

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

Goal 2: Protected and Thriving
Agricultural Lands Subcommittee

Sept. 2, 2025 | 9–11 a.m.



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Perspectives**



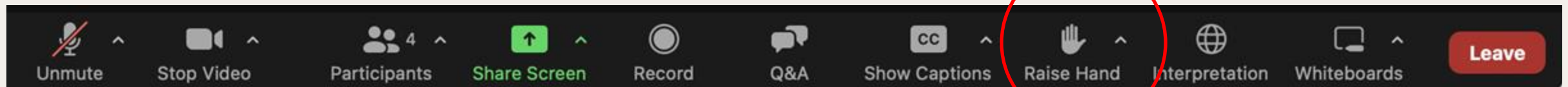
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Agenda Review

- **Welcome**
- **Working Session**
 - Review of feedback received re: Goal 2 from August ALETF meeting
 - Review and discuss draft goal and subgoals
 - Review action items. Assign follow-up tasks and deadlines
- **General Public Comment**

Working Session

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To consider:

- Order of recommendations
- Scope and level of detail

Working Session

Review of Feedback Received on Goal 2: Revisions

Requested revision	Status
Context: Add "cultural" to "ecological and social benefits"	Complete
2.1: Elevate statewide conservation plan as 2.1	Complete
2.2g: Move offset/mitigation program to subgoal, change last sentence to put this land into the state conservation program	Complete
2.2g: Replace word "mitigation" with clearer term/phrase	Complete

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2.2e: Include tribes and adjust to ensure it is not a requirement for collaboration; change word "allow"	Complete
2.2f: Change language to ensure collaboration with Tribal Nations first, before collaborating with state agencies, and "encourage cultural land stewardship through traditional ecological management"	Complete

Working Session

Review of Feedback Received on Goal 2: Further discussion

Issue to discuss	Possible solution
2.2g: Could enable speculative development, leading to concentrated hyper-development and shifting land to ultra-rural areas	Specify types of land re: quality and region (watershed? Ancestral territories?)
[Community input] 2.2g: Include mitigation banking for destroyed cultural resources	Add cultural resources to recommendation
2.2g: Concern this will lead to a list of land that could be exploited for mitigation trade-offs or easement targeting	

Case Study: Davis, CA Agricultural Mitigation Requirements: developers must permanently protect at least two acres of agricultural land to “mitigate”, or account for, every acre of agricultural land they convert (2:1 ratio).

Priority: Protect adjacent land along the perimeter of the project. If not available, protect more rural land at a higher ratio.

Working Session

Review of Feedback Received on Goal 2: Further discussion

Issue to discuss	Possible solution
Distrust that local govts have best interest of the land	Establish safeguards to address potential conflicts of interest and ensure local governments act in the best interest of the land.
Difficult for state to hold and administer leases	Specify how leases on state-owned land would be administered; how connected with 2.4?

Working Session

Discussion: Cropland repurposing

Feedback from August meeting:

- Position as related to effort to regenerate lands that have been depleted. Connect this with land back, make clear these ideas are connected.
- Consider how recs could cause permanent fragmentation of land; Better to support division via community agreement. Focus on governance of land, rather than splitting of parcels

Working Session

Discussion: Cropland repurposing

Proposed language for Goal 2: Leverage Farmland Repurposing Programs to Support Land Equity

- Ensure equity considerations are prioritized in the Multi-Benefit Land Repurposing Program (MLRP) and the LandFlex Program
 - Follow the LandFlex model of prioritizing farmland for fallow near disadvantaged communities to preserve access to groundwater for drinking water wells.
 - Fund infrastructure costs and resource access for small-scale and priority producers and land stewards through land repurposing programs.
- Prioritize the fallowing or repurposing of large commercial acreages of farmland in critically overdrafted basins in order to
 - Preserve groundwater access for shallow wells
 - Reduce the risk of shallower wells going dry
 - Reduce associated costs of replacing a well
- Fund through farmland repurposing programs the transition of large-scale farmland to Tribal stewardship or crops with lower water use and operated by smaller-scale and priority producers and land stewards to
 - Facilitate Tribal stewardship
 - Reduce regional groundwater demand by supporting diversified operations,
 - Provide regional economic opportunities through keeping farmland in production as a working landscape,
 - Prevent the fallowing of land that may become a source of dust and pest problems if unmanaged.

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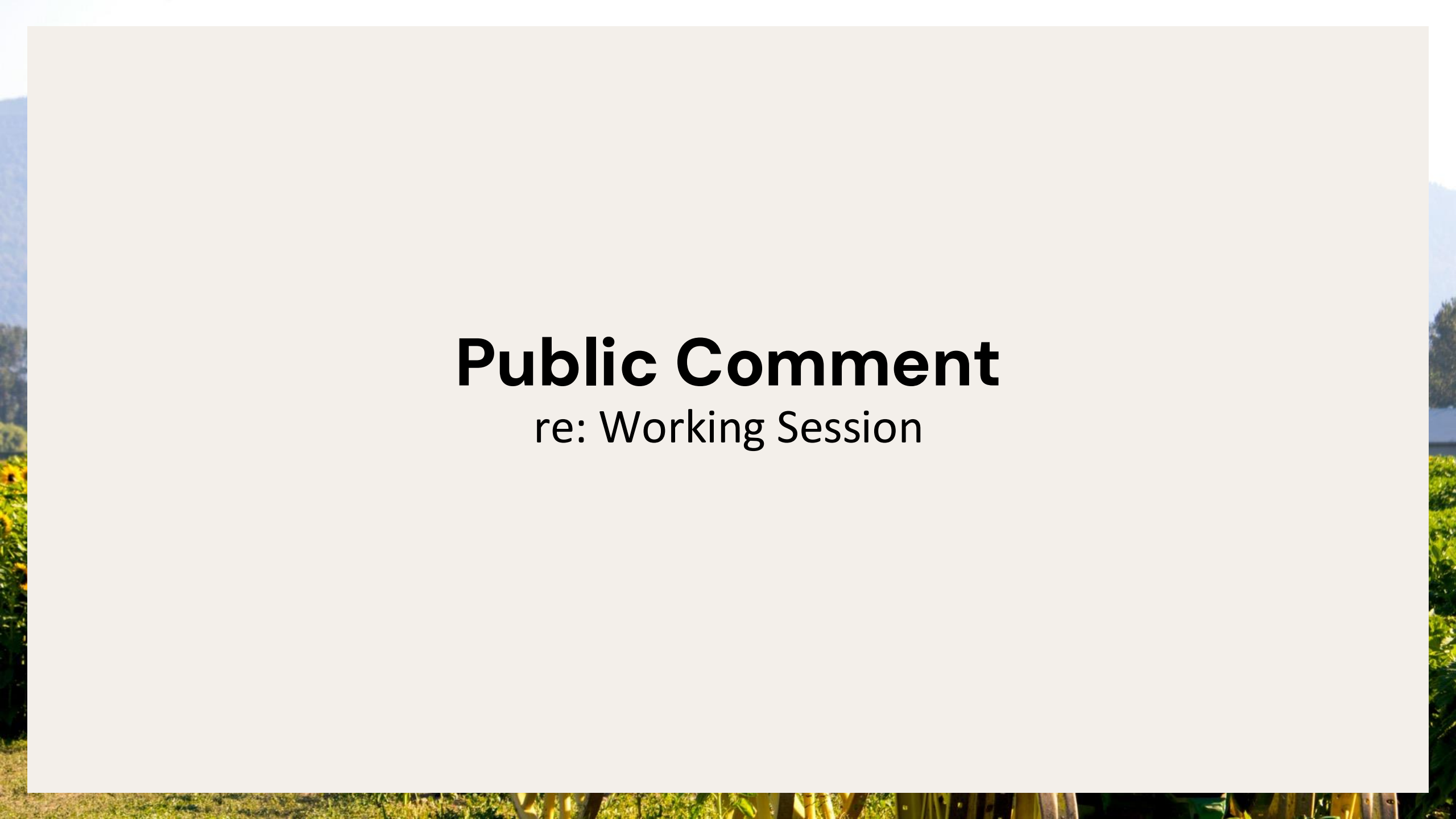
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Discussion:

- Confirm next steps and assignments, as applicable.

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Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

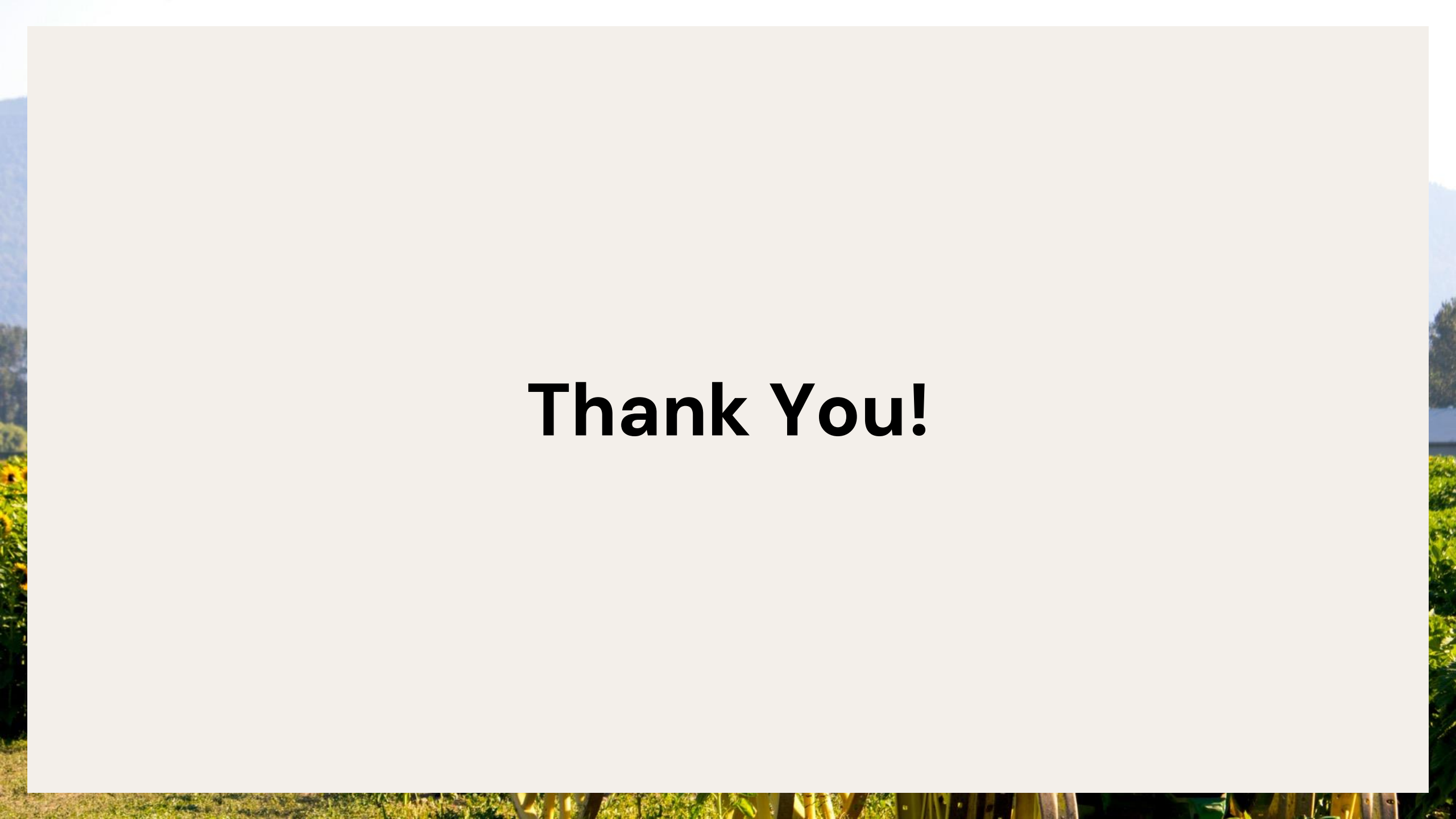
- Review of Action Items and follow up items
- Decide on next meeting + meeting schedule
- Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to:

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Upcoming Meetings

- **Goal 1 Subcommittee** : Sept. 3 (Wednesday) | 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- **Goal 3 Subcommittee** : Sept. 4 (Thursday) | 11–1 p.m.
- **Restorative Lands Subcommittee**: Sept. 5 (Friday) | 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- **Goal 4 Subcommittee** : Sept. 5 (Friday) | 2–4 p.m.
- **Full Task Force Meeting**: Oct. 15 & 16 | Ventura & Virtual

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Thank You!