

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

Restorative Lands Subcommittee

Sept. 24, 2025 | 3–5 p.m.



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Listen, Learn**



**Respect Different
Perspectives**



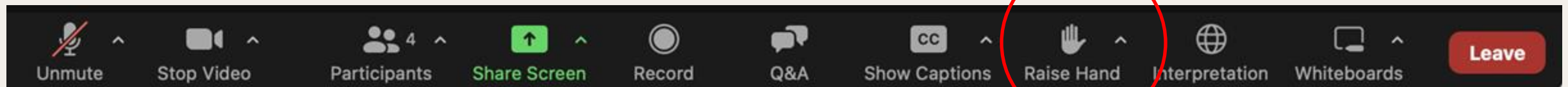
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- Cameras are optional.
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Agenda Review

- **Welcome**
- **Approve Summary** from 09/05/2025 meeting
- **Working Session**
 - Context for discussion
 - Review revisions and refine draft language for potential inclusion in draft Report
 - Review action items. Assign follow-up tasks and deadlines
- **General Public Comment**

Approve meeting summary

Working Session

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Context: Upcoming conversation

- Staff meeting with Donald Tamaki, lawyer and member of Reparations Task Force
- Questions from Subcommittee: how to define eligibility; how ALETF's focus complements Reparations Task Force and ongoing efforts

Working Session

Context: Related legislation*

- AB 57 (McKinnor): Reserves 10% of funding for home loan assistance programs for descendants of formerly enslaved people
- AB 62 (McKinnor): Creates claims process to assist victims of racially motivated eminent domain in seeking the return of the taken property, other property of equal value, or financial compensation.
- SB 437 (Bradford): Funds California State University research to further the recommendations in Reparations Report and build systems to verify decent and confirm eligibility for reparative claims
- SB 518 (Weber-Pierson): Establishes a Bureau for Descendants of American Slavery within Civil Rights Department to verify eligibility, develop/implement public education campaigns, and administer future programs

*Pending; passed State Senate and Assembly, awaiting Governor's signature or veto by Oct. 12

Working Session

Context: Community feedback

- **Engagement session input:** Include dedicated commitments to ensure there are strong metrics and accountability, dedicated funding, and commitments to cooperative and community ownership models for descendants of enslaved people.
- **Letter from organizations:** Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Rights Act passed in 2021. Need: a comprehensive study to assess 1) the extent of agricultural land held as heirs' or real property and 2) the unique challenges heirs face in maintaining ownership and stewardship of fractured agricultural land.

Working Session

Discussion: Revisions and draft text

- Revision to 3.4.a: Added, "Acknowledge and address the specific needs of Black farmers in all technical assistance and capacity-building programs during both the application and award periods."
- Revision to 3.4.b: Added, "Provide tailored technical and legal assistance to resolve heirs' land ownership and succession issues."
- Review draft text

Working Session

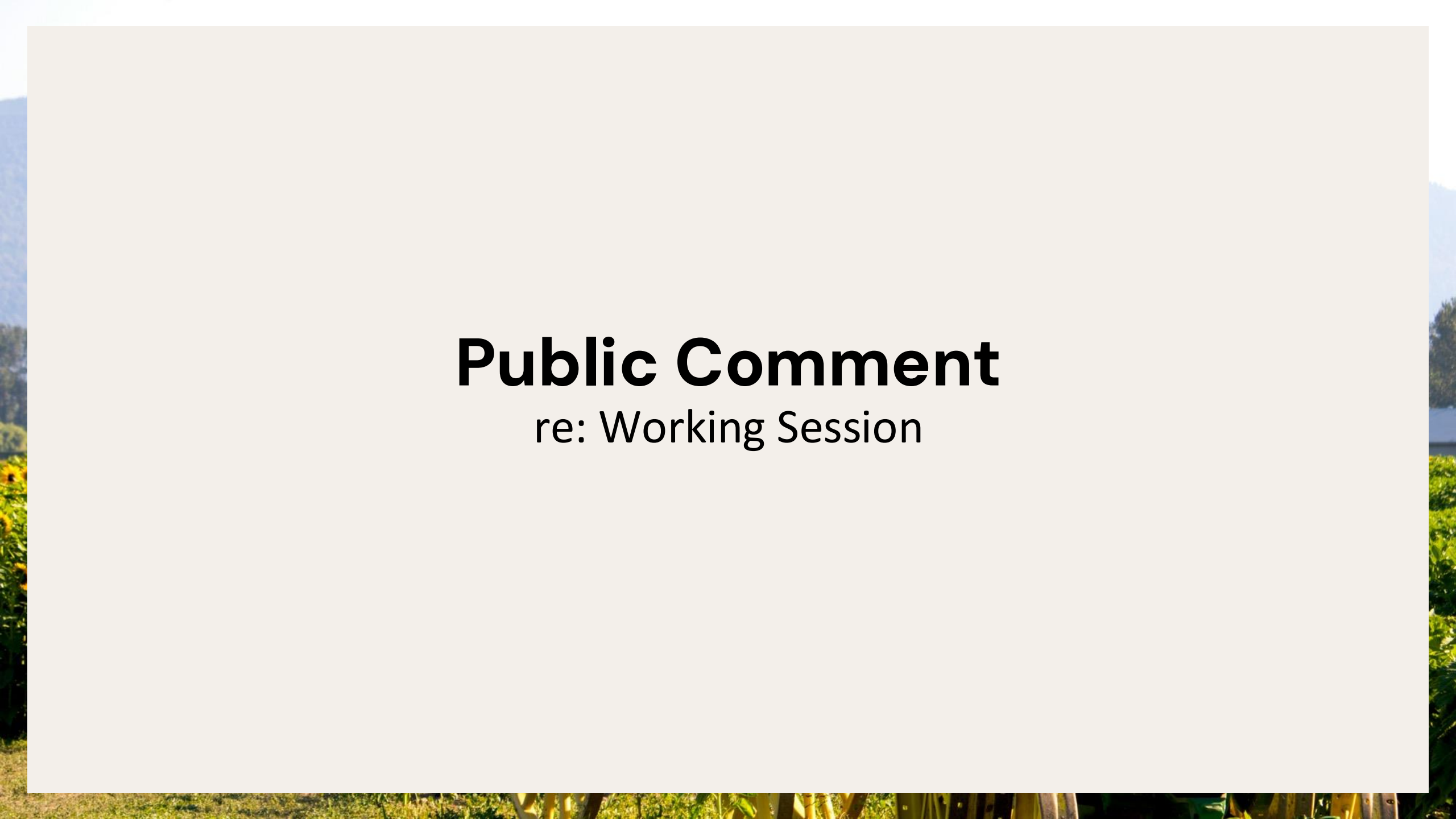
Discussion: Refining draft text

- What would you like to name this goal?
- What is meant by request to make funding a "public-private partnership"?
- Who is eligible for reparations for past land takings?
How is descendent defined?
- Any recommendation related to supporting Black farm businesses as restitution for lost wealth (parallel to emphasis of Reparations Task Force)?

Working Session

Discussion:

- Confirm next steps and assignments, as applicable.



Public Comment

re: Working Session

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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:

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

Upcoming Meetings

- **Full Task Force Meeting:** Oct. 15 & 16 | Ventura & Virtual

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Thank You!