

City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

March 2025

Climate Ready Cotati Fair—Volunteers Needed!

The City's first-ever **Climate Ready Cotati Fair** is fast approaching! Taking place at the SMART Depot on March 29th from 10-2, this exciting event will include informational booths and activities for all ages, as well as food trucks and prize drawings to local restaurants. **Volunteers are needed** for the clothing swap, which encourages fair-goers to bring their gently used wearables and find new pieces to take home. For information on available volunteer positions and to sign up, please visit: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/97410280088/false#/invitation>.

Additional information on the Fair itself can be found at: <https://ca-cotati.civicplus.com/1602/Climate-Ready-Cotati-Fair-2025>

E-Bike Commuter Grant Program

Be on the lookout for City staff biking to work! The City of Cotati was awarded grant funds by Sonoma Clean Power (SCP) to purchase e-bikes for employees to use to commute to and from work. The City was able to purchase five e-bikes for interested staff to use. SCP and the City share common goals for this program: to **reduce Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)**, to **promote active transportation**, and for the City to be a **leader for the community** in demonstrating that alternative modes of commuting are feasible. Through this program, the City hopes to inspire members of the community to embark on their own active commuter journey.

For more information on the SCP E-Bike Commuter Grant Program, visit SCP's website:

<https://sonomacleanpower.org/strategic-action-plan>.



Do You ADU?

Call it an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), a granny flat, an efficiency or inlaw unit . . . by any name, a small secondary residential dwelling on your property can be a valuable asset and provide much-needed housing in our community. ADUs come in many sizes and shapes, and new rules and resources make it easier than ever to build one in Cotati. You can work with an architect to come up with your own design, purchase a prefabricated unit, or use one of our **pre-reviewed plans**. Learn more on our website: <https://www.cotaticity.gov/212/Accessory-Dwelling-Units-ADUs>

Free Kits, Webinars, and More from BayREN

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is offering a variety of free opportunities to Sonoma County residents, including:

- An **energy and water saving kit**, which includes:
 - Energy efficient light bulbs
 - A smart power strip OR multiple smart energy plugs OR single burner induction cooktop
 - Efficient flow faucet aerators and shower head
 - Window and door weather tape
 - Energy savings tips booklet
 - Sign up today! Visit <https://bit.ly/RSGHC> or Call (510) 665-1501 ext. 300
- An **induction cooking expo**:
 - At Premier Bath & Kitchen on March 15, 2024
 - Features live cooking demonstrations using induction cookware
 - Enter to win a full set of induction cookware
 - Sign up [here](#)
- **Your Energy Efficient and Resilient Home** webinars:
 - [Home Energy Management for the All-electric Home](#) - Wednesday 3/12 11:30am-12:30pm
 - [Funding Your Improvements: Incentives, Rebates, and Financing](#) - Wednesday 3/19 11:30-12:30pm