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Kaiser announces ambitious environmental goals

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FAIRFIELD — Kaiser Permanente announced this week a series of environmental goals for 2025 that includes producing no nonhazardous refuse for the landfill, buying food grown locally or using only sustainable practices and reducing water usage by 25 percent based on the square footage of its buildings.

The health care company also intends to purchase “enough clean energy and carbon offsets” that would make it “carbon net positive” by the target date.

into an alternate reality, as the Internet company responds to competitive threats posed by Facebook, Amazon and Apple.

As part of an onslaught of upcoming products, Google will implant a more personable form of artificial intelligence into an Internet-connected device called Home, which echoes

2025 Kaiser environmental goals

- Become “carbon net positive” by buying enough clean energy and carbon offsets to remove more greenhouse gases from the atmosphere than it emits.
- Buy all of its food locally or from farms and producers that use sustainable practices, including using antibiotics responsibly.
- Recycle, reuse or compost 100 percent of its nonhazardous waste.
- Reduce the amount of water it uses by 25 percent per square foot of buildings.
- Increase its purchase of products and materials that meet environmental standards to 50 percent.
- Meet international standards for environmental management at all its hospitals.
- Pursue new collaborations to reduce environmental risks to the foodsheds, watersheds and air basins supplying its communities.

Source: Kaiser Permanente

Baxter, senior vice president of community benefit, research and health policy, said in a statement. “Our aim with these new goals is system called Daydream that’s meant to challenge Facebook-owned Oculus’s early lead in fabricating artificial worlds.

In an attempt to outshine Apple, Google is also adding features to its Android operating system, including the ability to run apps without actually installing them on a device.

our communities.”

The carbon offset program is not a reduction in the greenhouse gasses it produces, but rather by pur-theater located a few blocks from its Mountain View, California, headquarters.

Instant Apps is Google’s answer to the pain of installing phone apps you know you’ll use just once or twice, for shopping or booking a parking spot, for example. With this approach, the app runs on Google’s servers instead of

The company noted health issues such as asthma among children, obesity and the rise of “superbugs and other anti-Facebook’s Messenger app and WhatsApp. Allo will draw upon a vast database that Google has built through its dominant Internet search engine to predict how you might want to respond to a text and automatically fetch links to video clips and other information that seem relevant to an ongoing conversation.

need for improving environmentally protective standards.

Kaiser also noted the impact climate change is having on the health of the communities in which it is located.

“If business continues as usual, the next 10 years threaten to rapidly undermine advances in public health through increases in injuries and death from extreme heat and weather events, spread of infectious diseases and mosquito-borne illnesses, food and water shortages, and worsening allergy and asthma conditions, among other health risks,” the com-

most at risk.”

The Virginia-based Health Care Without Harm, a global organization focused on environmental health, supports the effort.

“Kaiser Permanente has led by example and has been an important partner in creating a social movement inside of health care on climate action and environmental health,” Gary Cohen, president of Health Care Without Harm, said in the statement released by Kaiser. “Its willingness to collaborate and build partnerships has enhanced the environmental perfor-

In brief

FDA approves new cancer drugs

TRENTON, N.J. — U.S. regulators have approved the first drug for bladder cancer that harnesses the body’s immune system, the first major advance in three decades against the most common type of bladder cancer.

Tecentriq, from Genentech, won accelerated approval Wednesday from the Food and Drug Administration for treating patients with advanced urothelial cancer after chemotherapy stops helping them — a point when most usually die within about six months.

Bay Area lifts state home prices

SAN DIEGO — Record highs in the San Francisco Bay area helped lift California home prices last month to their loftiest levels since September 2007, a research firm said Wednesday. Sales were soft.

The median home price in the nine-county Bay area hit \$686,000, surpassing its peak in 2007, according to CoreLogic Inc., which has tracked data since 1988. San Francisco County notched

its highest-ever median price at \$1.3 million.

Frontier: Telecom takeover led to outages

SACRAMENTO — Frontier Communications

is acknowledging that widespread phone, internet and television service outages in California, Texas and Florida are related to its takeover of another company.

Frontier representatives told California lawmakers Wednesday that the company inherited corrupt data from Verizon after its

\$10.5 billion acquisition of certain Verizon businesses last month.

West Region President Melinda White says the data issue caused outages during the transition and an outpouring of complaints that Frontier technicians weren’t trained to handle.

— The Associated Press



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MARE ISLAND NAVAL SHIPYARD
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)

MAY 2016 MEETING



The Department of Navy (DON) invites interested members of the public to attend updates and presentations with members of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) made up of representatives from the local community, Navy, Federal and State regulatory agencies. The DON encourages the public to keep informed about the environmental cleanup at Former Mare Island Naval Shipyard (MINS), Vallejo, California.

May 2016 Featured Topics

Former Mare Island Naval Shipyard South Shore Area (SSA)
Shoreline Munitions Time-Critical Removal Action (TCRA)

Application for Closure Request Building 144 Oil / Water
Separator Site, Installation Restoration Program Site 03,
Investigation Area C1 and C3

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Mare Island Conference Center
375 G St., Vallejo, CA

Ask questions and voice your concerns. You Can Make a Difference!

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