

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 524 SUBCOMMITTEE

JUNE 25, 2025 | 11 – 12:30 p.m.



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Listen, Learn**



**Respect Different
Perspectives**



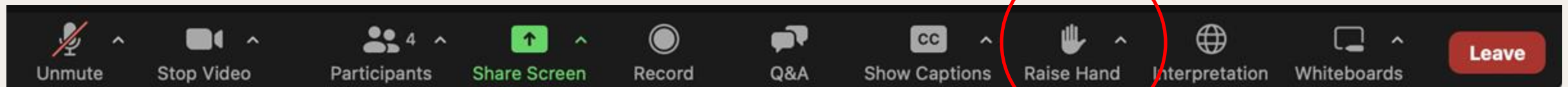
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Agenda Review

- Welcome
- Approval of Summary
- Working Session
 - Review updates on the legislation since the April Subcommittee meeting
 - Consider options for Task Force engagement with the legislation
- General Public Comment

Roll Call

Approval of Summary

April 18, 2025



Public Comment

re: Meeting Summary

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Working Session

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Bill History Since April 18:

- April 22: ALETF AB 524 Subcommittee Position Letter submitted to Assembly Agriculture Committee
- May 1: Passed the Assembly Agriculture Committee (8-0), referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee
- May 23: Passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee (14-0)
- June 2: Passed the Assembly (76-0)
- June 11: Referred to the Senate Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources & Water
- June 24: Passed the Senate Committee on Natural Resources & Water (6-1) and sent to the Senate Agriculture Committee

Working Session

Bill Amendments

New Co-Authors (May 1):

Members Aguiar-Curry, Alanis, Jeff Gonzalez, Hadwick, Irwin, Ransom, and Soria

Text Amendments (April 22):

“...a qualified entity that receives a grant for financial assistance under the program shall do either of the following within five years of acquiring agricultural land with the financial assistance provided under the program:”

1. “Transfer the agricultural land to a qualified farmer participant...”
2. “Enter into a long-term lease with a qualified farmer participant in accordance with all of the following criteria:”

~~(D) “After the initial lease term, the lease authorizes the qualified farmer participant and qualified entity to pursue a lease-to-own agreement where the qualified farmer participant would be eligible to purchase the fee title from the qualified entity.”~~

(D) “The lease provides the qualified farmer participant with the opportunity to purchase the land at or before the end of the lease term through a purchase option or a lease-to-own provision in the lease agreement.”

Working Session

Legislative Session Timeline:

- Present Day: Bills are being considered in the second chamber
- July 18: Deadline for policy committees to consider bills
- July 18–August 18: Summer recess
- August 29: Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills for full chamber consideration
- September 12: Last day for second houses to pass bills
- October 12: Last day for governor to sign or veto bills

Working Session

Next Steps:

- Does the Subcommittee wish to take any further action?

Working Session

Discussion:

- Confirm next steps and assignments, as applicable.

Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Review of Action Items and follow up items
- Decide on next meeting + meeting schedule
- Report-back to Task Force on August 13/14



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General Public Comment

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Upcoming Meetings

- **Grants & Resources:** June 27 (Friday) | 1 – 3 p.m.
- **Ag Land Equity Task Force:** August 13–14, 2025 (Arcata + Virtual)

Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to:

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



Thank You!