



California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

LAND TENURE SUBCOMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Participation Guidelines



**Share,
Listen, Learn**



**Respect Different
Perspectives**



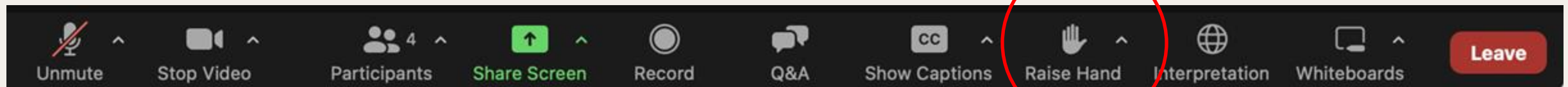
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 - You will be unmuted when it is your time to speak.
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- Cameras are optional.
- Use “Raise Hand” feature during public comment periods.



Agenda Review

- **Welcome**
- **Working Session and Next Steps**
 - Review Work Plan. Identify and consider topics of priority interest.
 - Discuss staff proposal for next steps to advance priority issues and ideas.
 - Summarize discussions and review action Items.
 - Confirm meeting schedule and timeframe for next meeting.
- **General Public Comment**

Working Session

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Process:

1. Quick review of work plan excerpt to align on subcommittee scope and priorities
2. Consider and discuss staff proposal for subcommittee
 - a. How can this subcommittee advance/further explore priority topics for recommendations?
 - b. What do we know, what do we need to know, and by when?

Quick review: Work Plan Excerpt

Description of "land tenure" dimension of land equity:

How an individual, entity, organization, or government maintains relationships with land once they have access, and what is required to do so.

Topic	Issues to address	Potential Solutions
Leasing	Short-term leases prevent investment in land and business, in turn, prevent tenant farmers from becoming landowners	Fair leasing terms and tenants' rights, including decision-making powers Tenant farmer bill of rights Incentives for long-term ag leases
Ownership	Important for sovereignty and wealth generation Development pressures impact owner decisions and ability to hold onto land Ag easements and other restrictions on land use and sale can reduce farmers' ability to build wealth and retire --> Land Use Governance & Sovereignty	Reduce financial burdens for first time landowners to acquire and maintain land --> Grants & Resources
Infrastructure and land improvement	Insecure access (e.g., short-term leasing) reduces ability to invest in improvements to the land Infrastructure impacts land equity, e.g. irrigation infrastructure	Mechanisms to support investment on lands after acquisition Outline list of potential post-acquisition infrastructure that could be included in new grant programs Recs from SGMA conversation
Technical assistance, education, and information-sharing --> Community Outreach; Grants & Resources	Language barriers reduce access to public resources and technical assistance Overly complex applications and qualifications reduce access	Training and outreach to farmers that account for diverse languages, cultural norms, and accessibility needs Improve capacity for community-based organizations (CBOs) to assist farmers with access to programs
Financial access and wellbeing	Lack of insurance options and high costs Different expenses for urban, peri-urban, and rural producers, e.g., with costs of housing and water	Guaranteed basic income for land stewards Forgivable loans and past loan forgiveness, e.g. student loans Public funds directly to land stewards--> Grants & Resources
Access to technology	Unequal access has impacts on financial and physical well-being and land tenure	Access/education and support High-speed internet access Technology share

Proposed Subcommittee work plan

- September 2024–January 2025
 - Further consideration of the following:
 - Challenges and solutions with legal arrangements including
 - Leasing
 - Ownership
 - Tribal landholdings (trust lands, restricted fee lands, allotments)
 - Maintenance of land and resources including
 - Finance
 - Technology
 - Infrastructure
 - Technical assistance
 - Drafting ideas and suggestions in interim
- Deadlines:
 - November 2024: Update to Task Force
 - January 2024: Initial ideas and recommendations shared with staff for inclusion in preliminary draft
 - February 2025: Discussion of preliminary draft at Task Force meeting

Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Review of Action Items and Follow Up Items
- Decide on next meeting + meeting schedule
- Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to:

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Upcoming Meetings

- **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!