

Briefing to the Sustainability Committee
General Plan Briefing
April 29, 2013

The Albany Sustainability Committee was briefed on the Albany General Plan at their regular meeting on April 29. A PowerPoint presentation was provided, highlighting how sustainability issues are addressed in the General Plan. This was followed by questions and discussions with commissioners.

The following comments were made by Commissioners:

- New General Plan should cover adaptation (to rising sea level), and resilience, as well as ways to reduce GHGs
- Not sure about sustainability being its own element of the Plan. It should be a thread that runs through elements and should be a major theme of the Plan. Housing, Land Use, Transportation, etc. should all be written with a sustainability lens.
- How much influence does the General Plan have?
- How does the Plan address school impacts? Note that multi-family development in Albany has a higher student generation rate than in other cities because people move to Albany for the schools.
- Address light pollution in the plan
- Note that Plan has the rule of law.
- CAP is three years old. There are things we'd like to change. Can we do that through the General Plan process?

There were no comments made during the public comment portion of this item.