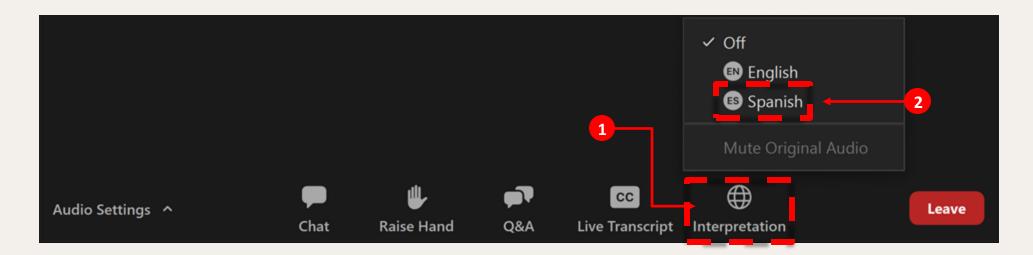
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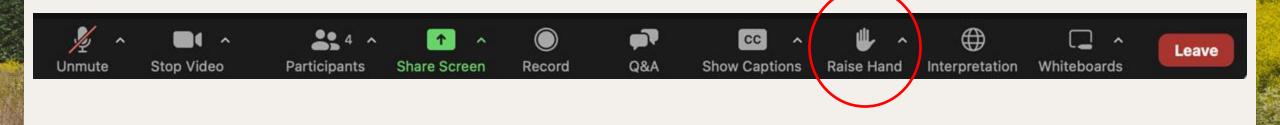
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Welcome Remarks

Chairwoman Louise J. Miranda Ramirez, Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation

Agenda Review

Wednesday, November 13

- Approval of Meeting Summary from 08.14/15.2024
- Staff Report
- Action: Per Diem Allowances
- Discussion: One year review and check in
- Presentation and Discussion: Land Governance and Cooperative Ownership Models
- General Public Comment

Agenda Review

Thursday, November 14

- Working Session: Interactive small group discussions
- Work Planning and Next Steps
- General Public Comment

Meeting Summary from August 14-15, 2024

Staff Report

Staff Report

Overview:

- Announcements and updates
- Responses to questions from previous meetings

Announcements & Updates

Proposition 4 Section 93550:

- 1. Of the funds made available by Section 93500, thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) shall be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to the Department of Conservation, in consultation with the California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force at the Strategic Growth Council, to improve land access and tenure for socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers, tribal producers, and beginning farmers and ranchers.
- 2. The Department of Conservation may make low-interest loans to qualified entities, which shall include land trusts, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, farmer cooperatives, tribal governments, or tribal entities, for the purpose of acquiring agricultural lands to transfer or provide long-term leases to socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers and beginning farmers and ranchers.

Announcements & Updates, continued

- SB 1448 signed into law Sep. 2024
 - Per diem allowances for public members
 - Requires SGC post ALETF's final report on its website
- Travel reimbursement: As of Oct. 1, State follows federal standard rates.
 See <u>CalHR website</u> for details.
- Land access experience survey is <u>now live!</u> Open through Jan. 31, 2025
- Seeking Advisory Committee members. <u>Interest form</u> open through Dec. 1, 2024
- ALETF website updates
- Updates from ALETF members

Responses to Questions

What is the process for requesting photo permissions from site visit hosts?

May and Aug. site visit hosts provided written or verbal permission. From Nov. onward, staff will provide a photo permission form to site visit hosts.

Can Task Force members send feedback on materials in between meetings?

Yes. Task Force members may communicate directly with staff on an individual basis. Staff will compile Task Force members' feedback for further consideration by the Task Force.

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ACTION: Per Diem Allowances

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Overview:

- SB 1448 (Hurtado) signed by Governor Newsom in Sep. 2024
- Per section 75129.5 (a), SGC may "provide public members of the California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force...a reasonable per diem allowance as specified in Section 11564.5 of the Government Code [\$100], or at a higher rate that may be established by the task force, for each day's attendance at a noticed meeting of the task force."

Staff proposal:

 Establish reasonable per diem allowance for public members of \$500 per day's attendance at a noticed Task Force meeting

Overview:

- Provide overview of work accomplished to-date
- Contextualize the work of the Task Force
- Reflections from Task Force members and strategic thinking about the year ahead

Five Quarterly Task Force Meetings:

October 2023:

- Established governance
- Shared foundational research

• February 2024:

- Key themes and topics of importance
- Preliminary Work Plan

• May 2024:

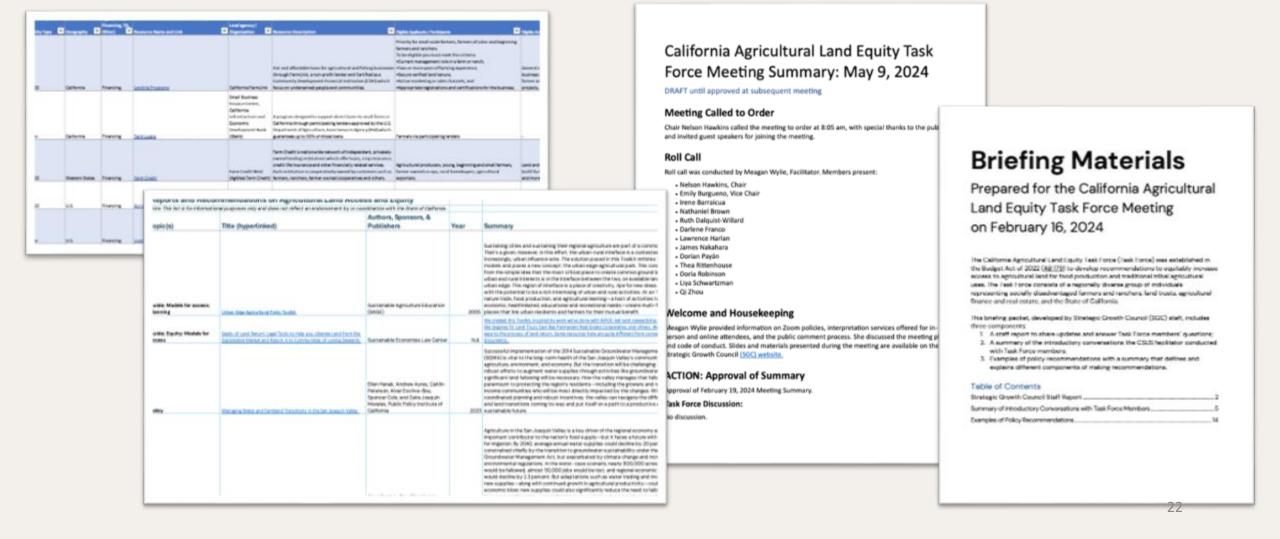
- Learned from site visits
- Discussed resource landscape from provider and farmer perspectives
- Formed Subcommittees: SNCR, Grants & Resources, Community Outreach

Five Quarterly Task Force Meetings:

August 2024:

- Learned from site visits
- Discussed SGMA and land and water market impacts
- Heard from subcommittees
- Formed three new Subcommittees: LUGS, Land Tenure, LA3
- November 2024: Today!
 - Discuss land governance and cooperative ownership models
 - Subcommittee & Work Group updates
 - Working Session & Work Planning

Research, Resources & Materials:



Resources & Materials:

Research

- Trends in California Agricultural Land Ownership and Access (10/2023)
- Overview of the Legislative Process (10/2023)
- Overview of Land Use Policies Shaping Agricultural Land Access (10/2023)
- Recent State Legislation Addressing Farmer and/or Land Equity (10/2023)
- Grants, Loans, and Financial Incentive Programs Targeting Agricultural Land Access and/or Farmer Equity (10/2023)
- Overview of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) (08/2024)
- Parallel State Efforts Related to Land Equity (11/2024)

Resources & Materials:

Resources

- Compendium of Additional Informational & Resources as Hyperlinks (10/2023)
- Summary of Introductory Conversations with Task Force Members (02/2024)
- Examples of policy recommendations (02/2024)
- Table + Narrative: Existing Resources Related to Ag Land Access in CA (05/2024)
- Table + Narrative: Reports and Guides concerning Ag Land Access and Equity (08/2024)
- Work Plan (08/2024 + 11/2024)
- Outreach Plan (09/2024)
- Approaches to Designing Policy Recommendations (11/2024)
- Staff Reports
- Meeting Summaries
- Meeting PPT Slide Decks

Focused Discussion Sessions with Guest Speakers:

- Resource Landscape May 2024
 - Anthony Chang, Manzanita Capital and People's Land Fund
 - Essence Oyos, Golden Eagle Farm
 - Idzai Mubaiwa, African Sisters Produce
 - Josiah Griffin, USDA Office of Tribal Relations
 - Lena Ortega, Intertribal Agriculture Council
 - Mai Nguyen, Farmer Mai
 - Shanna Atherton-Bauer, CA Department of Conservation

Focused Discussion Sessions with Guest Speakers:

- Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) and Land and Water Market Impacts on Equitable Land Access in the San Joaquin Valley August 2024
 - Janaki Anagha, 11th Hour Project
 - Ngodoo Atume, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - Ruth Dahlquist-Willard, UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program and ALETF member
- Land Governance and Cooperative Ownership Models November 2024
 - Carmen and Hugo, Tierras Milperas
 - Dorian Payán, Sustainable Economies Law Center and ALETF member
 - Neil Thapar, Minnow

Outreach & Engagement:

- Site Visits
 - San Diego 5 sites
 - Fresno 5 sites
 - Salinas 3 sites
- Ways to engage:
 - Project website
 - Email list
 - Public comment and written communications
 - Event attendance
 - Materials: Two-pager, business cards
 - Survey
 - Listening sessions to come!
 - Advisory Committee to come!

Work Now Organized Under Three Dimensions:

Land Access,
Acquisition, and
Ancestral Land
Return

Land Use
Governance and
Sovereignty

Secure Land Tenure

Six Subcommittees:

- Community Outreach: 4 members
- Grants & Resources: 5 members
- Land Access, Acquisition, and Ancestral Land Return: 9 members
- Land Tenure: 2 members
- Land Use Governance and Sovereignty: 2 members
- Sustaining Natural and Cultural Resources: 4 members

Nine Work Groups of 1 or 2 Members

Each Subcommittee has its own suite of associated research and materials, to be discussed after lunch!



** Great Work!





Contextualizing the work and scope of the Ag Land Equity Task Force

Brief presentations on parallel State bodies and initiatives:

Racial Equity Commission: Camille Randolph, Program Analyst, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

Farmer Equity Act and related initiatives: Thea Rittenhouse, Farm Equity Advisor, California Department of Food & Agriculture and ALETF member



"We are not ranking priorities or oppression. We are advancing strategies that impact all communities."

Executive Order N-16-22

"Administration shall appoint... individuals who have demonstrated expertise and meet criteria in at least one of the following areas: ... land use, environment, agriculture... that may have an impact on racial equity or racial disparities"

- Authority:
 - Hold hearing and perform acts necessary to carry out duties
 - Engage with advisors or advisory committees
 - Develop resources, best practices, and tools
- Output:
 - Statewide Racial Equity Framework (December 1, 2025)
 - Technical Assistance
 - Annual report

Why Lead with Race

- The creation and perpetuation of racial inequities is baked into our culture and government.
- Racial inequities across all indicators for success are deep and pervasive.
- Other groups experience deep marginalization, including those living with a variety of abilities.
- Like race, ableism is a social construct and is often siloed from other issues and experiences.
- Leading with race helps us take an intersectional approach to better understand people's experiences and outcomes.
- Focusing on racial equity provides the opportunity to build methodologies, frameworks, and tools that can be applied to other areas of marginalization.

Contact Us



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One Year Review and Check-in

Reflections from Task Force Members

- Discussion questions:
 - What are you proud of from the past year?
 - What are you looking forward to in the year ahead?
 - What aspects of your work together as a Task Force have felt effective so far?
 - What could be improved, or what changes do you suggest to move forward more effectively over the next year?
- Pair and share (5 min)
- Group conversation and reflection (remaining time)
 - Share what was discussed in pairs

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Presentation: Land Governance and Cooperative Ownership Models

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15 Minute Break

Subcommittee Updates

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Subcommittees:

- Community Outreach
- Grants & Resources
- Land Access, Acquisition, and Ancestral Land Return
- Land Tenure
- Land Use Governance and Sovereignty
- Sustaining Natural and Cultural Resources

Community Outreach (Outreach)

Members: Burgueno, Franco, Hawkins, Zhou

Updates:

- Met in July and October
- Developed subcommittee goals
- Discussed outreach events and activities
 - Conference attendance
 - Survey
 - Listening sessions

Tasks:

- Develop Community Outreach Plan (complete)
- Develop multilingual survey (complete)
- Outreach toolkit

Community Outreach (Outreach)

Members: Burgueno, Franco, Hawkins, Zhou

Next Steps:

- Attend Latino Farmers Conference
- Continue developing community partner outreach list
- Organize listening sessions for 2025
 - Explore compensation mechanisms for listening sessions
- Dec/Jan meeting to discuss:
 - 2025 outreach plans
 - Recommendations related to community outreach
- Distribute survey: Support from full Task Force

Land Access, Acquisition, & Ancestral Land Return (LA3)

Members: Brown, Burgueno, Dahlquist-Willard, Franco, Harlan, Hawkins, Nakahara, Robinson, Schwartzman

Updates:

- Met in September
- Established 4 working groups:
 - Public Lands
 - Land Markets
 - Land Back
 - Land Succession Strategies

Land Access, Acquisition, & Ancestral Land Return (LA3)

Members: Brown, Burgueno, Dahlquist-Willard, Franco, Harlan, Hawkins, Nakahara, Robinson, Schwartzman

Research Tasks:

- Explore Shuumi Land Tax of the Sogorea Te' Land Trust
- Review work of California Reparations Task Force in context of this subcommittee

Next Steps:

- Invite Dr. Risling Baldy as guest speaker
- Move priorities of each working group forward

Grants & Resources (G&R)

Members: Barraicua, Nakahara, Rittenhouse, Robinson, Schwartzman Updates:

- Met in July and September
- Guest presentation by David Mancera re: financing land acquisition
- Established 3 working groups:
 - Financing
 - Grant Program Outcome
 - Tax Law & Incentives

Grants and Resources, Continued

Research Tasks in Progress:

- Tax incentive models from outside CA
- Analysis of 12 selected grant programs
- Case studies and analysis of programs that support land back

Next Steps:

- Working groups continue working between meetings
- Subcommittee meeting in Jan. 2025

Land Tenure (LT)

Members: Burgueno, Schwartzman

Overview:

- Met in September
- Established one working group:
 - Land Tenure

Research Tasks:

Subdivision Map Act

Land Tenure, Continued

Next Steps:

- Highlight the connection between land tenure, conservation, and climate mitigation
- Focus on increasing access to legal resources and funding for TA providers
- Address insurance
- Invite Indian Land Tenure Foundation as a guest speaker

Land Use Governance & Sovereignty (LUGS)

Members: Burgueno, Payán

Updates:

- Met in September and formed LUGS working group
- Beginning to define key terms and develop recommendations in working group

Research Tasks:

- Urban growth boundaries and urban agriculture
- Easement and grant program land improvement limitations
- Co-management agreements with the State
- Cultural fire
- CNRA Tribal Nature Based Solutions Program

LUGS Continued

Next Steps:

- Continue recommendations development and meet to hear from guest speakers
- Invite members from The Circle Law Group as guest speakers

Sustaining Natural & Cultural Resources (SNCR)

Members: Burgueno, Franco, Harlan, Rittenhouse

Updates:

Met on July 2 and Oct 4

Research Tasks:

- Existing policies and their impact on sovereignty, including regarding cultural fire, ancestral land return, and protection of Native sites, remains and artifacts
- Develop a summary of ratified and unratified treaties
- Map ancestral lands in relation to contemporary ownership, along with other mapping requests

SNCR Continued

Next Steps:

- Invite as guest speaker/workshop host: Redbud Resource Group
- Will meet again to clarify subcommittee scope and receive preliminary research findings

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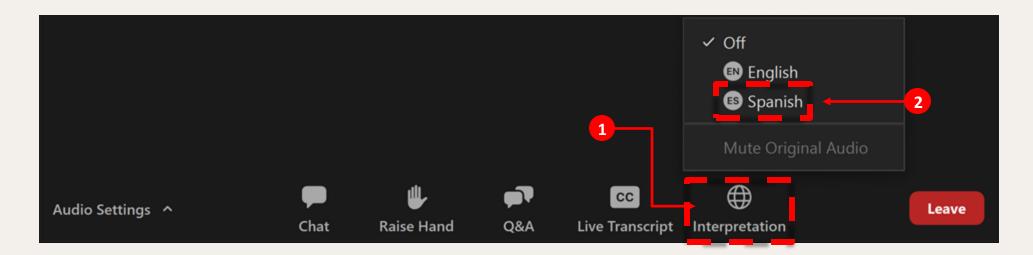
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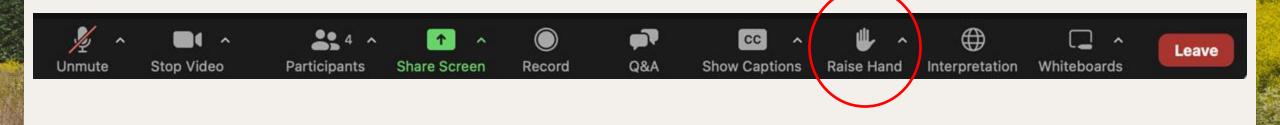
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Working Session

Working Session Overview

Goal: Explore key questions and advance development of draft recommendations through small groups

Timeframe: 3 hours total

- 4 rounds of conversation (4 table rotations ~30 mins each)
- Synthesis and sharing group insights

Organization:

- 3 Dimensions from Work Plan + Guiding Principles
 - Land Access, Acquisition, and Ancestral Land Return
 - Land Use Governance and Sovereignty
 - Secure Land Tenure
 - Guiding Principles & Commitments

Working Session Context: Approaches to Designing Policy Recommendations

- Goals and Vision Setting
- Institutionalize Progress
- Knowledge Building
- Modify or Implement Existing Programs or Legislation
- New Programs and Ideas
- Incentives and Regulatory Actions

Working Session Context: Draft Report Outline

- Introduction; Overview of:
 - ALETF, key terms, & summary of recommendations
- Agricultural Land Equity Crisis in California; Sections on:
 - current trends in access and ownership, drivers and effects of inequity, & existing policies and strategies
- 3 dimensions of land equity. Each section includes:
 - Context and key challenges
 - Recommendations
 - Case studies
- Conclusion
- Appendix: Glossary

Working Session Overview

Round 1 (~30 minutes)

- 3-4 Task Force Members discuss the topic at your table
- Share your ideas and insights
- Table facilitator (SGC staff) will take notes on key points
- Task Force members take notes for full group discussion

Table Rotation (~2-3 minutes)

Move to a different table (SGC staff remains)

Rounds 2-4 (~30 minutes each)

- Discuss the topic at your table
- Build on, share new insights, offer counter ideas, etc.

Working Session Overview

Shared Expectations:

- Share and listen
- Make space for each other
- Build on each other's contributions
- All contributions are valued
- Public can listen in; please wait for public comment to contribute

Working Session Overview

Tables:

- Guiding Principles and Commitments | Camille
- Land Access, Acquisition, and Ancestral Land Return | Tessa
- Land Use Governance and Sovereignty | Caleb
- Secure Land Tenure | Sean

Working Session Prompting Questions:

- Who is served by this solution?
- Who is responsible for enacting this solution?
- What would need to happen for this solution to be feasible and effective?
- Should this solution be turned into a recommendation, and if so, how? What approach might be most effective?

Synthesis: Guiding Principles & Commitments

Synthesis: Land Access, Acquisition, and Ancestral Land Return

Synthesis: Land Use Governance and Sovereignty

Synthesis: Land Tenure

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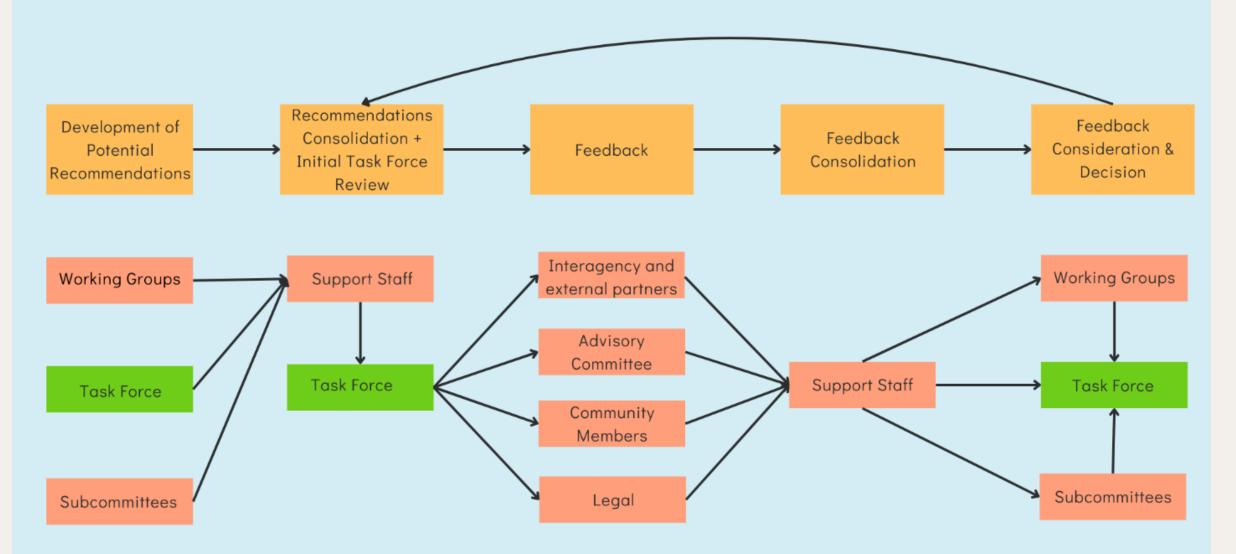
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Overview:

- Final report processes and timelines
- Advisory Committee
- Upcoming ALETF meetings
- Subcommittees and work groups
- Next steps

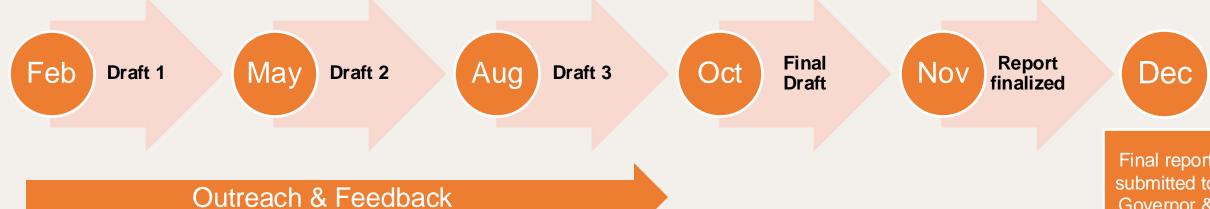
ALETF Final Report Drafting Process



Advisory Committee

- Goal to complement Task Force members' knowledge, experiences, and capacities
- 6-10 members with diverse backgrounds and skills
- Advisory Committee <u>interest form</u> currently open through Dec. 1, 2024

Report drafting & outreach timeline: 2025



External Outreach

- Community based organizations
- Farmers, ranchers, land stewards, members of Tribal Nations
- Guest presenters and site visit hosts
- Newsletter list

Interagency Outreach

- CDFA (Board of Food and Ag; BIPOC Producer Advisory Committee; Small-Scale Producer Advisory Committee)
- Strategic Growth Council
- Natural Resources Agency
- Department of Conservation
- Governor's Office of Tribal Affairs (Truth & Healing Council)
- Governor's Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation (Racial Equity Commission)

Final report submitted to Governor & Legislature, followed by distribution to partners

ALETF Meetings

Meeting Dates in 2025	Location	Topics, Presenters, Materials
February <mark>12</mark> & 13	Southern CA	 Agricultural land markets and models to address barriers for under-resourced farmers and ranchers Review and discuss first draft of report
May <mark>14</mark> & 15	Northern CA	Topics to address?Review and discuss second draft of report
August <mark>13</mark> & 14	TBD	Review and discuss third draft of report
<mark>October</mark>	TBD	Review and discuss final draft of report
November 13	TBD	Finalize report
December	Sacramento	Approve final report for submission

Subcommittees & Working Groups

Subcommittee	Members	Working group(s) + members
Community Outreach	Burgueno, Franco, Hawkins, Zhou	None
Grants & Resources	Barraicua, Nakahara, Rittenhouse, Robinson, Schwartzman	 Financing: Nakahara, Robinson Grant program outcomes: Rittenhouse, Robinson Tax laws and incentives: Nakahara, Schwartzman
Land Access, Acquisition, & Ancestral Land Return	Brown, Burgueno, Dahlquist-Willard, Franco, Harlan, Hawkins, Nakahara, Robinson, Schwartzman	 Land Back: Burgueno Public lands: Harlan, Schwartzman Land markets: Brown Land succession strategies: Hawkins
Land Tenure	Burgueno, Schwartzman	Land Tenure: Burgueno, Schwartzman
Land Use Governance & Sovereignty	Burgueno, Payán	Land Use Governance & Sovereignty: Burgueno, Payán
Sustaining Natural & Cultural Resources	Burgueno, Franco, Harlan , Rittenhouse	None 88

Next Steps

- Staff begin first draft of final report based on Task Force conversations and guidance
- Continue work through subcommittees and working groups
- Outreach and engagement
 - Survey and interviews
 - Attend relevant events and distribute outreach materials
 - Begin planning listening sessions for February September 2025
- ALETF meeting in February
 - Review first draft of final report

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Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Summary of Actions taken
- Review of Action Items and follow up items
- Meeting notes, recording, and materials posted to:

https://sgc.ca.gov/meetings/caletf/

Thank You!