



California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

GRANTS & RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Participation Guidelines



**Share,
Listen, Learn**



**Respect Different
Perspectives**



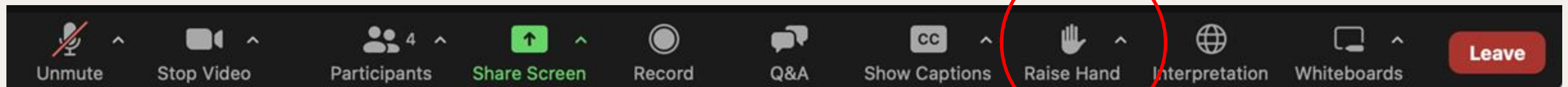
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Agenda Review

- **Welcome**
- **Guest Speaker: David Mancera**
 - Presentation and discussion on resourcing land acquisition and access for equitable outcomes
- **Working Planning**
 - Staff Updates
 - Review and continue discussions on topics from last meeting
 - Summarize discussions and review action items.
 - Confirm meeting schedule and timeframe for next meeting.
- **General Public Comment**

Resourcing Land Acquisition for Equitable Outcomes

DAVID MANCERA

The Cultiva, Salinas, CA

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Work Planning

Staff Updates

- Status on research requests
 - Tax incentives outside of CA
 - Grant program analysis
 - Programs that support land back
- Survey approach and plans

Staff Updates – Research Requests

- Tax incentives outside of CA
 - Non-CA state-level financial incentives supporting land transfer
 - Tax credits, low interest loans and beginning farmer incentives
 - Deeper discussion in working group

Staff Updates – Research Requests

- Grant program analysis
 - 12 key grant programs
 - Criteria:
 - Government administered
 - CA focus (with one exception)
 - Contribute directly to land access in a way that allows us to measure “acres transitioned”

Staff Updates – Research Requests

Grant Name and Link	Lead Agency / Organization
<u>California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP)</u>	California Department of Conservation (DOC)
<u>Multibenefit Land Repurposing Program</u>	California Department of Conservation (DOC)
<u>Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)</u>	California Department of Conservation (DOC)
<u>Agricultural Land Mitigation Program (ALMP)</u>	California Department of Conservation (DOC) and High-Speed Rail Authority
<u>California State Coastal Conservancy Grants</u>	California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)
<u>Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Program</u>	California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)

Staff Updates – Research Requests

Grant Name and Link	Lead Agency / Organization
2023 Strategic Land Conservation Directed Grant Program	Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Urban Agriculture Grant Program	California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
Ecosystem Restoration and Agricultural Lands	Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)
Rangeland, Grazing Land, and Grassland Protection	Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)
Tribal Nation Grant Fund (TNGF)	California Gaming Control Commission (CGCC)
Increasing Land, Capital, and Market Access Program	USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA)

Staff Updates – Research Requests

- Methodology
 - Publicly available information, existing evaluations
 - Request awardee data
 - Interviews for narratives on experiences with programs
 - Program staff, recipients, and technical assistance providers

Staff Updates – Research Requests

Metrics – Application phase:

- Language access (TA or multilingual applications)
- Applicant demographics
- Geographic representation
- Oversubscription rates

Metrics – Eligibility:

- Eligible entities (individual farmer, tribes, etc.)
- Land tenure requirements
- Methods of prioritizing certain applicants

Metrics – Outcomes:

- Awardee demographics
- Acres transitioned and to who
- Long term impact: Is there follow up or support on mid/long term basis after grant period?

Staff Updates – Research Requests

- Programs that support Land Back
 - Case studies of Land Back projects
 - Outline associated tribal consultation practices

Research Requests – Survey

- Deeper discussion in Community Outreach Subcommittee
- Survey draft out for review
 - Input on format, questions, or response options
- Survey purpose
- Questions / comments?

Moving Towards Recommendations

- What is rising to priority
- How best to move towards recommendations, and associated timing
- Formation of work groups

Proposed Work Plan

- September–December 2024
 - Speaker presentations on:
 - Financing
 - Land transition
 - Tax laws and incentives
 - Including support for retirement and succession planning
 - Grant program outcomes
 - How to improve existing programs and fill gaps
 - Drafting ideas and recommendations
- Deadlines:
 - November 2024: Update to Task Force, share draft recs
 - January 2024: Initial ideas and recommendations shared with staff for inclusion in preliminary draft
 - February 2025: Discussion of preliminary draft at Task Force meeting

Proposed Work Plan Timeline

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

- **Mtg 2:** Financing – Subcommittee Meeting 2

OCTOBER 2024

- **WG 1:** Financing
 - Draft recommendations
- **WG 2:** Tax laws and incentives
 - Including support for retirement and succession planning
 - Draft recommendations
- **Mtg 3:** Review draft recommendations – Subcommittee Mtg 3
 - Recommendations from WG 1 and 2

NOVEMBER 13 & 14, 2024 – TASK FORCE MEETING

- Share WG 1 & 2 recommendations

DECEMBER 2024

- **WG 3:** Grant programs
 - Draft recommendations

JANUARY 2025

- **Mtg 4:** Review draft recommendations – Subcommittee Mtg 4
 - Recommendations from WG 3
 - Recommendations to include in the preliminary draft of full Task Force recommendations

FEBRUARY 2025 – TASK FORCE MEETING

- Share all of Subcommittee's draft recs

Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Review of Action Items and Follow Up Items
- Decide on next meeting and meeting schedule
- Report-back to Task Force on November 13/14
- Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to:

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Upcoming Meetings

- **Land Tenure Subcommittee** | Sept. 19, 11am – 12pm, Virtual
- **Land Access and Acquisition Subcommittee** | Sept. 26, 12pm – 2pm, Virtual
- **Sustaining Natural & Cultural Resources Subcom.** | Oct. 4, 10:30am – 12pm, Virtual
- **Community Outreach Subcommittee** | Oct. 7, 12am – 2pm, Virtual
- **Regular Task Force Meeting** | Nov. 13/14, Salinas & Virtual

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Thank You!