



# CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS WEBINAR SERIES

## LAND CONSERVANCIES

# In Collaboration with

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# Land Acknowledgement

# Webinar Agenda

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1) California Climate Investments Overview

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2) Current & Upcoming Funding Opportunities

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3) Highlighting Partnerships: CA Department of Conservation and the Strategic Growth Council

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4) Grantee Spotlight: Marin Agricultural Land Trust

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5) Question & Answer

# Interact with us!

Three ways to ask questions:

1. GoToWebinar chat function
2. Direct message on Twitter [@CAClimateInvest](https://twitter.com/CAClimateInvest)
3. Email us at [info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](mailto:info@caclimateinvestments.ca.gov)

Questions will be read out loud by the moderator.

Note: Detailed instructions can be found in the Handouts section to the right.



## What is California Climate Investments?

A statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment – particularly in disadvantaged communities.

# Instant Poll

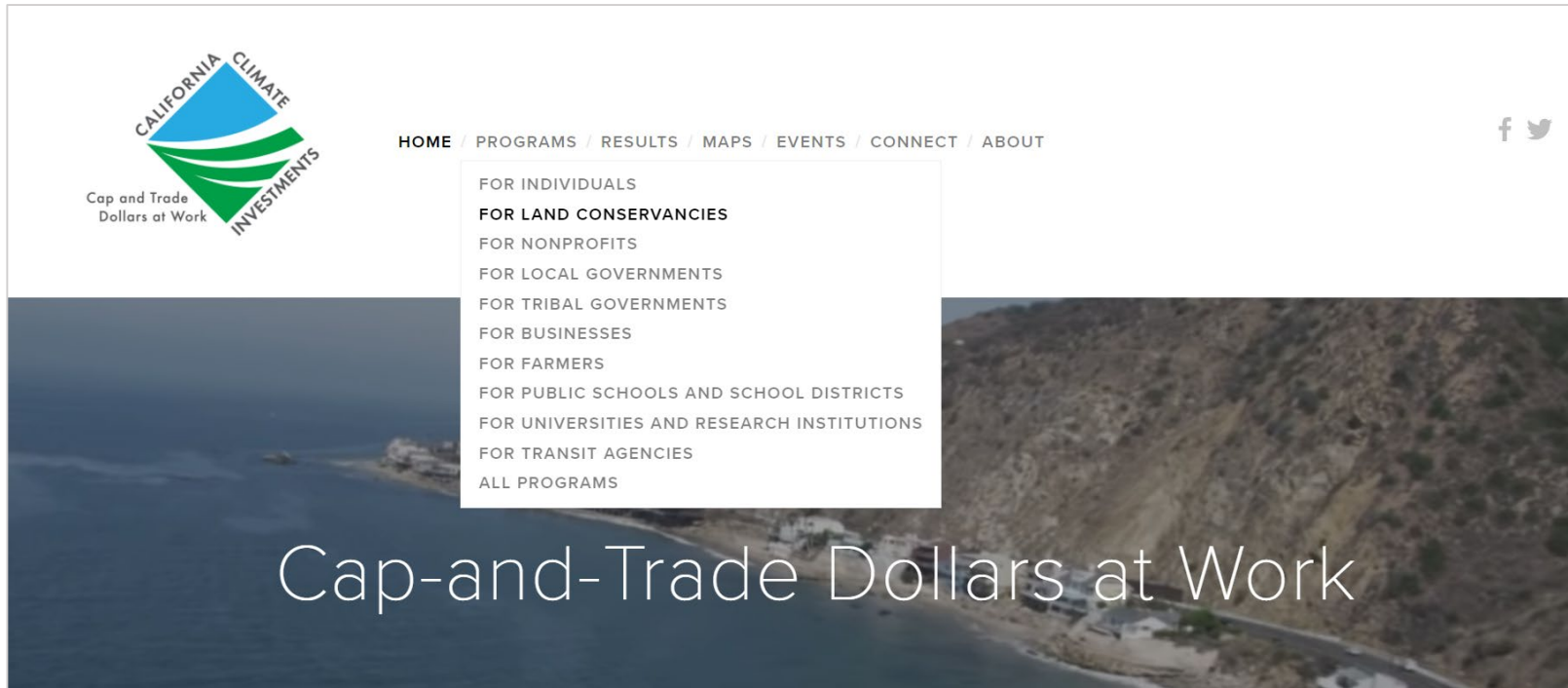
- 1. Have you ever applied for or received funding from a California Climate Investments program?**
  - Applied and received
  - Applied and not received
  - Not applied
  - Not sure
- 2. Has your organization previously participated in a land conservation program/transaction intended for public benefit?**
  - Yes
  - No

# Current and Upcoming Funding Opportunities





# Searching for Funding Opportunities: California Climate Investments



[caclimateinvestments.ca.gov](https://caclimateinvestments.ca.gov)

# Current Funding Opportunities: SALC

## Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program

*California Department of Conservation and the Strategic Growth Council*

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### Program Description

SALC protects agricultural lands from conversion to more GHG-intensive uses by facilitating conservation easements and strategy plans, providing direct protection of at-risk lands.

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### Goal

To support California's need for agricultural conservation, economic growth, and sustainable development

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### Application Process

**Planning Grants:** Pre-proposal worksheet; Application; Agreement template

**Acquisition Grants:** Pre-proposal worksheet; Acquisition application; Agreement template; CARB quantification methodology.

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### Funding Amount

**Planning Grants:** Up to \$250,000

**Acquisition Grants:** No maximum award amount.

### Application Timeline

**Pre-proposals:** Early summer

**Applications:** Late summer/early fall

### Contact

Virginia Jameson

[SALCP@conservation.ca.gov](mailto:SALCP@conservation.ca.gov)

### Resources Available

Program staff provide application assistance, review project eligibility

# Current Funding Opportunities: HSP

## Healthy Soils Program (HSP)

*California Department of Food and Agriculture*

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### Program Description

**Incentives Program:** Provides financial assistance for conservation management practices that improve soil health, sequester carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

**Demonstration Projects:** Compares the implementation of HSP practices to conventional practices and shares lessons learned with California farmers and rangers

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### Goal

To promote the development of healthy soils on California's farmlands and ranchlands

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### Application Process

**Incentives Program:** Applications accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed in the order of receipt.

**Demonstration Projects:** Applications collectively undergo a 4-month review process

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### Funding Amount:

Variable

### Application Timeline

Anticipated July 2021

### Contact

Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation

[cdfa.hsp\\_tech@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:cdfa.hsp_tech@cdfa.ca.gov)

# Current Funding Opportunities: Forest Health

## Forest Health Grant Program (Forest Legacy Program)

*California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)*

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### Program Description

The Forest Health Program funds reforestation, forest fuel reduction, pest management, conservation easements and fee acquisitions, and forest biomass utilization.

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### Goal

To proactively restore forest health and conserve working forests, protect upper watersheds, promote carbon storage, and minimize forest carbon loss due to wildfires.

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### Application Process

**Eligibility:** Federal land management agencies, state land management agencies, Native American tribes, private forest landowners, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, land trusts, landowner organizations, conservation groups, and nonprofits.

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### Funding Amount:

Variable

### Application Timeline

Anticipated timeline pending

### Contact

Julie Howard

[ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov](mailto:ForestHealth@fire.ca.gov)

# Current Funding Opportunities: FARMER

## Funding Agricultural Replacement Measures for Emission Reductions (FARMER)

*California Air Resources Board*

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### Program Description:

FARMER funds harvesting equipment, trucks, pump engines, tractors, utility terrain vehicles (UTVs) and other equipment used in agricultural operations.

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### Goal:

To reduce emissions from the agricultural sector to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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### Application Process:

Local air districts administer the FARMER Program for their region and select funded projects. Contact your local air district for information on how to apply.

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### Funding Amount:

Varies by air district.

### Application Timeline:

Varies by air district

### Contact:

[Your local Air District](#)

### Resources Available:

Air District staff may provide technical assistance to applicants as needed, including but not limited to, small growers in disadvantaged communities and low-income communities and households

# Current Funding Opportunities: SAFER

## Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Drinking Water Program

*California State Water Resources Control Board*

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### Program Description

Provides access to tools, funding sources, and regulatory authorities

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### Goal

To provide access to safe, accessible, and affordable drinking water for all Californians

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### Application Process

Pre-application through FFAST, followed by further staff assistance through the application process. Pre-applications can be submitted for a project at any stage

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### Funding Amount

No cap to funding amount

### Application Timeline

Applications accepted year-round

### Contact

Office of Public Participation

[SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:SAFER@waterboards.ca.gov)

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/>

Pre-application (FAAST):

[faast.waterboards.ca.gov](https://faast.waterboards.ca.gov)

### Resources Available

Technical Assistance

[DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:DFA-TArequest@waterboards.ca.gov)

# Current Funding Opportunities: HVIP

## Hybrid and Zero-Emission Truck and Bus Voucher Project (HVIP)

*California Air Resources Board*

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### Program Description

HVIP makes zero-emission and Low NOx buses/trucks as affordable as their fossil-fueled counterparts at point of sale through providing discount vouchers

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### Goal

To accelerate the adoption of cleaner, more-efficient trucks/buses

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### Application Process

Visit the CA HVIP website, select vehicle(s) from a catalog, contact affiliated vendors, provide vehicle domicile location & other info, purchase your vehicle!

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### Funding Amount

Variable according to vehicle type and “disadvantaged community” designation

### Application Timeline

Anticipated early 2021

### Contact

[info@californiahvip.org](mailto:info@californiahvip.org)

HVIP toll-free hotline: 888-457-HVIP

### Resources Available

CALSTART Funding Finder Tool

[fundingfindertool.org](http://fundingfindertool.org)

### Note:

Funding for HVIP is currently provided by the Air Quality Improvement Program instead of California Climate Investments

# Current Funding Opportunities: CVRP

## Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP)

*California Air Resources Board*

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### Program Description

CVRP offers rebates of up to \$7,000 for the purchase/lease of new, eligible zero-emission vehicles, including electric, plug-in hybrid electric and fuel cell vehicles.

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### Goal

To promote clean vehicle adoption in California

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### Application Process

Online application via the CVRP website

**Eligibility:** All CA residents and eligible fleets; Portion of funds reserved for DACs and Lower-income residents statewide

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### Funding Amount

Up to \$7,000 per eligible vehicle; One rebate limit per person

### Application Timeline

Apply within 3 months of purchase/lease of an eligible vehicle and until rebate funds are exhausted

### Contact

[cvrp@energycenter.org](mailto:cvrp@energycenter.org)

English: 866-984-2532

Español: 866-550-8130

### Resources Available

Full eligibility requirements:

[cleanvehiclerebate.org/eng/eligibility-guidelines](https://cleanvehiclerebate.org/eng/eligibility-guidelines)



# Current Funding Opportunities: TA

## Technical Assistance (TA) Program

*Strategic Growth Council*

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### Program Description

The California Climate Investments TA program provides direct application assistance, implementation assistance, and capacity building services to under-resourced communities across the state.

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### Goal

To enable under-resourced communities to build community-driven leadership, collaborative partnerships, knowledge, and skills to access public funding and engage in climate action

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### Application Process

Reach out directly to the contact for the funding program to see if TA is being offered and how you might receive assistance. Can additionally reach out to the TA program directly.

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### Funding Amount:

Funding support, not a funding source

### Application Timeline

Runs in parallel with the program offering funds

### Contact

[TA@sgc.ca.gov](mailto:TA@sgc.ca.gov)

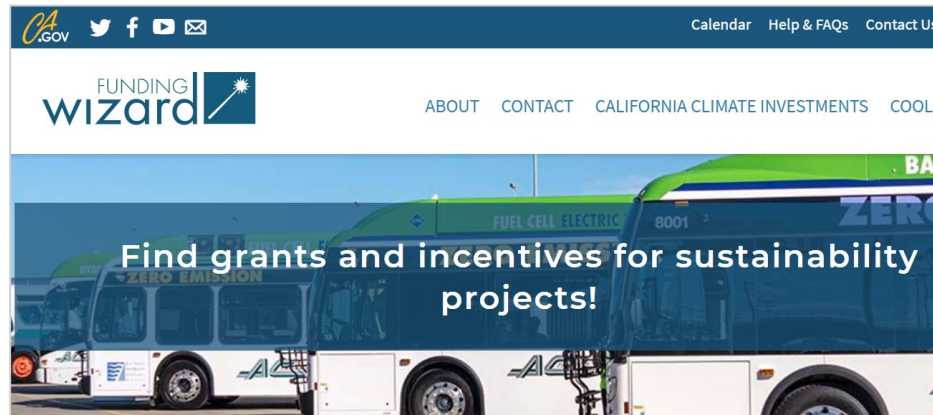
# Searching for Funding Opportunities: Resources Beyond California Climate Investments

## Funding Wizard

California Air Resources Board

Local, state, and federal grants, rebates and incentives for sustainability projects

[fundingwizard.arb.ca.gov](https://fundingwizard.arb.ca.gov)

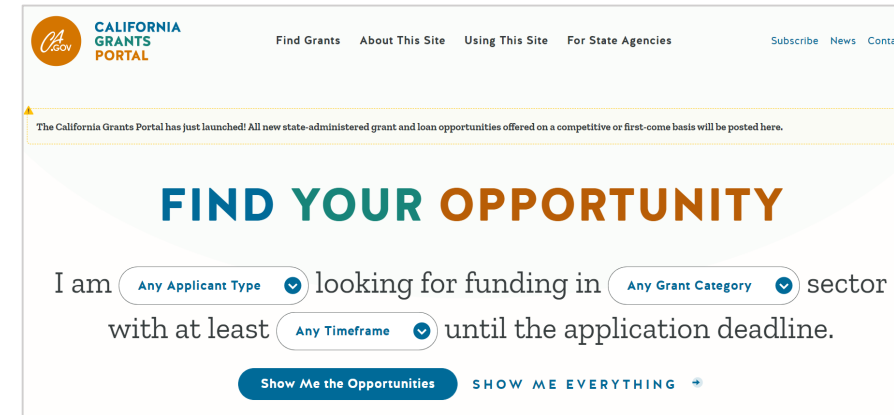


## California Grants Portal

California State Library

California State grants and loans offered on a competitive or first-come basis

[grants.ca.gov](https://grants.ca.gov)



# Current Funding Opportunities: WCB

## **Pacific Flyway Conservation Proposal Solicitation**

*Wildlife Conservation Board*

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### **Program Description**

Funding for multi-benefit climate adaptation and resiliency projects that protect, restore or enhance migratory bird habitat associated with the Pacific Flyway

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### **Goal**

To protect, restore or enhance migratory bird habitat, improve habitat diversity, quality and connectivity, or improve management and ecological function

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### **Application Process**

Pre-application followed by full proposal submission upon invitation

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### **Funding Amount**

Variable

### **Application Timeline**

Pre-application Deadline: **Dec. 16, 2020**

### **Contact**

[WCBFlyway@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:WCBFlyway@wildlife.ca.gov)

916-926-7523

[James.Croft@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:James.Croft@wildlife.ca.gov)

### **Resources Available**

[Full Solicitation](#)

[State Grants Portal](#)

# SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL LANDS CONSERVATION PROGRAM

David Dodds  
Project Manager



# Highlighting Partnerships: California Department of Conservation and the Strategic Growth Council

## Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program

- Planning Grants and Acquisition Grants
- Benefits



## Technical Assistance

- How does it work?
- Who can access TA?

## Additional Opportunities/Information



## FARMERS NEED LAND TO GROW FOOD



**43%**  
OF OUR LAND  
IS USED FOR  
AGRICULTURE

**CALIFORNIA  
HAS SOME  
OF THE BEST  
FARMLAND  
IN THE WORLD**

THAT LAND SUPPLIES  
**67%**  
OF U.S. FRUITS

**34%**  
OF U.S.  
VEGETABLES

AND MORE THAN  
**90%** OF U.S.  
EXPORTED



## OUR HIGH QUALITY LANDS ARE ALSO THE MOST THREATENED BY DEVELOPMENT

CALIFORNIA'S BEST FARMLAND IS RIGHT ON THE URBAN EDGE.



RURAL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INHIBITS FARMING.





Opportunity to support infill development, preserve ag use, achieve climate adaption and resiliency, and provide other co-benefits



**Conservation of  
farmland at risk of  
development avoids  
greenhouse gas  
emissions**



**associated with urban and  
suburban housing**



# Eligible Project Types



- Plans
- Agricultural Conservation Acquisitions

# Planning Grants

Develop Plans For The Protection Of Agricultural Lands At Risk Of Conversion To Non-agricultural Uses

- Counties
- Cities
- Local Area Formation Commissions
- Councils Of Government
- Municipal Planning Organizations
- Regional Transportation Planning Agencies



# Technical Assistance Opportunities



- Identify capacity needs
- Synthesize research
- Develop educational materials
- Provide technical assistance

# Acquisitions

Agricultural conservation fee title and easement acquisitions to protect property at risk of conversion

- Land Trusts
- Cities
- Counties
- Open Space Districts
- Native American Tribes



# 2021 Application Cycle

**Draft guidelines for Public Comment:** Winter 2020

**Final Guidelines Adopted:** April 2021

**Applications:** Fall 2021

**Awards:** Winter 2021

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# MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST

Brady Moss  
SALC Grantee







# CA Climate Investments Presentation

*A Ranch in Marin County*



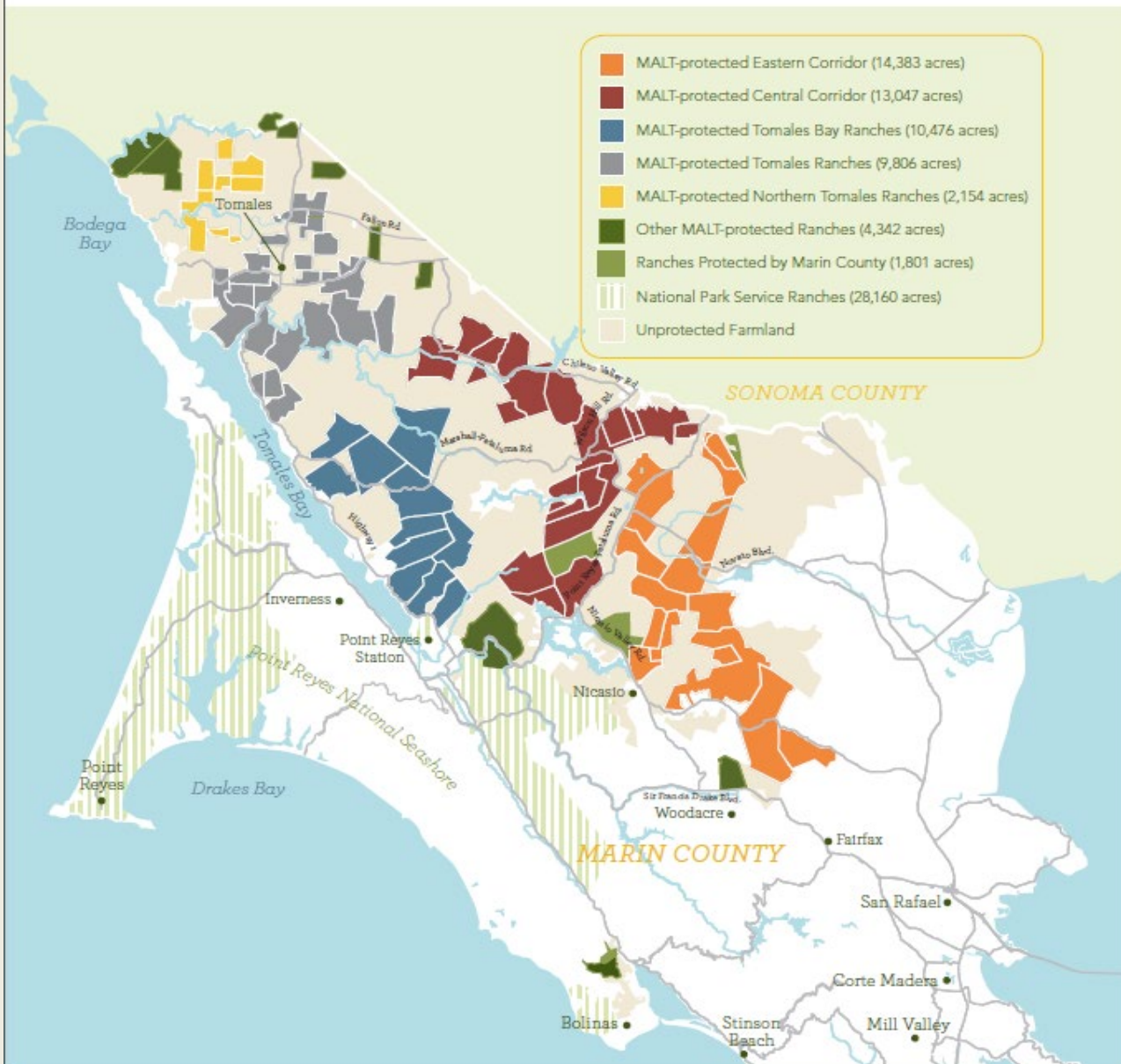


# Mission and Vision

- *MALT's mission is to permanently protect Marin's agricultural land for agricultural use.*
- *MALT's vision for Marin County is a thriving agricultural community in a healthy and diverse natural environment.*





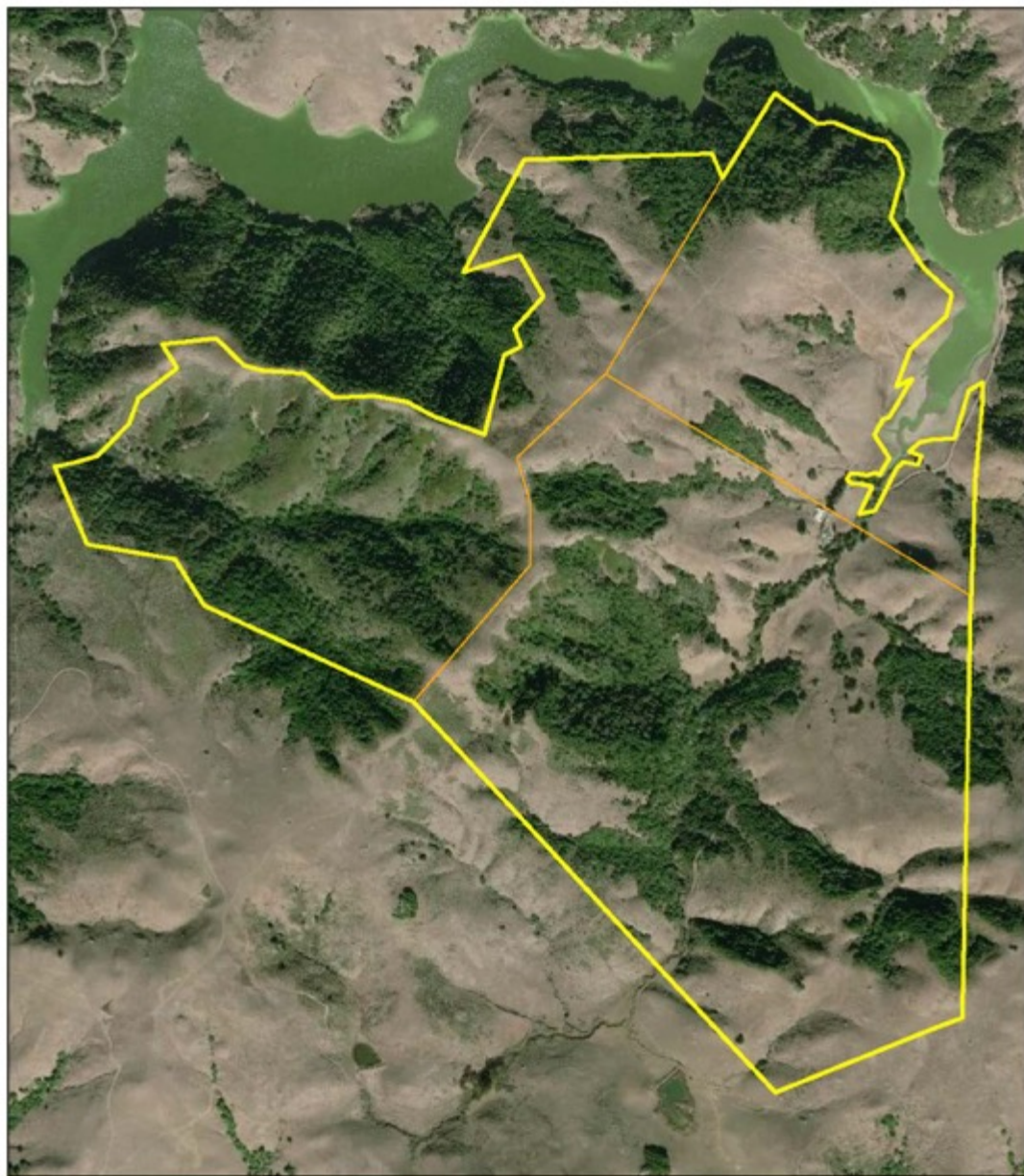


# MARIN AGRICULTURAL LAND TRUST PC DOLCINI FAMILY RANCH LOCATION











### PC Dolcini Family Ranch Boundary Map

Map prepared by  
Marin Agricultural Land Trust  
Most survey accurate 2020

Scale: 1 inch = 1,000 feet  
Aerial imagery: 2019  
Source: USGS, 2019; NAD 83; UTM Zone 18N; WGS 84; UTM Zone 18N  
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-  PC Dolcini Family Ranch (1,179 acres)
-  Assessor parcel boundary



# LESSONS LEARNED

- START THE APPLICATION EARLY, SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE DEADLINE!
- UNDERSTAND TITLE ISSUES
  - CONSIDER USING A REAL ESTATE-SAVVY ATTORNEY
  - RESEARCH THOROUGHLY & BE PREPARED TO ANSWER FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS BY SALC STAFF
- LANDOWNERS: EVERYONE WILLING TO SIGN REQUIRED DOCUMENTS?
- SALC STAFF ARE RESOURCES, ASK FOR ASSISTANCE & FEEDBACK



Thank you!





# Q & A

# Upcoming Workshop Series

## Virtual Workshop Series

California Range Management Advisory Committee  
California Fire Science Consortium

Presentations and discussion on the use of prescribed livestock grazing as a sustainable fuel reduction and environmental management tool

**Introduction to Wildland Fuels:** Nov. 5th

**Using Grazing for Fuels Management 101:** Nov. 12th

**Community Wildland Fuels Management Projects:** Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

### Contact

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### Sign up

[cafiresci.org/events-webinars-source/category/rmac](https://cafiresci.org/events-webinars-source/category/rmac)



# Reach out!

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# Thank You!