

City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

May 2025

Climate Ready Cotati Fair 2025—A Huge Success!

The City held its first-ever Climate Ready Cotati Fair on March 29, and it exceeded all our expectations! About 350 people attended and enjoyed the many activities, including kids' crafts, free plants, 35 local organizations sharing information and resources, a clothing swap, free e-bike rides with Redwood Bikeshare, delicious food, prizes from local businesses, a book/puzzle/game swap, a clothing mending bar sponsored by SRJC Fashion Studies, the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition's bike-powered smoothie maker, free bike and appliance repairs, and more. Our food vendors served on reusable dishes provided by Sparkl Reusables, which resulted in a savings of 296 gallons of water, 22 lbs of waste, and 83 lbs of greenhouse gases! A number of people rode SMART to the Fair, which took place at Cotati's SMART station. It was a great way to celebrate Spring and Cotati's commitment to environmental sustainability!



We Need Your Input—Climate Ready Survey

The City of Cotati is seeking feedback on environment and climate priorities of Cotati residents. Your input will help us to make decisions about future program and planning efforts. The survey is open through June 30, takes about 5 minutes, and is confidential. Thank you in advance for helping make Cotati a more sustainable and climate-resilient city! Scan the QR Code or click on the following link to take the survey: <https://forms.gle/8FqKvK8SNGv4xoW56>

Survey Results So Far

Cotati has received input from a handful of Cotati residents so far on climate and sustainability issues from both during and after the fair. The results so far show that a majority of respondents are “very concerned” about environmental, sustainability, and climate change issues. While about half of respondents bike or walk as a mode of transportation, many respondents cited the expense of adopting a more sustainable lifestyle as one of the biggest barriers. Click the link below for a snippet of how your fellow Cotatians responded to the survey!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1luKcNeKKpPdvk4Tp6s7EuNY3UL63SAiy/view?usp=sharing>

Get Your Farm Fix at Veronda-Falletti Ranch!

Veronda-Falletti Ranch is Cotati's agricultural learning center and community space. Owned by the City and protected by a conservation easement held by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, this historic ranch is home to chickens, cows, goats, sheep,

thriving demonstration gardens, kids' programs, and free community events. Upcoming events include:

May 16—Open Ranch Day, 3:00-5:30pm, Free!

May 31—Portable gardens workshop with Sonoma County Master Gardeners

June 7 & 8 and July 5 & 6—Free compost days

June 7—Volunteer day at the Ranch

Find Veronda-Falletti Ranch events and more information here:

<https://cotaticity.gov/279/Recreation>

Facebook: Veronda-Falletti Ranch

Instagram: verondafallettiranch

Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements (BAMBE) Program

BayREN's BAMBE program provides rebates and free consulting services to make energy- and water-efficiency upgrades to your multifamily building, allowing you to save 10% or more of your building's energy usage. Improvements can include gas to electric conversions, windows, lighting, and more! Apply now while funding is available: <https://www.bayren.org/multifamily-property-owners/building-improvements>