

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

Goal 2: Protected and Thriving
Agricultural Lands Subcommittee

Sept. 19, 2025 | 9–11 a.m.



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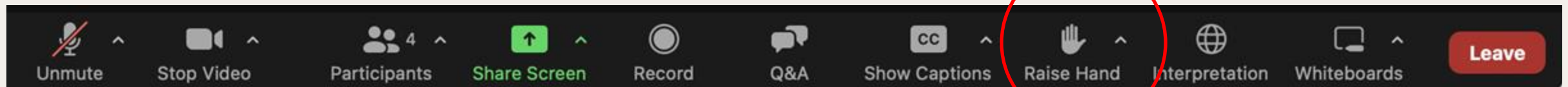
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Agenda Review

- **Welcome**
- **Approve Summary** from 09/02/2025 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

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To consider:

- Goal 2 revisions and discussion items
- Order of recommendations
- Scope and level of detail

Working Session

Review of Revisions to Goal 2

Revisions from Meeting 1	Status
2.2g: Reference City of Davis ag land mitigation program and add tiered offset based on distance	Complete
2.2h: Add approved recommendations re: cropland repurposing	Complete

Working Session

Review of Revisions to Goal 2

Revisions based on external feedback	Status
2.2a: Change "lease or sell" to "lease or transfer"	Discuss
Change "protect" to "preserve" or another word	Discuss

Working Session

Discussion: Goal 2 Reorganization

Feedback from last meeting:

Reorganize to clarify distinction between public and private land as two pathways for broader conservation effort focused on access for priority producers and land stewards.

Discussion:

Should Goal 2 be framed as "Statewide plan for preserved and thriving agricultural land"?

If yes, will remove 2.1 and embed into context section.

Working Session

Discussion: Context

Does the revised context section clarify the relationship between 1) stewarding land in the public domain and 2) ensuring a dignified living and secure retirement for producers and land stewards?

Working Session

Discussion: Increasing public landholdings

Feedback to consider:

Interagency review: The costs of increasing public landholdings outweigh benefits and land becomes subject to many laws and regulations that may undermine Task Force goals.

Task Force feedback: State and local governments are ineffective at stewarding existing public lands so should not recommend an increase.

Working Session

Discussion: 2.2.c.ii, prioritizing applicants

- Current recommendation: prioritize funding for applicants that "are community-based" and "practice cultural humility."
- How would these terms be defined/evaluated by program administrators? Suggested options: support letters, inclusive governance structures

Working Session

Discussion: 2.2d, require land trusts & CBOs co-create conservation goals w/communities

- In what context are community-based organizations and land trusts required to do this? Does this belong as a sub-bullet to 2.2d in the context of grant guidelines?
- How "co-create" and with what outcome?

Working Session

Discussion: Proposed recommendations from interagency reviewers

- Add a recommendation to expand funding for implementing healthy soils and regenerative agriculture practices (Currently recommend funding TA providers to support regenerative ag but not direct implementation).
- 2.2.c: This funding is much needed but seems limited in its focus on training. Consider adding a recommendation to support new and existing organizations' work to develop or update programs and tools to support acquisition and leasing efforts geared toward priority producers & land stewards.
- Add to 2.3.b: Establish agricultural conservation easement purchasing programs.

Working Session

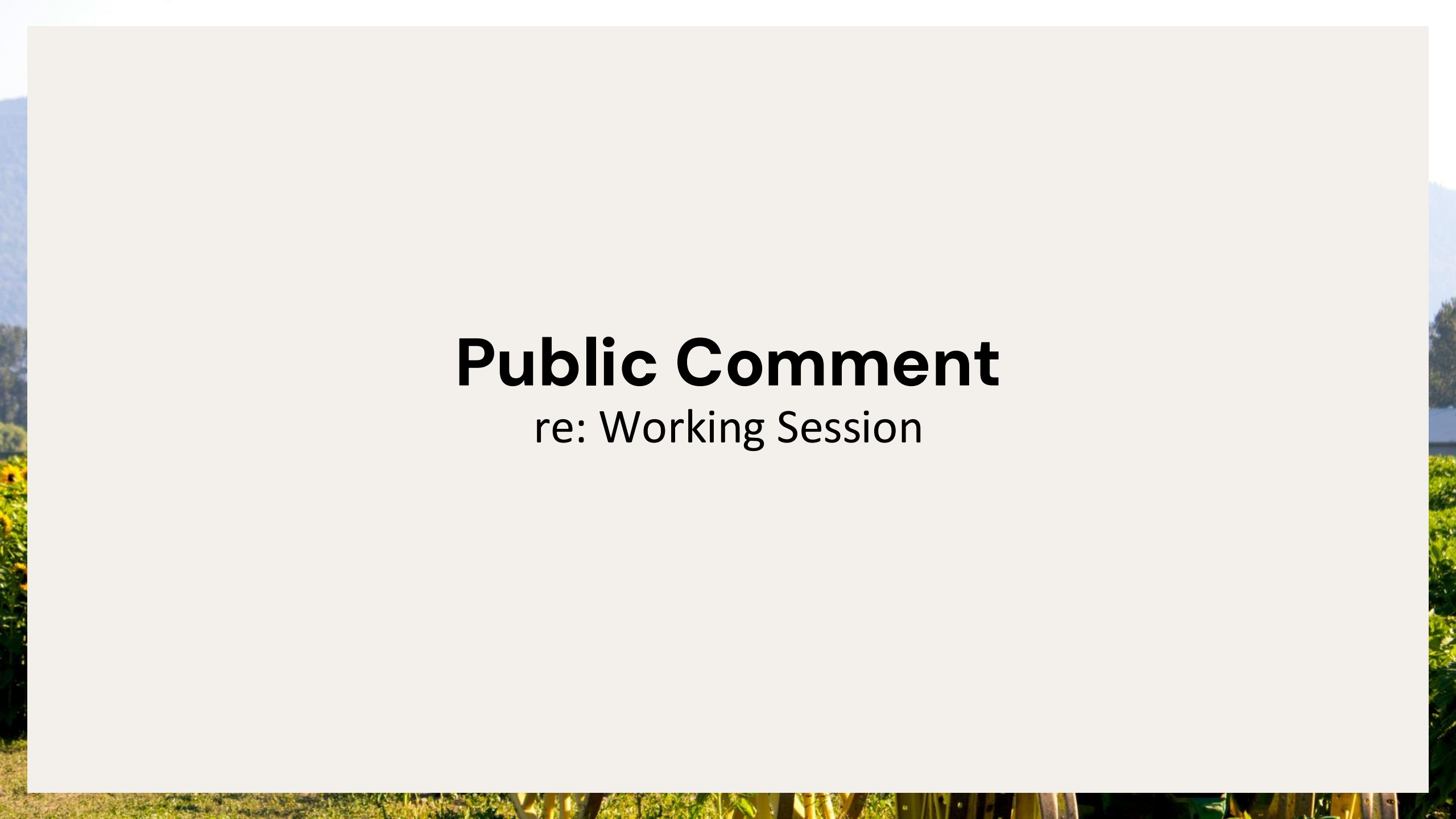
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Working Session

Discussion:

- Confirm next steps and assignments, as applicable.

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Public Comment

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Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

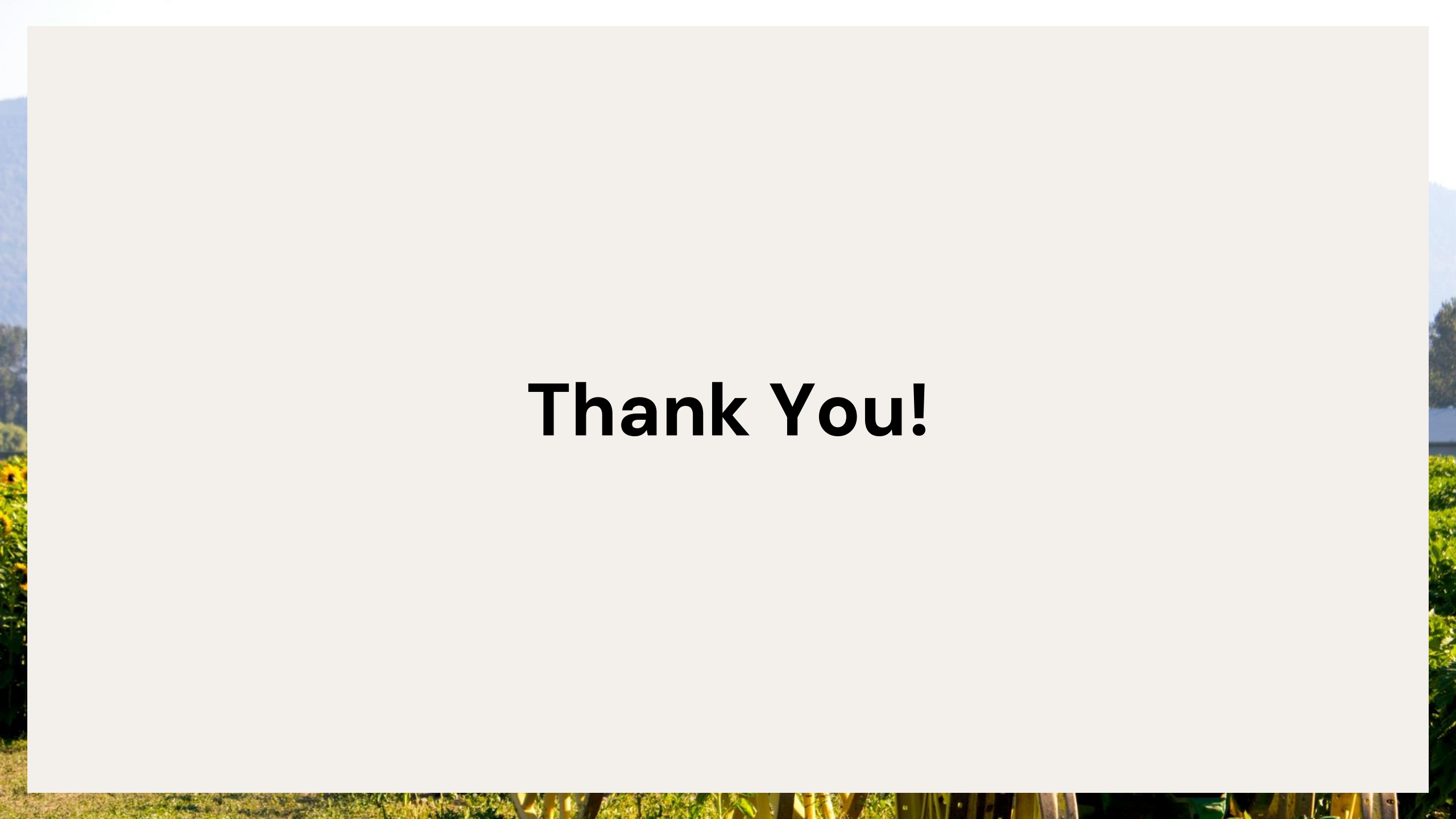
- Review of Action Items and follow up items
- Decide on next meeting + meeting schedule
- Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to:

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Upcoming Meetings

- **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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Thank You!