
Unincorporated Napa County Sustainability Activities Update

Climate Action Committee – February 27, 2026

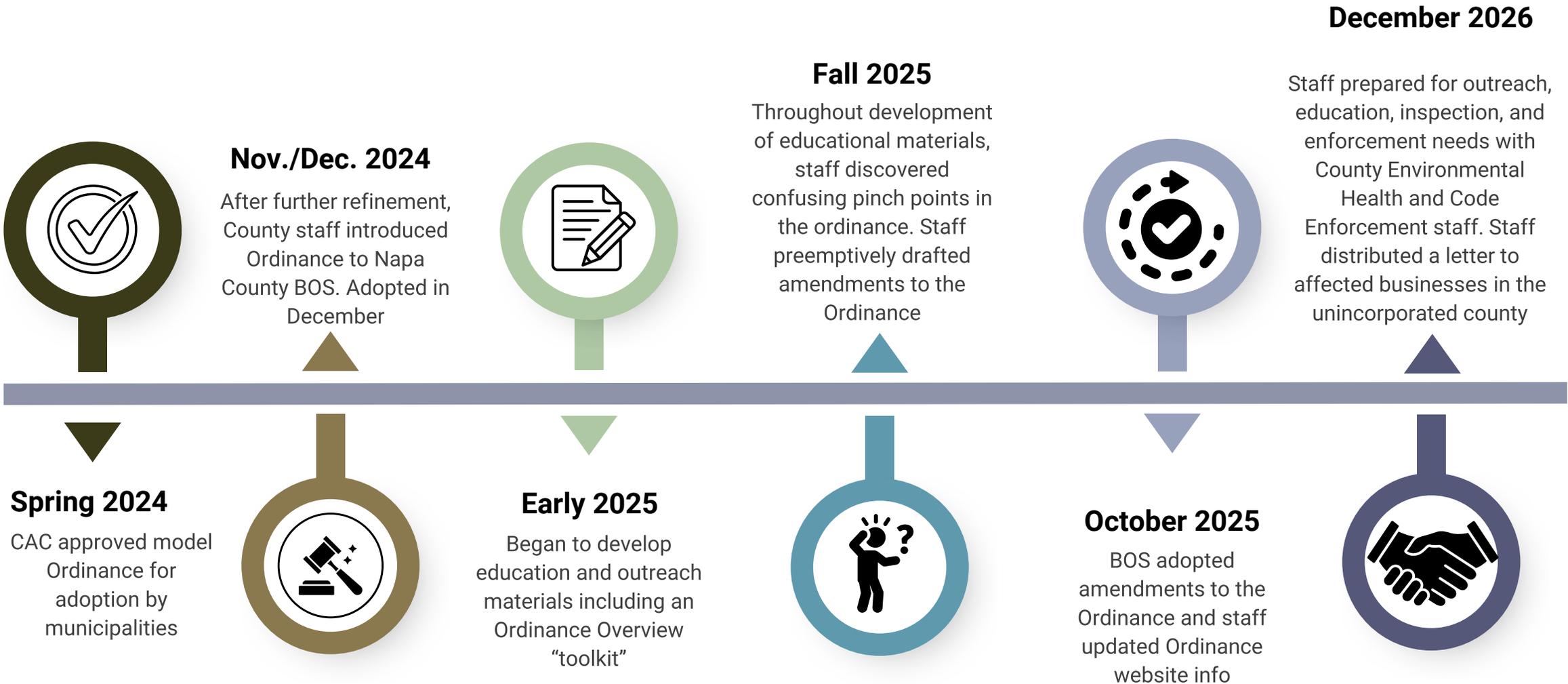


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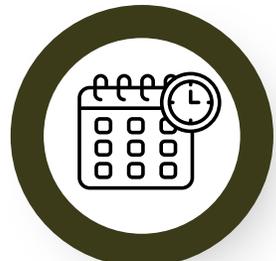
- Reusable Foodware and Waste Reduction Ordinance
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging
- Building Energy Reach Code
 - Reach Code considerations and California AB 130



REUSABLE FOODWARE & WASTE REDUCTION ORDINANCE



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January 2026

Ordinance goes into effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Jan. - June 2026

Staff are working with businesses, employees, waste disposal services, and other stakeholders to prepare for the implementation and enforcement of the Ordinance.



July 2026

Enforcement of the ordinance will begin July 1, 2026.

Ongoing

Outreach and education efforts will continue to rollout and evolve



Ordinance Requirements

The specific requirements of the unincorporated County's ordinance can be found on the Ordinance Website:

<https://www.napacounty.gov/3769/Reusable-Foodware-and-Waste-Reduction-Or>



Ordinance Outreach

1. Updated County website to reflect new regulations
2. Updated an Ordinance Overview toolkit for businesses
3. Created an ADA Accessible version of the toolkit to be compatible with assistive reading technology
4. Distributed a letter and one-page informational sheet to 500+ businesses in the unincorporated county
5. In the process of creating English and Spanish versions of a brief training video that businesses can use to help train their employees to implement these requirements



Ordinance Next Steps

1. Continue to work to help educate businesses and members of the public to prepare for compliance
2. Ordinance in effect on January 1, 2026, and County to begin enforcement on July 1, 2026, allowing for several months of education and outreach efforts





EV Charging Implementation



Total number of EV Chargers

	April 2024	November 2025	Percent Change
Level 2	419	561	+ 34%
DC Fast	57	72	+ 26%

Source: National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Napa County PBES, California Air Resources Board (CARB)

NAPA COUNTY EV CHARGING IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

Spring/Summer 2025

County staff worked with Ball-Burack to develop county-specific data and insights to assist with EV charging program application



February 2025

Ari Ball-Burack presented to CAC on the UC Berkeley EV Equity Roadmap tool



Summer 2025

County staff used the tool to find several initial publicly-owned sites

Fall 2025

County staff coordinated with Public Works staff at each municipality to finalize 11 initial sites to include in a joint application

County staff then led application process



Fall/Winter 2025

Municipal DPW staff completed site questionnaires to prep for site visits

Program staff, DPW, and County staff conducted site visits

Winter '25/'26

All site visits complete

All site reports and cost estimates complete

Municipal DPW staff can use site reports, cost estimates, and template RFP documents at their discretion for EV Charging Implementation





Building Energy Reach Code



NAPA COUNTY BUILDING ENERGY REACH CODE TIMELINE



April 2024

County staff introduced Ordinance to Napa County Board of Supervisors



June 2025

Governor Newsom signed AB 130 into law, effectively banning new residential reach codes by cities or counties from October 1, 2025, through June 1, 2031



Jan 2026

2025 Building Energy Code is in effect for projects, superseding previous reach codes

October 2023

CAC recommended a model Flex Path Building Energy Reach Code Ordinance for adoption by member jurisdictions



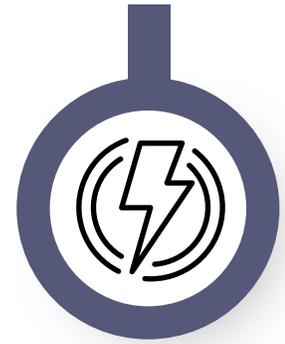
July 2024

County BOS adopted the Reach Code Ordinance



July 2025

2025 Title 24 Part 6 (Building Energy) Code adopted by the California Building Standards Commission and the California Energy Commission



NAPA COUNTY REACH CODES AND AB 130

1. Historically, cities and counties act with authority to modify or change the building code for local conditions that are: Climatic, Geological, or Topographical
 - a) Requires filing with the California Building Standards Commission and meeting statutory finding requirements

2. Cities and counties act with authority to adopt more stringent energy efficiency and conservation measures for new construction by modifying existing building energy code
 - a) Reach Code: must be cost-effective and result in reduction of energy consumption levels
 - b) Must file with the California Energy Commission for approval



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3. AB 130 was passed as part of a major housing package of bills to accelerate development of residential buildings by easing CEQA requirements, restricting local building code amendments, restricting Homeowners Association overreach, and more
4. AB 130 legislation prohibits the CA Building Standards Commission (CBSC) from considering, approving, and adopting residential new construction building standards from October 1, 2025, through June 1, 2031, unless a given exception is met.
 - a) 2025 Triennial Building Energy Code was adopted July 1, 2025 (effective Jan. 1, 2026)
 - b) Eliminates 2028 Triennial Code Update
5. New filings to CBSC for modification/change because of local climatic, geological, or topographical condition:
 - a) CBSC shall reject modification to building code affecting new residential units unless exception is met
 - b) CBSC may rely on statement by local agency that exception is met



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The pathways for exemption are:

1. **Change or Modification is “substantially equivalent to changes or modifications that were previously filed by the governing body and were in effect as of September 30, 2025.”**
2. CBSC deems those changes or modifications necessary as emergency standards to protect health and safety.
3. Changes or modifications relate to home hardening.
4. Building standards relate to home hardening and are proposed for adoption by a fire protection district pursuant to Section 13869.7.
5. **Change or Modification “are necessary to implement local code amendment that is adopted to align with a general plan approved on or before June 10, 2025, and that permits mixed-fuel residential construction consistent with federal law while also incentivizing all-electric construction as part of an adopted greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategy.”**
6. Changes or modifications are related to administrative practices

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- Napa County staff plan to pursue exemption pathway #5 by citing goals and policies from the 2005 General Plan which call for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- For now, staff are uncertain which method to pursue more stringent energy requirements for residential buildings but are considering pursuing a Flex Path Reach Code option (like the previous model reach code by the CAC) or adopting the CalGreen Tier I or II code.
- In addition to a residential new construction reach code, Napa County staff will consider pursuing other Reach Code opportunities including:
 - Non-Residential flex path
 - Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging
 - Non-Residential Water efficiency
 - Low embodied carbon or low-carbon concrete



Thank you!

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