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The potential impacts of climate change remain a hot conversation topic, especially for waterfront communities like Suisun City that are at risk of floods from sea level rise and severe storms.

The city has issued a report outlining these risks and potential solutions, and a presentation by Alex Lunine, Sustainable Solano's Resilient Communities program manager, will be delivered at the Sept. 6 City Council meeting to discuss the report and opportunities for the community to provide input.

Sustainable Solano, a Benicia-based nonprofit aimed at offering solutions for Solano County to have more sustainable environmental practices, held a workshop under the guidance of The Nature Conservancy back in June which served as the impetus for the report. The workshop, according to a Sustainable Solano news release, brought together residents, business owners, elected officials and environmental leaders to discuss potential hazards and outline solutions.

"The Nature Conservancy created a summary report from this meeting that will now be used by Sustainable Solano, the city, and a core team of community members and local officials to seek resident feedback and guidance," officials wrote.

Potential solutions highlighted in the report include accessing grants to install preventative flood infrastructure such as living-levees and critical pump stations, implementing hazard and warning signs along flood-prone roadways to increase public awareness, bringing the findings to the City Council to get flooding prevention measures enacted and to incorporate successful actions by neighboring Bay Area communities, and securing funds to continue vulnerability assessments and planning over the next 10 years.

In a statement, Mayor Pro Tem Alma Hernandez said Suisun is the first city on the West Coast to host such a workshop and there is potential to assist other cities in the region on climate-related challenges. This summer, the city was recognized by the United States Conference of Mayors with a Local Climate Action Award for its citywide efforts to curb greenhouse gases.

"Suisun City in Solano County is emerging as a leader in the environmental and climate space," she said. "We definitely have much more work to do, which is why we are proactively engaging with Sustainable Solano, BCDC [San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission], and other agencies to continue to work on pressing environmental concerns such as sea level rise."

Suisun also has a Climate and Environmental Festival scheduled for Oct. 22 with an emphasis on the report.

A feedback form can be accessed at [Surveymonkey.com/r/BZQHSGW](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BZQHSGW).





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