STARS Program Performance Presentation

Specialized Enrollment and Advocacy Liaison (S.E.A.L.)

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

173 referrals for Social Security assistance in 2022

Nationwide less than 10 % of reconsideration appeals approved.

S.E.A.L. success rate at reconsideration is upwards of 50 %.

100 % success at the Administrative Law Judge hearing level since 2021.

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PROGRAM IMPORTANCE

Lawyers take 25 % cut of awarded benefits

Many subsidized programs are tied to active benefits for shared financial responsibility.

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Average award is two to three times higher than County's General Assistance grant.

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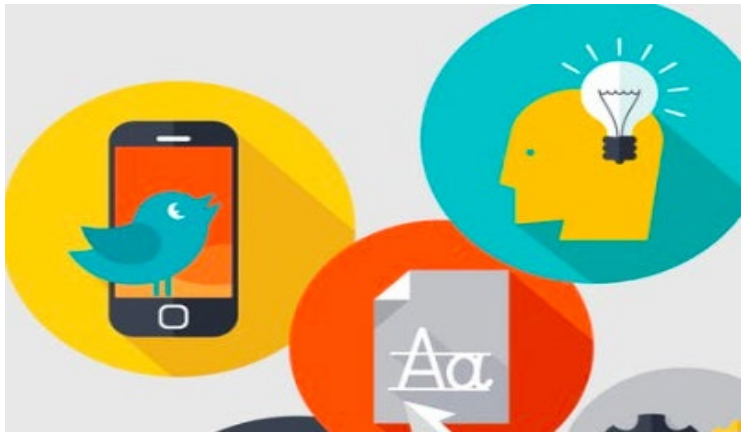
PROGRAM FUTURE –
What the STARS AWARD will be used for

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

ABA Approved
Paralegal Program

Train 2 staff as para-legals to assist non-US citizen applicants and represent clients at ODAR Appeal



Create Phone App for field-based clinicians to streamline application process.

Create video tutorials for San Mateo Health clinical staff on application process.

STARS Customer Service Presentation

RICAPS

Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Support

STARS Customer Experience Award

February 14, 2023

C/CAG City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County

OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

PENINSULA CLEAN ENERGY

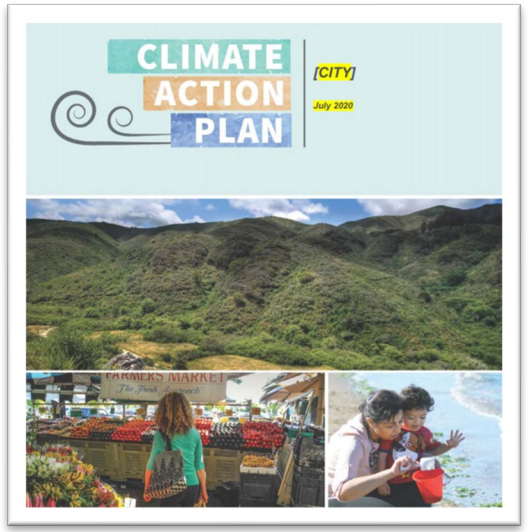
Countywide Support for Climate Action Planning

RICAPS

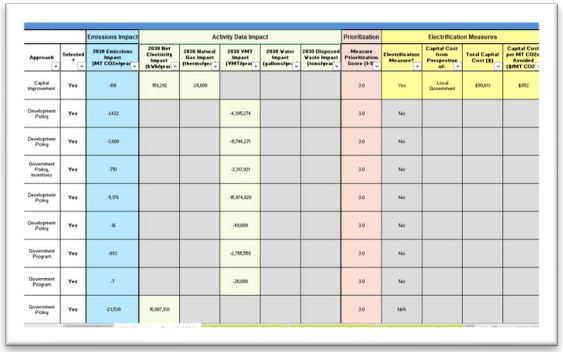
Regionally Integrated Climate Action Planning Support

Launched in 2011

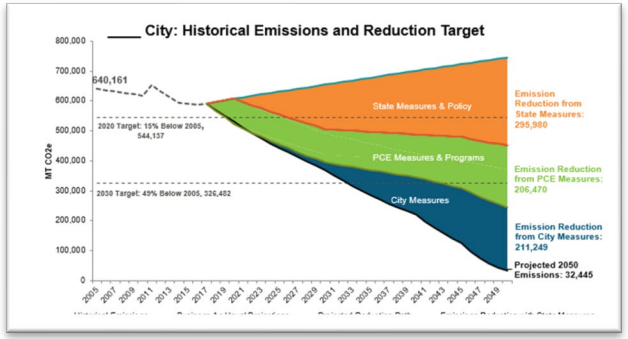
Monthly Working Group



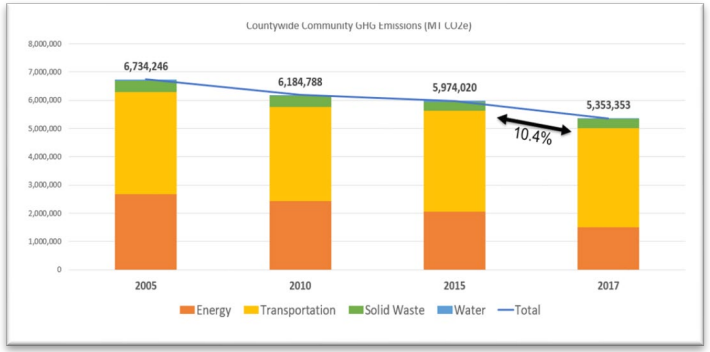
Blueprint Climate Action Framework



Menu of Measures



Forecasting Tool



Community GHG Inventories

Countywide Policy Approaches

Upcoming “moonshot” initiatives:

- Developing electrification policy/ programming for existing buildings
- Exploring policy for ending natural (methane) gas service by 2045

THANK YOU

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STARS Green Presentation

SAN MATEO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
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WEIGHTS & MEASURES

STARS GREEN AWARD: AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE DISPOSAL EVENT

Koren Widdel
Director

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AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE DISPOSAL EVENT

Overview

Background	Agricultural operations often hold onto pesticides due to their high cost and costs of disposal
Problem	Unwanted, outdated, or banned pesticides may be held by businesses indefinitely
Solution	A disposal event was held for farmers and businesses to dispose of pesticides legally, safely, and at no cost
Result	Potential hazards to human health and the environment are mitigated

- June 28th, 2022
- 28,135 lbs of unwanted, outdated, and banned pesticides were collected
- 26 San Mateo County businesses participated in the event

THANK YOU

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STARS Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Presentation

DIVISIONS REPRESENTED: AGING & ADULT SERVICES; BEHAVIORAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICE; FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES; HEALTH ADMINISTRATION; HEALTH IT; PUBLIC HEALTH, POLICY, & PLANNING; SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER

21-22 Accomplishments

- Revised Health Racial Equity Action Plan (REAP)
- Offered 3 Racial Equity Forums
- Held 4 Community Town Halls
- Conducted qualitative & quantitative surveys for feedback
- Provided the Race, Equity & Health Training to Health Workforce (~1,000 staff trained)
- Created & launched 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge
- Restructured Health GARE committees to better support health equity priorities

Where we're going

- Advocating to close equity gaps in serving our residents/clients through staff's roles
- Creating learning opportunities that build on previous equity trainings
- Continue to:
  - Connect work to departmental purpose & priorities
  - Collaborate with Health Executive Council to implement & monitor REAP
  - Showcase to department leads how work builds on our mission & vision
  - Address staff's equity needs & shared priorities through GARE committee work
  - Coordinate priorities with Countywide Core Equity Team
- Use STARS award for a strategic planning retreat

This work is not possible without the support of the following champions:

- San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
- Mike Callagy, County Executive Office
- Shireen Malekafzali and the Countywide Core Equity Team
- Louise Rogers, County Health Chief
- Srija Srinivasan, Deputy County Health Chief

Thank you!

Call to Action: Your continued support and leadership is needed for expansion of equity efforts

IMPORTANCE OF GARE EQUITY WORK - MEMBER VOICES

"We cannot be public health professionals without addressing racism and inequity/oppression"

"I am committed to see the day when health outcomes are not determined by the zip code"

"GARE allows us to pause and look at systems wholeheartedly while at the same time creating space for self-reflection."

"GARE is one of the main reasons why I continue to work here. The vision and the people ground me when I am burned out, when I feel defeated, and when things are going well."

"I love that the GARE team is a diverse group of dedicated individuals working together to address equity needs."

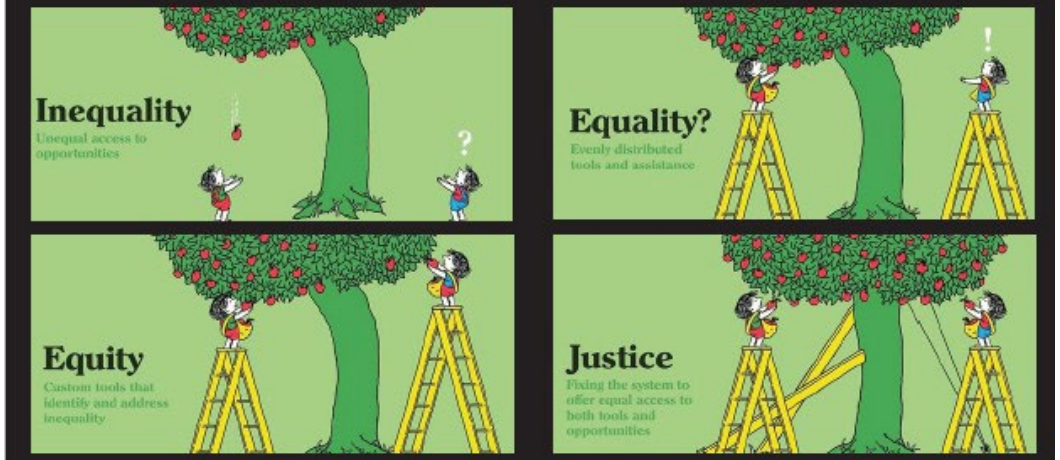
"Our work to further racial equity and health equity strengthens my hope and resolve for the difference we can make"

"GARE has helped us serve our communities & workforce in a deeper, more impactful manner - creating generational changes."

"Racial Equity Work Leads to: belonging, empowerment, heart work, equity, longer lives, inspiration, inclusivity, liberation, respect, change, advancement, transformation."

"GARE provides the tools and support needed to improve systems that have historically limited individuals from reaching their full potential."

WORKING TO ACHIEVE THE EQUITY CONTINUUM



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