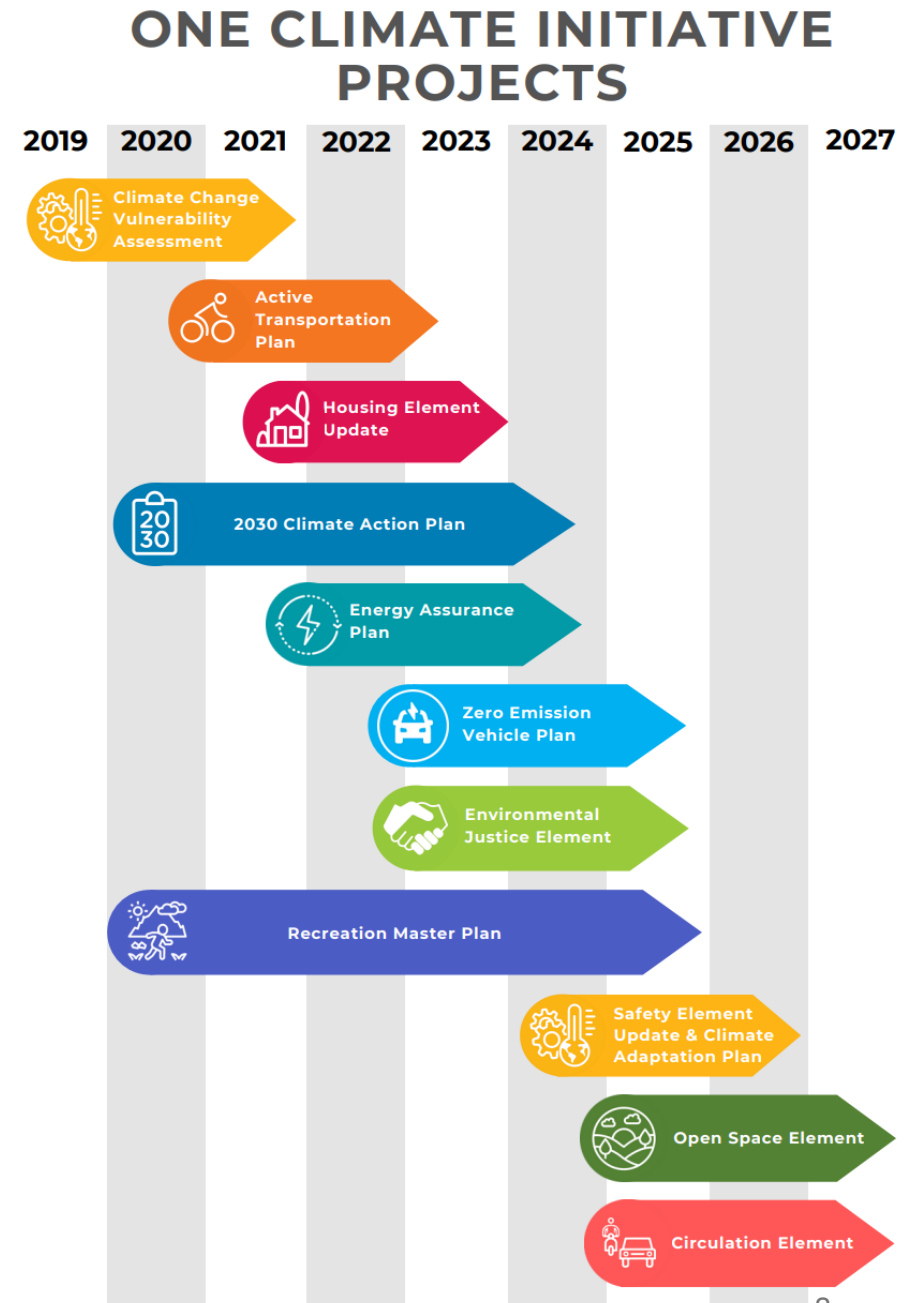
Board of Supervisors

January 27, 2026

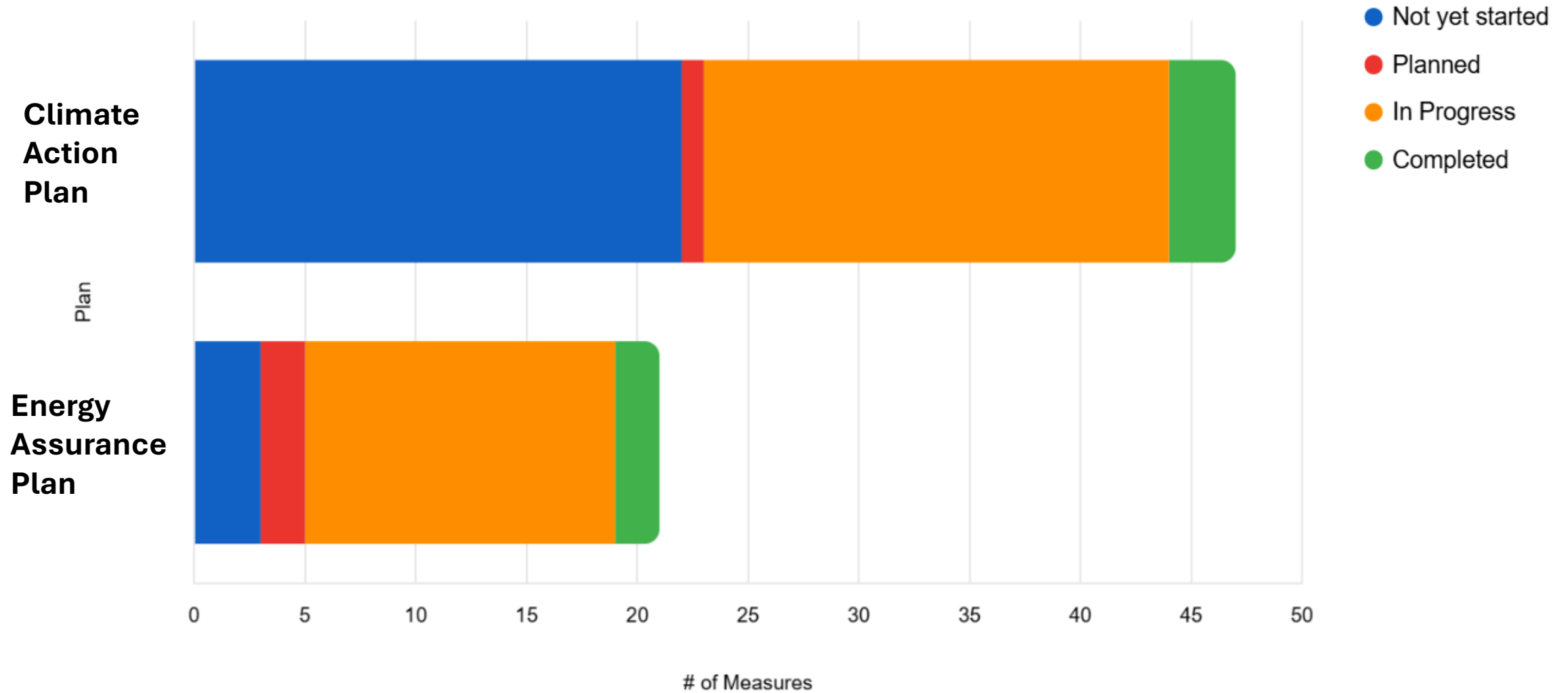
One Climate Initiative 5-Year Review

- Centralized webpage to navigate climate-related plans
- Equity Advisory & Outreach Committee
- Interdepartmental coordination
- Native-language outreach through Santa Barbara County Promotores Network
- Overarching Vision Statement to align all plans
- Voluntary implementation tracking & reporting tool for all plans

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All Plan Implementation



Climate Action Plan Highlights



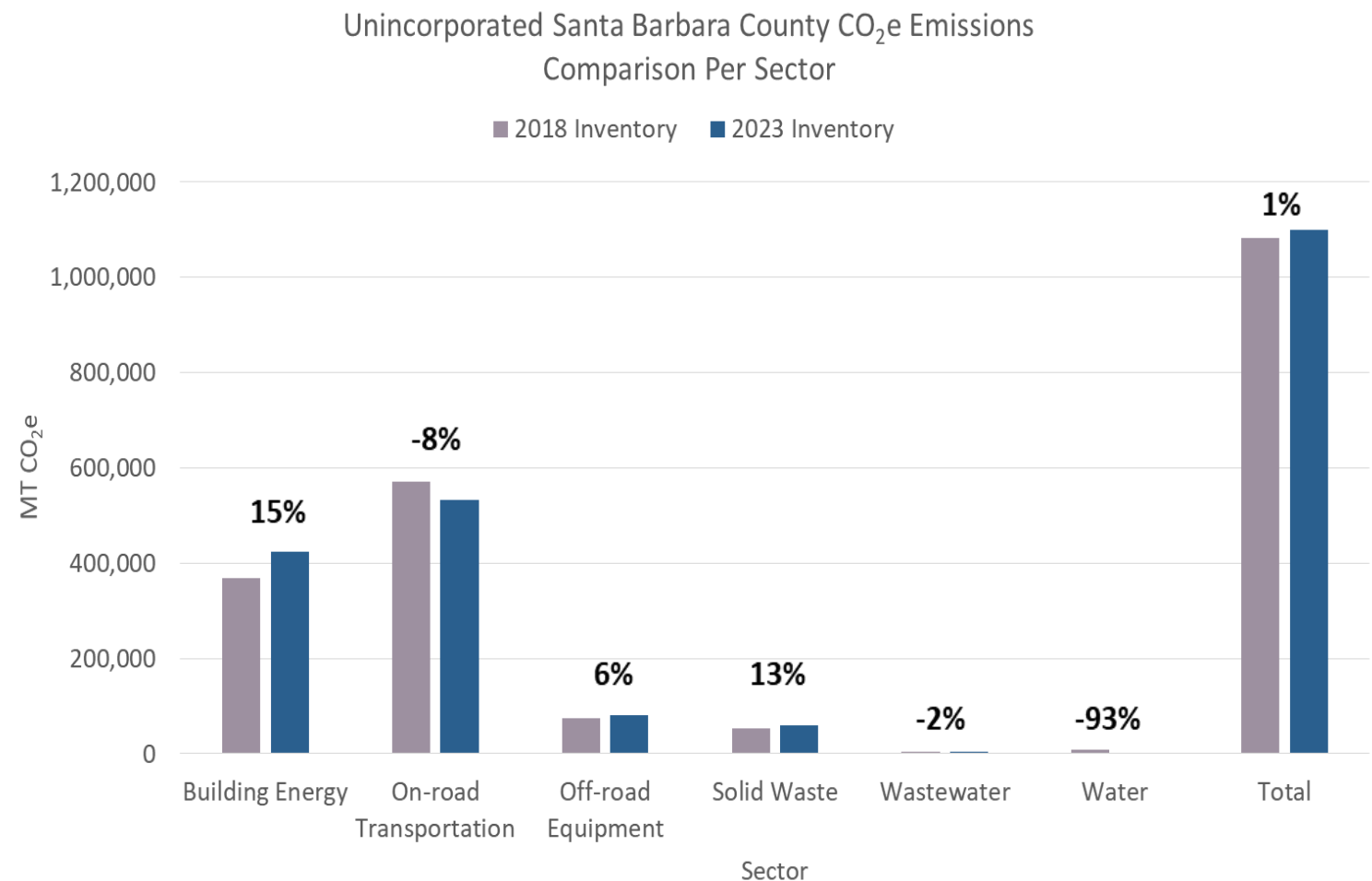
- **Vehicle Electrification:** General Services secured a \$4.7M grant from the California Energy Commission in 2024 to install 150 charging ports at 14 sites
- **Streamlined Permitting:** In 2024, Planning & Development issued over 740 solar PV permits using a streamlined permitting tool Solar App.
- **Sustainable Procurement:** Public Works continues to achieve more than 100% of the State procurement requirements of compostable materials and renewable energy through the ReSource Center.

Energy Action Plan Highlights



- **Building Energy Management:** General Services has installed Building Energy Management Systems at priority facilities to better monitor and optimize energy use.
- **Mobile Resilience:** The County owns two mobile power trailers capable of providing solar + battery (and one with green hydrogen) backup energy during emergencies.
- **Solar Expansion:** In 2025, the Board awarded power purchase agreements for 9 projects across County facilities, totaling 4.2 megawatts of solar capacity.

Unincorporated County Emission Trends (2018-2023)



- Nonresidential natural gas use declined by 29%
- Electricity generation emissions increased by 84 percent
 - 3CE stopped using Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) in lieu of direct investment in new renewable energy projects
- Passenger vehicle driving increased and commercial driving decreased
- Electric vehicles has increased significantly but still represents a small percentage
- Between 2023 and 2018, the County's water supplied by energy-intensive imports reduced by over 70%
- Emissions are trending downwards from pre-2018 levels
 - Not at a rate that is sufficient to meet the goal of 50% below 2018 by 2030

Oil Production & Emission Trends

	2018	2023	% Change
Well Production Volume (bbl) from CalGEM	3,306,958	2,444,410	-26%
Reported Emissions (metric tons of CO2e) from CARB¹	122,987	106,791	-13%

1. Companies with less than 10,000 metric tons of CO2e are not required to report their emissions to CARB. Some operators report to CARB and participate in Cap-and-Trade. Cap-and-trade requires regulated companies to transact/purchase allowances and offsets equal to their allowed emissions cap. However, this should not be construed as companies 'offsetting' their emissions.

Federal, State & Regional Policy Impacts on Local Climate Action (2025)

Changes

- Federal grant programs, incentives and tax credits reduced or discontinued
- CA Advanced Clean Fleet Rule for commercial fleets abandoned
- Moratorium on changes to residential building code for 6 years

Pivots

- Voluntary & incentive-based programs
- Strategic business models
- Regional collaboration and grant funding
- Focus on existing and non-residential buildings

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