

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

Goal 3: Equitable Land Transition &
Land Acquisition Subcommittee

Sept. 17, 2025 | 3–5 p.m.



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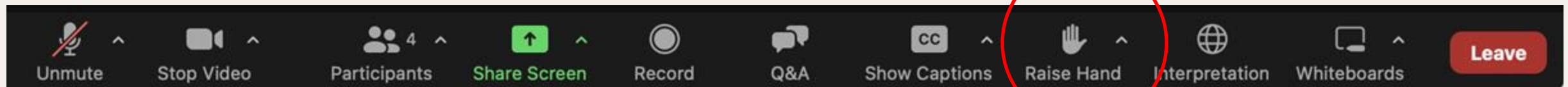
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Agenda Review

- **Welcome**
- **Approve Summary** from 09/04/2025 meeting
- **Working Session**
 - Discuss and advance development of draft goal and subgoals for potential inclusion in Report
 - Review action items. Assign follow-up tasks and deadlines
- **General Public Comment**

Working Session

Working Session

To consider:

- Goal 3 recommendations
- Order of recommendations
- Scope and level of detail

Working Session

Review of Feedback Received on Goal 3: Revisions

Requested revision	Status
3.1 & 3.4: Add farmer-led, land-based cooperatives	Complete
3.1b: Condition loan forgiveness on the implementation of ecological and regenerative ag practices and TEK	Complete
3.4a: Mandate culturally competent TA, including for Black farmers	Complete
3.5: Change Land Market Monitoring Department to Program	Complete
3.5: Add language clarifying the purpose of the program: fairer markets, expand opportunities for priority producers and land stewards	Complete
3.5: Per community feedback, add disclosure requirements for larger landholdings	Complete
3.6: Create a new subgoal addressing land consolidation	Complete

Working Session

Task Force Discussion: Land Market Monitoring Program (LMMP)

- Should recommendations specify additional data that should be collected beyond "ownership, lease rates, and demographic trends"? (3.5a)
- What should the LMMP report focus on? Largest land holders? Sales with implications for sustainable land management?
- Who holds the reporting responsibility? Is reporting pre- or post-sale, and who must do the disclosing? (3.5b)
- If all data listed above is collected, are there additional disclosure requirements for large landholdings? (3.5b)
 - How should large landholdings be defined?

Working Session

Task Force Discussion: Land Market Monitoring Program

- Governance: Who decides what data to collect? Does LMMP go beyond data cleaning to recommend interventions and respond to research questions?
- What is the relationship between the data collected by the land market monitoring program and the implementation of the Task Force's recommendations?
- Is the program itself providing land-linking services, or would it fund/partner with another organization to do this? (land-linking repetitive of 3.4.b.i)

Working Session

Task Force Discussion: Streamlining recs (LMMP)

ALETF Rec: 2.3 a.i Direct a collaboration of state agencies to identify State-owned Prime Farmland and Farmland of Statewide Importance along with other lands suitable for agriculture, to conserve these valuable resources, and to return them to Tribal Nations or make them available to land stewards.

- Agencies mentioned: California Department of Conservation (DOC), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the newly created Tribal Lands Return Commission.
- **Reference to:** Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, DOC

LMMP Program: 3.5.cshould be a joint effort between CDFA, DOC, and the Tribal Lands Return Commission (see Goal 1) to ensure cross-agency collaboration on Tribal and agricultural lands.

Discussion:

- Should these two recommendations be combined in report?
- Should LMMP be positioned as an expansion of Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program?

Working Session

Task Force Discussion:

- 3.1 a.i.3 and 3.2 c.v: Is 25% the amount of funding you would like set aside? Proposition 4 sets aside 40% of funds.
- 3.6: Does this subgoal comprehensively and accurately capture how you would like the report to address land consolidation?
- Would you like to incorporate Advisory Committee feedback to include discussions of land consolidation throughout the report's context-setting sections, for instance:

Agricultural land equity is when all people have secure and affordable access to viable land for the care and cultivation of food, fiber, medicine, and culturally valuable resources, free from systemic barriers and racial disparities and the escalating pressures of consolidation and financialization of farmland. Advancing agricultural land equity requires changing policies, practices, systems, and structures to counter concentrated market forces and ownership of natural resources and achieve meaningful improvements in the lives of land stewards who have been historically and systematically excluded from secure land tenure.

Working Session

Task Force Discussion: Community Input

- Emphasize the connection between land ownership and water access. Ensure funding can be used for water access and infrastructure.
 - Include in Generational Land Transition Grant Fund (3.1.a.i)?
- Establish pilot loan program for small, young and beginning farmers to purchase working farms. The managing agency should experiment with different eligibility criteria and qualifications and use the pilot to generate data on alternative models.
 - 3.1b: Incorporate text above or add separate loan program?
- State should create a new fund for communities and small growers to buy and remediate land that has been damaged by large-scale agricultural operations; Those who are responsible for causing damage to the land should be responsible for funding remediation and repaying the communities.
 - 3.1: Within scope? Incorporate into 3.1a or Goal 2?

Working Session

Task Force Discussion: Community Input

- The state should provide support for succession planning efforts for landowners seeking to transition their land to new farmers. These supports could take the form of grants or loans.
 - 3.1: Is succession planning captured in 3.1.a and 3.1.b (grants and loans)

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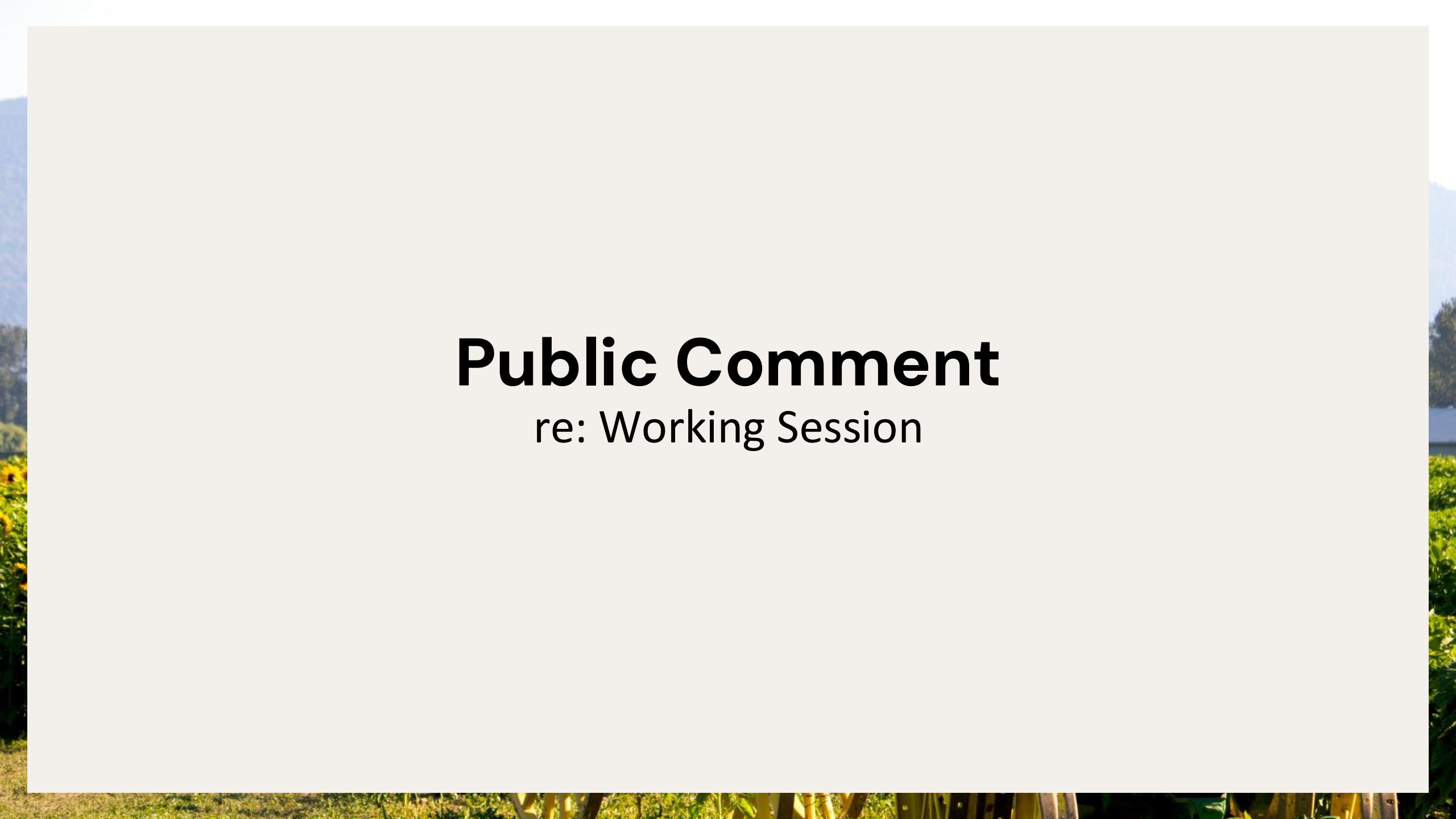
Discussion:

- General feedback on updated Goal 3
- Order of recommendations
- Scope and level of detail

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Discussion:

- Confirm next steps and assignments, as applicable.

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Public Comment

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Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

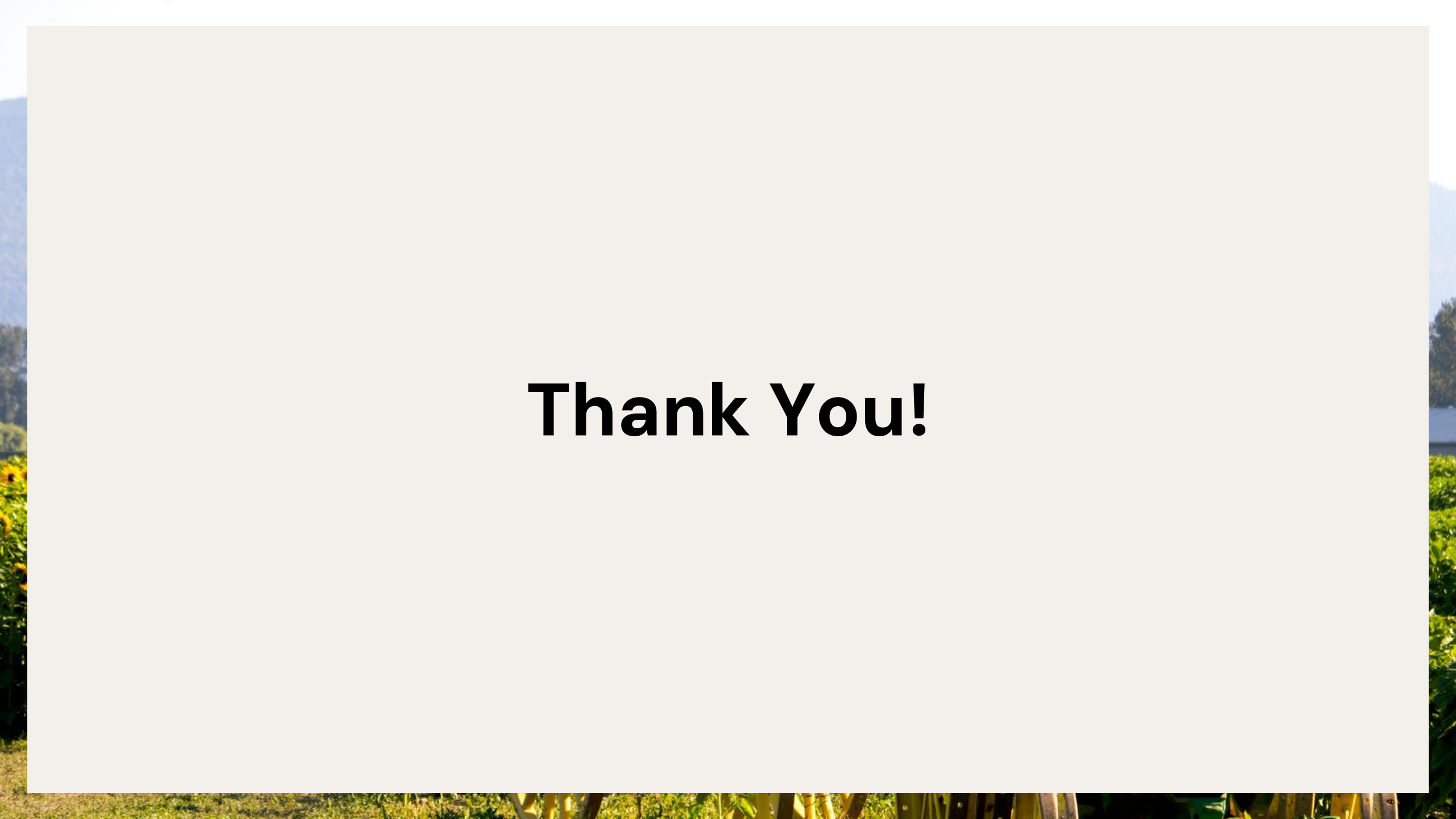
- Review of Action Items and follow up items
- Decide on next meeting + meeting schedule
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Upcoming Meetings

- **Goal 2 Subcommittee** : Sept. 19 (Friday) | 9–11 a.m.
- **Goal 4 Subcommittee** : Sept. 23 (Tuesday) | 9–10:30 a.m.
- **Restorative Lands Subcommittee**: Sept. 24 (Wednesday) | 3–5 p.m.
- **Full Task Force Meeting**: Oct. 15 & 16 | Ventura & Virtual

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