

May 2026 Update on the Community Protection & Benefit Agreement (CPBA) Process

This past May, the Town of Patagonia, the City of Nogales, Santa Cruz County, and South32 (collectively, the “Signatories”) continued advancing both the Early Actions Community Investment Agreement and planning efforts for the broader Community Protection & Benefit Agreement (CPBA). Work focused on implementing priority community investments, strengthening collaboration, and developing long-term protections and benefits that support the quality of life of Santa Cruz County residents.

What We Worked On

Early Actions Community Investment Agreement

Following the finalization and adoption of the Early Actions Community Investment Agreement in March, Signatory representatives continued collaborating to advance approved project scopes and prepare them for potential funding and implementation in 2026.

The Signatories endorsed six Early Action projects to move forward into the bidding and development phase:

- Fire and EMS Infrastructure Expansion
 - Town of Patagonia
 - City of Nogales
- Design for Patagonia Law Enforcement Office Space
 - Town of Patagonia
- Independent Emergency Services Audit
 - Town of Patagonia
 - City of Nogales
- Patagonia Daycare Design (Birth–5)
 - Town of Patagonia
- Affordable Housing Project – Design and Engineering
 - Town of Patagonia
- Update of the Santa Cruz County Housing Strategy (2022–2027)
 - Town of Patagonia
 - City of Nogales
 - Santa Cruz County

These projects reflect shared priorities identified through community engagement and Signatory collaboration and are intended to address critical community needs while supporting long-term

resilience and economic opportunity. The remaining Early Actions are in various stages of progress and will be endorsed once they are ready.

Future CPBA Planning (Next Stage of Agreement)

The Signatories continued working toward the next phase of the CPBA, building upon the framework established through the Early Actions Community Investment Agreement. Discussions focused on identifying meaningful protections, advancing community priorities, and developing a shared vision for future investments and safeguards.

The Signatories reaffirmed several key objectives guiding the CPBA process, including:

- Building trust and transparency throughout the process
- Improving alignment and collaboration among stakeholders
- Addressing community needs and expanding opportunities
- Establishing meaningful protections
- Supporting long-term sustainability and responsible growth
- Enhancing quality of life for Santa Cruz County residents

Community Input

May Website Submissions

- 1 Survey Submissions
- 2 Comment/Message

Submissions received through the website continue to be reviewed and considered by the Signatories as part of ongoing community engagement efforts. Community feedback remains an important component of the CPBA process and helps inform priorities, investments, and future agreement development.