

Briefing materials for Goal 4 Subcommittee Meeting 2

Review new ag ombuds text in Goal 4.2

4.2.a Establish new, permanent Ag Ombuds positions within a public, non-regulatory agency, such as UC Cooperative Extension, to serve as regional service providers to help priority producers and land stewards navigate permitting, regulatory processes, and public resources at all levels of government.

- i. Develop a process for documenting, sharing, and addressing the persistent concerns between these positions and regulatory agencies.

Review proposed updates to Goal 4.1

Goal 4 Subcommittee members along with other Task Force members requested a review of all new proposed entities and programs to consider whether they can be combined into singular recommendations and to identify ways to streamline the report. One piece of that proposal is as follows:

4.1. - Expand the capacity of CDFA's farmer equity office

- 4.1.a Provide additional funding to California Department of Food and Agriculture's (CDFA) Farmer Equity Office to increase staff capacity and to perform the following roles.
- 4.1.b - Facilitate interagency review, coordination, and evaluation prior to implementing new regulations that impact priority producers and land stewards to avoid conflicting guidance and requirements.
- 4.1.c- Establish a process by which proposed agricultural regulations and policies that may impact priority producers and land stewards are evaluated by the CDFA's BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Advisory Committee, the CDFA Small Producer Advisory Committee, and any other pertinent public bodies
- 4.1.d Define criteria for alternative or tiered reporting and compliance requirements for small scale farmers and cultural cropping systems to address systemic inequities in "one size fits all" regulatory programs.

Should inter-agency communication and compliance streamlining with local and regional requirements also be included?

- Goal 4.3.a Create processes and positions to increase inter-agency communication and to streamline compliance with local and regional requirements and resources.

