City of Cotati

Cotati, CA

Mayor Mark Landman

Pledge Summary

Founded in 1893, Cotati has long been considered the "Hub" of Sonoma County, by virtue of its central location, and its distinct and historic hexagonal plaza, a design that exists in only two cities in all of the United States. Cotati is surrounded by bucolic vistas of oak-studded hills, vineyards, and majestic redwoods. Cotati offers all the benefits of living in a small city, with the cultural advantages of being located near major urban centers and a highly acclaimed state university. Cotati's roots are steeped in agriculture and music, and our citizens are proud of the diverse and unique community that has been shaped by over 100 years' history. Mayor Landman and his colleagues on the Cotati City Council have supported the protection of the Monarch Butterfly and other pollinators beginning with this initial pledge, and look forward to expanding our actions further in the coming years.

Action Items Committed for 2022

Communications and Convening

- Issue a proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species’ need for habitat. This proclamation must incorporate a focus on monarch conservation.

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

Systems Change

- Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

Past Pledge Archive

Mayor Name	Program Year	Pledge Date	Achievement
Mayor Susan Harvey	2023	4/30/2023	
Mayor Mark Landman	2022	4/27/2022	Signatories

Action Items

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In total, how many individuals have been reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan-Dec)? Please limit your answer to only the number of individuals reached in the answer field below (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.).

7500

Of the total number of individuals engaged, how many youth (0-18) were reached through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge in your community this year (Jan. - Dec.)? If none, please write 0." (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only.)

1,575 youth and 5,925 adults.

In total, how many acres of monarch habitat have been created in your city in the last 12 months? Please limit your answer to only the number of acres in the answer field below (e.g., 3). Note: 1 acre = roughly the size of a football field.

0.06

Where was the habitat created this year? Example locations may include residences, schools, places of worship, rights-of-way, roadsides, community gardens, shared public spaces, and more.

School site.

How are you leveraging the Mayors' Monarch Pledge program to engage marginalized communities, such as low-income communities or communities of color?

Zoning changes for Veronda-Falletti Ranch open to entire community and new Outdoor Lighting Standards available and of benefit to entire community.

What was your community's motivation for taking and continuing to work on the Mayors' Monarch Pledge?

Request from councilmember.

What resources have been most helpful to you thus far and what new resources would you like to see to help meet your goals? What resources would be useful to help expand equitable engagement in community processes and access to high-quality, usable nature?

N/A

What else should we know about your monarch butterfly conservation efforts over the last year?

N/A

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Selected Action Items

Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.

How many plants were sold and/or given away at your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

0

How many people attended your event? (Enter WHOLE NUMBERS only)

0

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to host the event?

Instituted zoning new ordinances allowing Veronda Falletti Ranch (a permanent public open space, created through a partnership between the City of Cotati and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District) to provide ongoing sales of native plants and/or seeds. Planted a small pollinator garden in partnership with Sandy Loam Montessori on site.

Launch, expand, or continue one or more ordinances to reduce light pollution to benefit urban wildlife.

What community organizations, groups, or leaders (if any) did you partner with or engage to complete this effort?

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What is the status of this action? Please limit your answer to either "complete" or "in progress" in the answer field below.

For outdoor lighting, we have adopted standards to minimize light pollution, Including: 17.30.060 Outdoor lighting. Outdoor lighting on private property shall comply with the following requirements: A. An outdoor light fixture shall be limited to a maximum height of fourteen feet or the height of the nearest building, whichever is less. B. Outdoor lighting shall utilize energy-efficient (high pressure sodium, low pressure sodium, hard-wired compact fluorescent, or other lighting technology that is of equal or greater energy efficiency) fixtures/lamps. C. Lighting fixtures shall be shielded or recessed to reduce light bleed to adjoining properties by: 1. Ensuring that the light source (e.g., bulb, etc.) is not visible from off the site; and 2. Confining glare and reflections within the boundaries of the site to the maximum extent feasible. Each light fixture shall be directed downward and away from adjoining properties and public rights-of-way, so that no on-site light fixture directly illuminates an area off the site. D. No lighting on private property shall produce an illumination level greater than one footcandle on any property within an RR, RVL, NL, NM, or NU zoning districts except on the site of the light source. E. No permanently installed

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lighting shall blink, flash, or be of unusually high intensity or brightness, as determined by the director. (Ord. 766 § 2 Exh. A (part), 2004). 17.39.030 Objective residential design standards. E. Outdoor Lighting. The intent of outdoor lighting standards is to require high quality lighting fixtures to provide safety and security for persons and property, and to minimize light pollution, sky glow and glare. Outdoor lighting shall be installed and maintained along all vehicular access ways and pedestrian walkways, in compliance with Section 17.30.060 (Outdoor lighting). The lighting shall be shielded and directed downward onto the driveways and walkways within the development and away from adjacent properties to eliminate glare and minimize light trespass. Lighting of at least one foot-candle shall also be installed and maintained within all covered and enclosed parking areas and shall be screened with full cutoff luminaires to minimize sky glow and glare onto public sidewalks and adjacent residences. Lighting fixtures/lamps shall be energy efficient and be a warm light with a broad color spectrum to minimize sky glow. An all-night light shall not exceed 3000K (Kelvin Color Temperature Scale) and lights with an on/off timer shall not exceed 4000K. Proposed lighting shall be shown on the required landscape plan and supported by a photometric analysis.

If this action is Complete, please include the date it was completed and share a 1-2 sentence description. Please include a copy of the policy by uploading or linking below.

Both updates to Cotati Municipal Code can be found here- https://www.codepublishing.com/CA/Cotati/#!/Cotati17/Cotati17.html

If this action is In Progress, please describe your progress and a target date when you plan to complete action.

N/A

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Date of Proclamation:

12/13/22

Title of Proclamation (i.e. – Monarch Day or Pollinator Week):

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Day

Upload a copy of your proclamation.

Proclamation-Cotati.pdf

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