



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC GROWTH COUNCIL

To: California Strategic Growth Council (SGC) Members
From: Erin Curtis, SGC Executive Director
Re: **Executive Director Report to the Council – Dec. 10, 2025**

Staffing Updates

- Lisette Anzoategui – Program Manager for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program
 - Lisette Anzoategui brings over 15 years of global experience leading community development, infrastructure, and governance programs across Latin America, Africa and Asia. Most recently, she worked with USAID in Colombia, driving rural development tied to the post-Conflict Peace Accord. She has managed complex, multi-country projects in strategic planning, program design and implementation, evaluation, budgeting, and community engagement. Lisette passionately builds inclusive teams, applies critical action research, and fosters leadership for sustainable impact. She holds a BA in Geography & International Development from UCLA and two Master's degrees in Sustainable International Development and Coexistence & Peace from Brandeis University.
- Sareena Rai – Senior Tribal Planner
 - Sareena Rai is dedicated to fostering equitable and sustainable community development. She has served as an Active Transportation Coordinator for the City of Davis, a Community Development Planner for Housing Tools, and a Community Development Project Manager for Green Technical Education and Employment. Throughout her career, she has advanced transportation, housing, and homelessness initiatives that elevate the voices of underrepresented communities and build local capacity. She holds a Master's degree in Urban Land Development from Sacramento State University. Outside of work, she enjoys exploring the outdoors, traveling, and tending to her vegetable garden.
- Karin Roux—Program Manager for Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC)
 - Karin Roux has been promoted to the SALC Program manager and been working as a grant manager and team lead with the California Department of Conservation, Land Conservation Programs in the Division of Land Resource Protection since July 2024. Prior to her current position, Karin spent two years working with a central valley Resource Conservation District in their Development and Agricultural Programs; and 14 years in New York State, working with land trusts protecting farms, forests, water resources, and open spaces with public access
- Jayla Lundstrom – Resilient Community Associate Planner, CRC
- Tiffany Rivera – Resilient Community Associate Planner, CRC
- Natalie McDonald – Resilient Community Associate Planner, CRC
- Sam Stewart – Resilient Community Associate Planner, CRC

- Stacy Mata – Student Assistant, CRC

Investment Program Updates

Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Marc Caswell, Lisette Anzoategui, Shep Wilbun, Justin DeWaele, Brianne Logasa, Ella Manashil and California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Staff

- AHSC Round 9 proposed awards will be presented at this Council Meeting with a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) of \$775 million, 21 projects are being recommended for award in 17 jurisdictions throughout the state.
- Events:
 - On Oct. 22, the AHSC Program celebrated the grand opening of Chris Hartmire Plaza in Pomona. The Round 6 project was awarded a total of \$27,587,829 to build 90 affordable homes, five miles of bikeway, and solar workforce programs.
 - On Oct. 29, the AHSC celebrated a groundbreaking ceremony of Sakura, a brand new 134-unit 100% affordable housing project located at 2000 16th St. Sacramento, CA 95818 in the heart of Sacramento, CA. The ground floor will be retail stores along with on-site programs for residents focused on financial literacy, digital skills, and wellness. The project was funded in part by an AHSC award of \$38 million.
 - On Oct. 30, the AHSC Program celebrated the groundbreaking of the Sunnydale 3A + 3B development that will construct 1,770 residential units, including 975 affordable units and 694 market rate units. The project will include a Class IV bike facility, Class I bike path, crosswalk, a playground and a monthly unlimited transit pass for three years for all restricted units. Sunnydale HOPE SF is a long-term, multi-phase project that includes the complete rebuilding of the Sunnydale-Velasco Housing Authority site.
 - On Nov. 4, the AHSC Program celebrated the groundbreaking of Alder Square in San Bernardino. The Round 8 project was awarded a total of \$15,847,276 to build 91 affordable homes, create nearly three miles of new bikeway, and purchase four new ZEV transit vehicles.

Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Nicole Cartwright, Sarah Newsham, Jess Ison, Chynell Freeman, Noni Ifyefobi, Joyce Tse and Department of Conservation (DOC) Staff

- Staff continue to process advance pay requests and provide assistance to Round 4 and Round 5 grantees as authorized by AB 156 (2022), AB 590 (2023) and AB 3017 (2024). To date, staff have processed eight advance pay requests.
- Staff released Draft Program Guidelines and a Summary of Changes report in anticipation of Proposition 4 funding on Sept. 29. Public comment is open until Jan. 2, 2026. In coordination with the Community Resilience Centers Program (CRC) staff have

hosted four input sessions and have six small focus groups planned for December and early January.

- Staff hosted an informational webinar for a Request for Informational Application Technical Assistance for TCC and CRC upcoming funding rounds.
- Staff have attended several site visits including:
 - Oct. 16 – TCC and DOC staff traveled to Chicken Ranch Rancheria (R4, Planning, \$217,000) to attend a community meeting with residents from the Chicken Ranch Rancheria Tribe and Historic Jamestown.
 - Oct. 19: City of Stockton (Round 4, \$24M) partners Edible Schoolyard Project and Public Health Advocates hosted a Fall Fest on the Block, a community block party that celebrated culture, connection, and climate justice. The event featured music, cooking demonstrations, a youth walk, organic produce, and an Exchange Station.
 - Oct. 22-24: Staff met with the Program Managers for PACT for Paramount (Round 5, \$300,000) and attended the City Housing Forum on October 23rd. They also met with the Pomona ACTS team (Round 5, \$22M) and attended some community events in-person.
 - Oct. 28 - Community Partners (Round 2, \$22M) partner Pacoima Beautiful youth cohort traveled up north for Sacramento Day. The Pacoima Beautiful cohort met with staff and toured the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and SGC offices.
 - Nov. 6 - Santa Barbara County (Round 5, Project Development Grant, \$1.1M) hosted a site visit in Cuyama Valley for SGC staff.

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Shanna Atherton-Bauer (DOC) and DOC Staff

- The SALC team presented recommendations at the October Council meeting to award approximately \$124.5 million in funding to four planning grants, eight fee title, and 39 conservation easement acquisition grants. SALC staff also recommended that one additional fee acquisition project be awarded contingent on funds becoming available to cover the full project cost by Nov. 26. The SGC adopted all recommendations for awards. Funds projected to come available for the contingent project have since cleared. SALC staff are working on entering grant agreement with awardees for four planning grants, nine fee title and 39 conservation easement acquisition grants.
- The SALC team will present recommendations to the December Council to award \$2,051,490 in funding for 14 capacity awards. The recommended capacity grants span 25 counties, including one identified as Statewide.
- Beginning Oct. 15, 2025, SALC Staff have opened a new solicitation process for the Agricultural Conservation Acquisition grant program (conservation easement and fee title purchases). Applicants work through a required two-phased pre-proposal process, and there are two application deadlines per year; Jan. 15 and June 17 in 2026. Staff anticipate this will improve readiness of conservation acquisition proposals and project

alignment with SALC Program priorities. These changes are permitted in the approved guidelines and facilitated by a technical amendment approved at the August SGC meeting.

- Staff reported two conservation easement closings between Sept. 15 and Nov. 14. These projects in Santa Barbara and Sonoma Counties conserved a combined 971 acres of grazing land.
- Between Sept. 15 and Nov. 14, SALC staff submitted 30 invoices totaling \$2,201,336 to DOC Accounting for payment. This includes one acquisition invoice, payments for associated costs related to acquisition transactions, payments for capacity and project work, and payments for planning work.

Community Resilience Centers (CRC)

Staff: Amar Cid, Anna Jane Jones, Dora Monterroza, and Jessica Cervantes

- Staff released Draft Program Guidelines and a Summary of Changes report in anticipation of Proposition 4 funding on Sept. 29. Public comment is open until Jan. 2, 2026. In coordination with the CRC Program, staff have hosted four input sessions and have six small focus groups planned for December and early January.
- CRC and TCC Staff launched a joint Application Technical Assistance (TA) Request for Information (RFI). The RFI shared information on a future Application TA solicitation to determine if requirements can be met by the bidder community.
 - Staff hosted an RFI Q&A Webinar on Nov. 3. 102 individuals representing over 66 organizations and tribes registered; 63 participants attended.
 - The RFI closed on Nov. 14 and received 13 responses, a record- high. Past typical yield has been 2-4 responses for similar TA RFI postings at the Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI)/SGC)
- The CRC team welcomed four new staff and one student assistant, who joined the team Dec. 8.
- CRC Staff conducted site visits, including:
 - Oct. 7 – Mattole Restoration Council (Round 1, Planning, \$498,139) hosted a site visit for SGC Staff at their Mattole Resilience, Education, and Research Center Project site in Petrolia, CA. The site visit included touring their hoped-for CRC Facility Site, the local community, and local partners' sites part of their Collaborative Stakeholder Structure.
 - Nov. 24 – CRC staff traveled to Casa Familiar's future La Semilla Community Resiliency Center (Round 1, Implementation, \$8.4M) construction site to attend a community event where CRC staff met with Casa Familiar staff and their Partners to receive an update on the construction process which included showcasing the use of cross-laminated timber (CLT).

Community Assistance for Climate Equity (CACE)

Staff: Hoi-Fei Mok, Ena Lupine, Blanca Escobedo, Markie Price and Nancy Cheng

- **Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC) Program:** SGC Executive Director and staff hosted an in-person RCC Fall Convening Nov. 5-6 in Rancho Cucamonga with support from the RCC technical assistance team. This event brought the grantees together in person one last time before their grants end in 2026 to share successes and lessons learned through their RCC grant and identify strategies to keep the collaboratives active after their grant term ends. Staff will continue hosting virtual peer learning sessions until the end of the grant term in June 2026.
- **Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program:** SGC Executive Director and staff attended site visits to the Winnemum Wintu Tribe on Oct. 28 and Mooretown Rancheria on Oct. 29. All grantees joined an in-person peer learning session with SGC staff and the TA team on the lands of the Pala Band of Mission Indians on Nov. 4. The session was well attended, and grantees discussed topics as varied as governance, land acquisition, and staffing.
- **BOOST:** SGC and Freedman Consulting LLC hosted an Imperial Valley Civic Ecosystem Initiative (IVCEI) funder call on Oct. 9 to update philanthropic funders who are active in the Imperial Valley about the IVCEI's work thus far. During the call, Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Executive Director Daniela Flores presented about the challenges she is seeing on the ground related to capacity needs and the impacts of federal policies. The SGC's IVCEI partner the Institute for Local Government hosted a grant writing training for local government and community-based organization staff in the Imperial Valley on Nov. 20. SGC continues to coordinate regularly with the IVCEI partners and philanthropic funders focused on the Imperial Valley region. The SGC will release its second quarterly newsletter "Imperial Impact: Interagency & Partnership Highlights" in December, which provides updates on state initiatives and their impact on the Imperial Valley and the broader Salton Sea region.
- **Tribal Housing and Capacity Building Program:** Staff are working to finalize draft Program Guidelines for the Tribal Capacity Building Program and the Tribal Housing Pre-Development Program, which they plan to release by the end of 2025. These Guidelines will incorporate feedback gathered through the 10 Key Informant Interviews staff help in Summer 2025. Staff plan to launch a tribal consultation process and a workshop series in 2026, aiming to finalize both Program Guidelines by spring 2026.
- **Interagency Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Work Group:** The CACE team facilitates a regular interagency work group to share best practices across agencies related to offering technical assistance and capacity building support to California communities. Staff are preparing for the next bimonthly work group meeting on Dec. 18. The CACE team has also released the [Tribal Technical Assistance Guidance](#) section to the [TA Toolkit](#). This new section includes background on California's unique historic relationship with tribes, a set of core principles, best practices for developing a Tribal-

specific TA program, resources from our state agency partners, and a Tribal-specific glossary

Collaborative Policy Initiatives

Health and Equity Program (HEP)

Staff: Hoi-Fei Mok, Fabián Pérez-Gove, Michael Jimenez, and Mahima Ali

Health in All Policies (HiAP)

Staff: The SGC partners with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the State of Equity to staff the Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force. The Task Force brings together over 30 agencies, departments and commissions to integrate health into programs and policies that advance state priorities.

- **15-Year HiAP Milestone:** The California Health in All Policies (HiAP) Task Force is celebrating 15 years of work in 2025. To celebrate this milestone, HEP contracted with the State of Equity to develop the HiAP 15-Year Anniversary Report. This report shares the history of HiAP, the priorities it has set, major accomplishments, and best practices to advancing a HiAP approach. HEP and the State of Equity will publish and share the report publicly in 2026.
- **HiAP Task Force hosts quarterly interagency convening.** HEP and HiAP partners hosted an in-person HiAP Task Force Quarterly Meeting on Dec. 10 in Sacramento. The meeting featured a presentation of HiAP's 15-year Anniversary Report and a Recommendations Report for 2026.
- **Health in All Policies Recommendations Report:** HEP is working with the Equity and Wellness Institute (EqWI) to continue the evaluation of HiAP and use the findings to develop a set of recommendations for efforts in 2026 and beyond. The report includes strengths and opportunities for growth, priorities, goals, member and partner engagement strategies, and a foundation for action plan development. HEP and EqWI will continue work through next year to finalize new action plans for HiAP, which will be shared in December 2026.

Organizational Initiatives

- **SGC Program Highlights:** SGC staff prepared highlights showcasing increased access to programs by California communities. HEP compiled the program and initiative highlights in the Council Agenda Item 6 Staff Report.
- **SGC/LCI Workforce Experience Survey:** In May, HEP administered the 2025 Workforce Experience Survey with SGC staff to learn about staff experience. HEP is now supporting LCI with administering the same survey to all LCI and Shared Services staff. Findings from both surveys will be combined for analysis and HEP will develop recommendations for Leadership based on the survey findings. HEP aims to complete the analysis and development of recommendations by March 2026.

Natural and Working Lands

California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

Staff: Sean Kennedy, Camille Frazier, Tessa Salzman and Caleb Swanson

- The tenth and eleventh California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force (Task Force) meetings occurred Oct. 15 and 16 in Ventura and Nov. 13 in Berkeley, respectively. In both meetings, the Task Force discussed and revised its Draft Report.
- On October 24, the Task Force Vice Chair, a Task Force member, and SGC/LCI staff met with the Karuk Tribe Chairman, leaders, and staff to discuss the Task Force's Draft Report. The Task Force considered input from this meeting at the Nov. 13 Task Force meeting.
- The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Dec. 11 at the California Endowment in Sacramento. The Task Force will finalize its recommendations and vote on the submission of its Final Report in advance of the Jan. 1 deadline.

Federal Funding Initiatives

Connecting Communities

Staff: Adrienne Moretz

- **Technical Assistance:** Connecting Communities is supporting previous SGC grant applicants and awardees to apply for and receive grants. The team is supporting communities with executed or cancelled federal agreements to navigate the change in federal administration.
- **Catalyst Convenings:** The SGC Connecting Communities team, with LCI, is planning for additional Catalyst Convenings across the state in the coming months. The first event in 2026 is tentatively scheduled for late February. The events are a continuation of the commitments made at the 2023 and 2024 Catalyst Conferences. The goals of the Convenings are to:
 - Exchange knowledge, best practices, and successes about community-driven climate, energy, and land use efforts
 - Connect directly with state representatives and regional assistance providers to learn about and better leverage available resources, upcoming grant programs, technical assistance and capacity building programs, active engagement opportunities, and more
 - Understand the region's priorities and co-create a set of regional and state focused policy actions, to guide SGC's strategic planning and work

Energy Investments

Factory-Built Housing (FBH) Pre-Development Pilot Program

Staff: Sean Kennedy and Jin Zhang

- The revised guidelines for the [SGC FBH Regional Pilot Program](#) were released for a 30-day public comment period on Sept. 10. This period included two public webinars to

collect comments and targeted outreach to regional entities to promote the program and collect additional feedback on the guidelines.

- FBH Program Staff incorporated webinar and individually submitted public comments to the Program's Round 3 Final Guidelines. The Round 3 guidelines will be presented to Council for adoption on Dec. 10.
- FBH Program Staff is simultaneously developing the Notice of Funding Availability, Application materials, and Application Technical Assistance for Round 3 Applicants, with applications tentatively scheduled to open early 2026.

Energy Investments

Staff: Sean Kennedy and Mel Moyce

- Energy Policy Specialist Mel Moyce attended the California-Germany Agrivoltaics Conference on Nov. 5 in Davis. Hosted by UC Davis in partnership with German research and industry leaders, the convening explored emerging dual-use land management models that integrate solar generation with agricultural production. Mel's attendance provided SGC with early, strategic insight into a rapidly expanding clean-energy land use model, and how clean energy can support, rather than displace, rural communities.
- Deputy Director of Energy Investments Sean Kennedy participated in the "Biomass & Beyond: Growing a Resilient Regional Bioeconomy" symposium, hosted by Valley Vision in Sacramento on Nov. 5. The event focused on scaling up regional and statewide opportunities for biomass and bio-waste utilization, while emphasizing the cross-sector benefits of a robust bioeconomy. Participants heard from state and local experts, explored innovative regional projects, and gained insights into policies and programs that support sustainable biomass solutions. The symposium highlighted how these efforts contribute to building a resilient, circular economy.

News Media Clips

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- ["Ag Land Trust receives more than \\$8M in grants to preserve Salinas Valley farmlands"](#) (Salinas Valley Tribune, Oct. 29) The SGC has approved more than \$8.3 million in grants to the Ag Land Trust (ALT), a nonprofit dedicated to farmland preservation along the state's Central Coast.
- ["Policymaking for IMPACT"](#) (CalMatters, Oct. 22) This model has already been used to advance meaningful engagement for policy impact in California. From September 2024 to March 2025, for example, the UC Berkeley Possibility Lab brought the IMPACT Model to a partnership with the State of California. In seeking to carry out civic engagement, SGC and LCI wanted to find ways to improve cooperation among California's land use and environmental leaders at various levels of government, as well as with tribal authorities and community organizations.
- ["Abundant California: A Berkeley initiative aims to break gridlock, meet human needs"](#) (UC Berkeley News, Oct. 16) Lerman and Maple have been working closely with the SGC

and LCI on a series of regional meetings that convene state and local leaders and community groups to shape climate change policy.

- [“Grants issued to preserve farmland”](#) (The Monterey Herald, Oct. 11) SGC voted on Wednesday to approve grants protecting about 987 acres over three sites which include the Storm, Pisoni-Pura and Rainbow/Culver ranches located near Salinas, Gonzales and King City.

AHSC

- [“State Housing Secretary Visits San Bernardino County Sites as Affordable Housing Investments Top \\$84 Million”](#) (Inland Empire Community News, Dec. 1) The state contributed \$15.8 million to Arrowhead Grove through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.
- [“State Housing Secretary Visits San Bernardino County Sites as Affordable Housing Investments Top \\$84 Million”](#) (Colton Courier, Dec. 1) The state contributed \$15.8 million to Arrowhead Grove through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.
- [“State Housing Secy Tours Affordable Housing in S.B.”](#) (Precinct Reporter Group, Nov. 27) The state contributed \$15.8 million to Arrowhead Grove through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.
- [“State housing secretary tours San Bernardino County affordable housing”](#) (Arcadia Weekly, Nov. 26) The Arrowhead Grove project received \$15.8 million from the state’s Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program.
- [“State Housing Secretary visits San Bernardino County to tour affordable housing communities”](#) (San Bernardino American, Nov. 25) Secretary Moss toured Pacific Village, one of the county’s flagship revitalization projects, and Arrowhead Grove, a transformative mixed-income development in the heart of San Bernardino. The state contributed \$15.8 million to Arrowhead Grove through the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities (AHSC) program.
- [“Alder Square Breaks Ground, Adding 92 Affordable Homes in San Bernardino’s Arrowhead Grove Revitalization”](#) (Inland Empire Community News, Nov. 12) In addition, the development received a \$7.1 million AHSC grant to invest in community improvements, including bikeways, bus service and bus stop improvements, urban greening and improved sidewalk upgrades with high visibility crosswalks. The AHSC program is administered by the SGC.
- [“Modesto OKs affordable apartment building downtown. When will construction start?”](#) (The Modesto Bee, Nov. 12) Seventh Street Village got \$32.3 million from a state program that seeks to reduce the cost and climate impact of driving. It is called Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities.
- [“Sacramento’s Future Enhanced, Groundbreaking of ‘Sakura’ Affordable Housing with Retail and Sustainability Focus in Midtown”](#) (Hoodline, Nov. 8) State funding plays a critical role in Sakura’s financial structure, with resources allocated from the AHSC Program.



- [“Groundbreaking held for 134-unit affordable housing development in Midtown Sacramento”](#) (Sacramento City Express, Nov. 5) The project is funded in part through the State’s AHSC Program, which supports developments that integrate housing, transportation, and land-use strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- [“Pomona Is Becoming Bike-Friendly”](#) (Streets Blog LA, Nov. 4) \$200,000 from California’s TCC program, for planning - awarded 2020. This led to Pomona receiving a portion of a later eight-party TCC \$22 million implementation grant. Additional grants from Metro, AHSC, and So. Cal Association of Gov’ts (SCAG) GoHuman.
- [“Construction begins on first phase of Riverwalk San Diego redevelopment”](#) (California Construction News, Nov. 3) The transit stop was advanced with the support of a \$41.1-million AHSC grant.
- [“San Francisco Adds over 350 New Homes for Low-Income Families in Sunnydale”](#) (Davis Vanguard, Nov. 2) The State of California contributed more than \$83 million through programs including the AHSC, the California Housing Accelerator, and the Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (IIG).
- [“What Tulare County’s New Prohousing Status Means for Local Residents and Housing Opportunities”](#) (Newsbreak, Oct. 30) Tulare County’s Prohousing designation improves its chances for programs like the AHSC and IIG. These programs support first-time homebuyers and sustainable community projects.
- [“Sakura groundbreaking brings more affordable living to Midtown Sacramento”](#) (CapRadio, Oct. 30) The project is largely funded by a \$38 million state grant for AHSC.
- [“Groundbreaking ceremony held for new affordable housing project in Midtown Sacramento”](#) (KCRA, Oct. 29) Sakura is being developed by Mutual Housing California and the Capitol Area Development Authority, funded in part by a \$38 million State AHSC award.
- [“Sacramento Breaks Ground On Midtown Sakura Affordable Housing”](#) (Hoodline, Oct. 29) The project was awarded about \$38 million from California’s AHSC program, part of a statewide package intended to build housing near transit, as per a statement from the Governor’s office.
- [“BART improves accessibility at N. Berkeley, making travel safer for cyclists and walkers”](#) (Bay City News, Oct. 28) The pedestrian and bike project received \$3.4 million from California’s AHSC Program, a fund which is intended to help build more improved infrastructure and affordable housing across the state.
- [“Berkeley: Bart Builds Up Its Bike And Pedestrian Accesibility At North Berkeley Station”](#) (Newsbreak, Oct. 28) The pedestrian and bike project received \$3.4 million from California’s AHSC Program, a fund which is intended to help build more improved infrastructure and affordable housing across the state.
- [“Solano Land Trust announces Dixon land conservation grant to help fund acquisition”](#) (Vallejo Times-Herald, Oct. 24) SALC is a component of the SGC’s AHSC Program and officials said it complements investments made in urban areas with the purchase of agricultural conservation easements, development of agricultural land strategy plans,

and other mechanisms that result in greenhouse gas reductions and a more resilient agricultural sector.

- [“Solano Land Trust announces land conservation grant”](#) (The Vacaville Reporter, Oct. 23) SALC is a component of the SGC’s AHSC Program and officials said it complements investments made in urban areas with the purchase of agricultural conservation easements, development of agricultural land strategy plans, and other mechanisms that result in greenhouse gas reductions and a more resilient agricultural sector.
- [“Transform: Traffic Congestion Is a Housing and Transit Problem, Not a Highway Problem”](#) (Streets Blog California, Oct. 23) A report on the impact of California’s successful AHSC program showed that building 20,000 homes took more than 40,000 cars off the road each year.
- [“Affordable Housing Production Lags in Davis, City Staff Report Finds”](#) (Davis Vanguard, Oct. 18) The report outlines an array of funding sources—from federal programs such as HOME and Community Development Block Grants to state programs like the AHSC and IIG—as well as commercial and community lending institutions such as the Federal Home Loan Bank and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).
- [“Santa Cruz’s Youth Gain Paid Work Experience via AHSC-Backed Internship Initiative”](#) (Newsworthy, Oct. 16) Funded by the City of Santa Cruz through the California AHSC grant, the program supports paid internships for underserved youth and local businesses, strengthening both career pathways and the regional economy.
- [“Santa Cruz Youth Gain Career Opportunities Through AHSC-Funded Internship Program”](#) (CityBuzz, Oct. 16) Funded by the City of Santa Cruz through the California AHSC grant, the program supports paid internships for underserved youth and local businesses, strengthening both career pathways and the regional economy.
- [“California Protects 40000 Acres of Farmland”](#) (Farms.com, Oct. 15) The program, part of the SGC’s AHSC initiative, ensures California can grow responsibly—building affordable housing while conserving agricultural and open lands for future generations.
- [“California Protects Over 40K Acres of Agricultural Land, Supporting Rural Communities”](#) (Targeted News Service, Oct. 15) SALC is a component of the SGC’s AHSC program. The two programs work together to ensure that California is building new affordable homes quickly, in the right places, while protecting open spaces and working agricultural lands at risk of development.
- [“Governor Gavin Newsom Announces Over \\$128 Million in Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation \(SALC\) Program Grants to Permanently Protect More Than 40,000 Acres of Croplands and Rangelands Across 24 California Counties”](#) (Sierra Sun Times, Oct. 15) SALC is a component of the GC’s AHSC program). The two programs work together to ensure that California is building new affordable homes quickly, in the right places, while protecting open spaces and working agricultural lands at risk of development.
- [“Over \\$128 Million Invested To Protect 40000 Acres Statewide”](#) (Nebraska Ag Connection, Oct. 15) Working with the SGC’s AHSC pProgram, SALC ensures California continues to balance housing needs with long-term land and environmental conservation.



- [“California protects over 40K acres of agricultural land, supporting rural communities”](#) (Ag Industry Today, Oct. 14) SALC is a component of the SGC’s AHSC program. The two programs work together to ensure that California is building new affordable homes quickly, in the right places, while protecting open spaces and working agricultural lands at risk of development.
- [“Newsom Approves Grants to ‘Protect’ over 40K acres of Agricultural Land & Returns 11k Acres to Native Americans”](#) (The Pine Tree, Oct. 14) SALC is a component of the SGC’s AHSC program. The two programs work together to ensure that California is building new affordable homes quickly, in the right places, while protecting open spaces and working agricultural lands at risk of development.
- [“Inicia construcción de Avanzando”](#) (El Latino, Oct. 14) El gobierno estatal reconoció el apoyo del SGC y del programa AHSC, enfatizando que Avanzando forma parte de una visión estatal para construir comunidades inclusivas, sustentables y orientadas al transporte en toda California.
- [“SGC Provides Updates on AHSC Housing Program, SALC Conservation Program”](#) (California Planning & Development Report, Oct. 14) The [AHSC](#) program and [SALC](#) program have contributed to the development of over 1,200 affordable units in 13 projects statewide and permanent conservation via easements in 13 counties of 8,880 acres of working agricultural land in the first half of 2025.
- [“California Protects Over 40K Acres of Agricultural Land, Supporting Rural Communities”](#) (State News Service, Oct. 14) SALC is a component of the SGC’s AHSC program. The two programs work together to ensure that California is building new affordable homes quickly, in the right places, while protecting open spaces and working agricultural lands at risk of development.
- [“AHSC Grant Fuels Paid Internships for Santa Cruz Youth and Local Businesses”](#) (Santa Cruz Works, Oct. 13) Funded by the City of Santa Cruz through the California AHSC grant, the collaboration supports paid internships for underserved youth and local companies, empowering local youth and strengthening the regional economy.
- [“East Village high rise opens with 270 units for locals with extremely low income”](#) (City News Service, Oct. 8) The city of San Diego put in \$10 million, and the San Diego Housing Commission contributed an additional \$8 million. Other contributors include California’s Multi-Family Housing Program (\$20 million), California’s AHSC (\$13.7 million), California IIG (\$6 million), California Department of Development Services and the San Diego Regional Center (\$4.25 million), federal and state tax credits from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, and tax-exempt bonds from the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee.

SALC

- ["Rancho Dos Alamos Joins Over 2,800 Acres of Conserved Rangeland in Santa Barbara County"](#) (Edhat Santa Barbara, Dec. 2) Funding for this easement has come from the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC), in partnership with the California Department of Conservation.
- ["Land Trust for Santa Barbara County adds over 500 acres to permanently protected local lands"](#) (KEYT TV, Dec. 1) Funding for the easement came from the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, a statewide initiative that uses money from the state's cap-and-investment system, in collaboration with the California Department of Conservation.
- ["Land Trust for Santa Barbara County Secures 587 Acres in the Solomon Hills Through New Conservation Easement at Rancho Dos Alamos"](#) (Santa Barbara Independent, Dec. 1) This conservation easement was completed with funding from the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC), in collaboration with the California Department of Conservation.
- ["Yolo Land Trust to 'protect' Barrett Farm"](#) (The Daily Democrat, Nov. 27) Funding for the most recent projects was made possible through the California Strategic Growth Council's Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program, which is administered by the Department of Conservation.
- ["Yolo Land Trust awarded \\$2.3 million"](#) (The Daily Democrat, Nov. 8) Yolo Land Trust (YLT) was awarded \$2.3 million to permanently protect 800 acres of farmland on four family-owned farms in Yolo County. Funding for these projects is made possible through the SGC's SALC program, which is administered by the DOC. The SALC Program protects farmland at risk of development and is part of California Climate Investments, which directs Cap-and-Trade dollars to projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen local economies, and improve public health and the environment.
- ["Yolo Land Trust awarded \\$2.3M to conserve 800 acres"](#) (The Davis Enterprise, Nov. 7) The Yolo Land Trust announced this week the award of \$2.3 million to permanently protect 800 acres of farmland on four family-owned farms in Yolo County. Funding for these projects is made possible through the SGC's SALC program, administered by the DOC.
- ["Tuolumne County Ranch Marks 100th Conservation Milestone For Rangeland Trust"](#) (My Motherlode, Nov. 3) A Tuolumne County ranch that's been in the same family since the 1800s has become the 100th property conserved by the California Rangeland Trust, marking a milestone for the nonprofit's decades-long effort to protect working lands across the state. Funding came from the DOC and the SGC's SALC program, which directs Cap-and-Trade funds toward projects that reduce emissions and preserve farmland.
- ["Multi-Generational Tuolumne County Ranch Secures California Rangeland Trust a Major Milestone"](#) (Morning AgClips, Oct. 29) Through a newly completed conservation agreement with the Mackey family of the Murphy Ranch, located just outside Sonora, Calif., the Rangeland Trust has now partnered with 100 ranching families to conserve 100 ranches statewide, protecting more than 420,000 acres of rangeland. Funding for



the project was provided through the SGC's SALC program, administered in collaboration with the DOC.

- ["Solano Land Trust announces Dixon land conservation grant to help fund acquisition"](#) (Vallejo Times-Herald, Oct. 24) Solano Land Trust announced that it has received a \$654,000 grant to help fund its acquisition of a conservation easement on a 74-acre walnut orchard in northern Solano County. The grant awarded by the Conservations and the SGC which earlier this month approved millions of dollars of SALC program grants to permanently protect thousands of acres of croplands and rangelands across the state.
- ["Solano Land Trust announces land conservation grant"](#) (The Vacaville Reporter, Oct. 23) Solano Land Trust announced that it has received a \$654,000 grant to help fund its acquisition of a conservation easement on a 74-acre walnut orchard in northern Solano County. The grant awarded by the Conservations and SGC which earlier this month approved millions of dollars of SALC program grants to permanently protect thousands of acres of croplands and rangelands across the state.
- ["Madera County Cattle Ranch Receives \\$5.2 Million for Promise Not to Develop"](#) (GV Wire, Oct. 21) Earlier this month, the SGC approved more than \$128 million in awards to preserve ag land throughout the state through the SALC program.
- ["California Protects 40000 Acres of Farmland"](#) (Farms.com, Oct. 15) California has announced over \$128 million in SALC program grants to protect more than 40,000 acres of croplands and rangelands across 24 counties. This initiative will return over 11,000 acres to California Native American Tribes, secure farmland for military veterans, and benefit low-income farming communities.
- ["Governor Gavin Newsom Announces Over \\$128 Million in Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation \(SALC\) Program Grants to Permanently Protect More Than 40,000 Acres of Croplands and Rangelands Across 24 California Counties"](#) (Sierra Sun Times, Oct. 15) On Tuesday, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that more than \$128 million in SALC program grants have been approved to permanently protect more than 40,000 acres of croplands and rangelands across 24 counties, returning more than 11,000 acres to California Native American Tribes, securing farmland for military veterans, and benefiting low-income communities.
- ["California Protects Over 40K Acres of Agricultural Land, Supporting Rural Communities"](#) (Targeted News Service, Oct. 15) Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that more than \$128 million in SALC program grants have been approved to permanently protect more than 40,000 acres of croplands and rangelands across 24 counties, returning more than 11,000 acres to California Native American Tribes, securing farmland for military veterans, and benefiting low-income communities.
- ["Over \\$128 Million Invested To Protect 40000 Acres Statewide"](#) (Nebraska Ag Connection, Oct. 15) More than \$128 million has been approved under California's SALC program to permanently protect 40,000 acres of farmland and rangeland across 24 counties.
- ["California protege más de 40.000 acres de tierras agrícolas, apoyando a las comunidades rurales"](#) (Uniradio Informa, Oct. 14) El gobernador Gavin Newsom anunció hoy que se han aprobado más de \$128 millones en subvenciones del Programa de SALC



para proteger permanentemente más de 40,000 acres de tierras de cultivo y pastizales en 24 condados , devolviendo más de 11,000 acres a las Tribus Nativas Americanas de California, asegurando tierras de cultivo para veteranos militares y beneficiando a las comunidades de bajos ingresos.

- [“Newsom Approves Grants to ‘Protect’ over 40K acres of Agricultural Land & Returns 11k Acres to Native Americans”](#) (The Pine Tree, Oct. 14) Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that more than \$128 million in SALC program grants have been approved to permanently protect more than 40,000 acres of croplands and rangelands across 24 counties, returning more than 11,000 acres to California Native American Tribes, securing farmland for military veterans, and benefiting low-income communities.
- [“SGC Provides Updates on AHSC Housing Program, SALC Conservation Program”](#) (California Planning and Development Report, Oct. 14) The AHSC program and SALC program have contributed to the development of over 1,200 affordable units in 13 projects statewide and permanent conservation via easements in 13 counties of 8,880 acres of working agricultural land in the first half of 2025.
- [“California Protects Over 40K Acres of Agricultural Land, Supporting Rural Communities”](#) (State News Service, Oct. 14) Governor Gavin Newsom today announced that more than \$128 million in SALC program grants have been approved to permanently protect more than 40,000 acres of croplands and rangelands across 24 counties, returning more than 11,000 acres to California Native American Tribes, securing farmland for military veterans, and benefiting low-income communities.
- [“City of Davis Secures \\$420,000 Grant to Preserve Local Farmland from Urban Development”](#) (Hoodline, Oct. 10) The City of Davis has just pocketed a \$420,000 grant from the SGC to aid in the purchase of a conservation easement that's set to preserve the agricultural soul of a 79-acre patchwork of farmland at the periphery of the city limits.
- [“California Council Awards \\$420K to Protect Davis Farmland”](#) (Davis Vanguard, Oct. 10) The City of Davis announced this week that the SGC has awarded a \$420,000 grant to help the city purchase a 79-acre agricultural conservation easement on farmland northwest of the city limits.
- [“City of Davis awarded \\$420,000 state grant to help purchase agricultural conservation easement”](#) (The Davis Enterprise, Oct. 9) The city of Davis is proud to announce that the SGC awarded a \$420,000 grant this week to help the city purchase a 79-acre agricultural conservation easement on farmland northwest of the city limits.

TCC

- [“Pomona Is Becoming Bike-Friendly”](#) (Streets Blog LA, Nov. 4) \$200,000 from CA TCC, for planning - awarded 2020. This led to Pomona receiving a portion of a later eight-party TCC \$22 million implementation grant. Additional grants from Metro, CA AHSC, and So. Cal Association of Gov'ts (SCAG) GoHuman.



- [“On the agenda”](#) (Grandview Independent, Oct. 31) Under Economic Development, the council will approve a \$16,680 annual lease for office space at 1600 Nevin Plaza to house the TCC program, funded by a state climate grant.
- [“Economic Report: Coachella’s Investment in Housing, Transit, and Workforce Development”](#) (Palm Springs Life, Oct. 29) The city’s Economic Development Department spearheaded a community-driven transformation plan that netted a \$22 million grant from the SGC. It was one of the state’s largest community-driven climate grants through the TCC program, a core part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative using cap-and-trade funds to advance public health, promote development, and reduce emissions, especially in underserved communities.
- [“Do you take light rail's Blue Line in Sacramento? Your travel could be disrupted”](#) (The Sacramento Bee, Oct. 28) The budget for the new station was over \$40 million, largely funded by grants. RT got \$12.5 million in grants from Senate Bill 125, a 2023 law that directed a multi-year, \$5.1 billion state investment in transit and rail; \$1 million came from a federal pot tapped into by Rep. Doris Matsui, D-Sacramento; \$9.5 million came from the U.S. Department of Transportation; and \$17.6 million from California's TCC program.
- [“How Bay Area Cities and Counties Are Working Together to Solve Regional Challenges”](#) (Newsbreak, Oct. 25) Another strategy is to use funding to encourage regional collaboration. Grant programs that support coordinated action are influencing how local governments work together. The TCC Grants, managed by the SGC, follow this model.
- [“On the Agenda”](#) (Grandview Independent, Oct. 24) The Public Works Department is seeking approval for an agreement with RailPros Field Services, Inc., a consultant for the Richmond Pacific Railroad Corporation, to provide engineering services for Phase 2 of the Richmond Wellness Trail. The TCC-funded project, seeks to create a safe, connected walking and biking route from downtown to the shoreline while incorporating green infrastructure and public art.
- [“On the Agenda”](#) (Grandview Independent, Oct. 16) Community Development is bringing three items forward: a \$200,000 contract with Cinquini & Passarino for long-term environmental monitoring at Terminal 4 (funded by state grants through 2030), the second-year progress report on the Richmond Rising TCC grant, and approval for up to \$48 million in tax-exempt revenue bonds through the California Municipal Finance Authority to finance the TBV Villas at Renaissance, a 105-unit affordable housing project at 1827 San Joaquin Avenue.
- [“Buscan evitar la gentrificación en Coachella”](#) (Telemundo 15 Palm Springs, Oct. 7) La ciudad de Coachella a recibido una subvención por parte del programa TCC, cuya inversión se dará bajo la premisa de crear un ambiente equitativo que promueva la estabilidad financiera en la comunidad, con especial interés en el cuidado ambiental.