

Sustainability Wire

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Sustainability News From Around the Bay Area

SAVE THE DATE:

October 11th

****Film Premiere****

Bay Area Alliance
quarterly meeting

Reviving the Heartbeat of Our Communities:

stories and
engagement tools
that break NEW
ground toward
building stronger
communities

The Bay Area Alliance's new film features stories from Bay Area residents which tell the personal and often hidden side-effects of our region's growth. It also highlightst some solutions for building more inclusive communities. A panel of local government staff and community interest groups will review the film, adding their strategies for balancing

The Sustainability Wire profiles a slice of sustainability initiatives underway in the business, local government and non-profit realms of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Growing Smarter As A Region

Bay Area local governments are partnering with regional agencies to create a shared concept of where growth can best be accommodated and what areas need protection. This summer, over 50 Bay Area jurisdictions submitted applications for consideration of inclusion in a regional planning initiative, Focusing Our Vision. Focusing Our Vision is spearheaded by four regional agencies, [ABAG](#), [MTC](#), [BCDC](#), and the [BAAQMD](#). Recommendations for which area will be included will be presented at the joint ABAG/MTC Fall Forum in October and formally adopted by ABAG's Executive Board in November. The regional agencies are also working with the Green Vision group, a coalition of regional and local open space organizations to identify Priority Conservation Areas. For more information, visit the FOCUS website at www.bayareavision.org or call 510/464-7994.

Upgrade Your e-Waste Disposal

Upgrading your computers, phones, PDAs, or television screens?

RECYCLING e-WASTE

We recommend also upgrading your electronic waste disposal by bringing it to a local green

community needs when faced with growth. Elected officials from the region will share stories that led them to support building more workforce housing and increasing transit accessibility.

Lastly, tech experts will teach us how to effectively engage and mobilize constituents using documentaries and Web 2.0 tools. Join Us!

Location: BCDC
50 California Street, Ste 2600,
San Francisco.
BART: Embarcadero
Date: October 11th
Time: 9am to Noon
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watch our website for more details: bayareaalliance.org

recycler. [Green Citizen](http://www.greencitizen.com) will pick-up waste or you can drop it off (2 locations). Responsible and safe disposal practices.
www.greencitizen.com

A Place to Call Home

ABAG recently released its second edition of [*A Place to Call Home: Housing in the San Francisco Bay Area*](#). The 2007 report emphasizes the importance of encouraging housing development in existing communities and near transit. It also documents local government progress in meeting the Regional Housing Needs Allocation targets established for 1999-2006. The report is available for purchase from the [ABAG Web Store](#) (\$20.00 U.S.) or can be [read online in PDF format](#).

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Climate Quest

This summer, high school and college students and filmmakers came together in Sonoma to study the climate crisis. They documented and shared local impacts and solutions using video reporting to spur action in local communities. [More info...](#)

HOPE FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

West Coast Green
www.westcoastgreen.com
September 20-22nd. San Francisco

West Coast Green is THE residential green building conference and expo. The global lineup of presenters will provide 175 timely sessions on the latest in green building products and techniques. Sept. 22nd is Homeowner Day.

Climate All Stars Conference
www.climateallstars.org
September 21st: 8am to 5pm. San Francisco

E V E N T S

This one-day conference features inspirational leaders - “stars” in actual greenhouse gas reductions - who will share their key lessons, best practices, and success stories. In addition, you'll learn practical examples and tools to reduce greenhouse gases. Don't miss it!

Sustainable Silicon Valley Annual Meeting: Motivations, Actions & Results-- Climate Leadership from Business, Government & Environmental Orgs.

www.sustainablesiliconvalley.org

E V E N T S October 3, 9:00am—1:30pm. Santa Clara

Homeless Graduates Celebrate New Homes, Jobs, Lives
October 4, 2007, 6-8 PM. Berkeley

E V E N T S **Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency (BOSS)** is holding its 13th Annual Graduation & Gratitude Gala to honor selected homeless men, women, and children who have used BOSS programs to turn their lives around. Berkeley Police Chief Douglas N. Hambleton will provide keynote remarks. For tickets, call (510) 649-1930.

E V E N T S **ABAG General Assembly/MTC's Transportation 2035 Plan Bay Area on the move**

A forum joining ABAG's General Assembly with discussions on MTC's Transportation 2035 Plan
Friday, October 26, 2007 • 8:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Oakland

Who Should Attend?

that you really don't want to miss

Everyone who cares about the future of the Bay Area! Join elected officials, community and business leaders, planners, and transportation and smart growth advocates in this lively regional dialogue. Space is limited and advance registration will be required to attend this free event. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

For More Information

Visit <http://www.abag.ca.gov> or www.mtc.ca.gov, or call 510.464.7900 or 510.817.5757 for conference details. An agenda and online registration will be available in September.

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