



San Diego Agricultural Planning Program

Policy Focus

Land Access



Introduction

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program

- Component of the California Strategic Growth Council's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program

Funded by California Climate Investments

- Cap-and-trade auction proceeds for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions

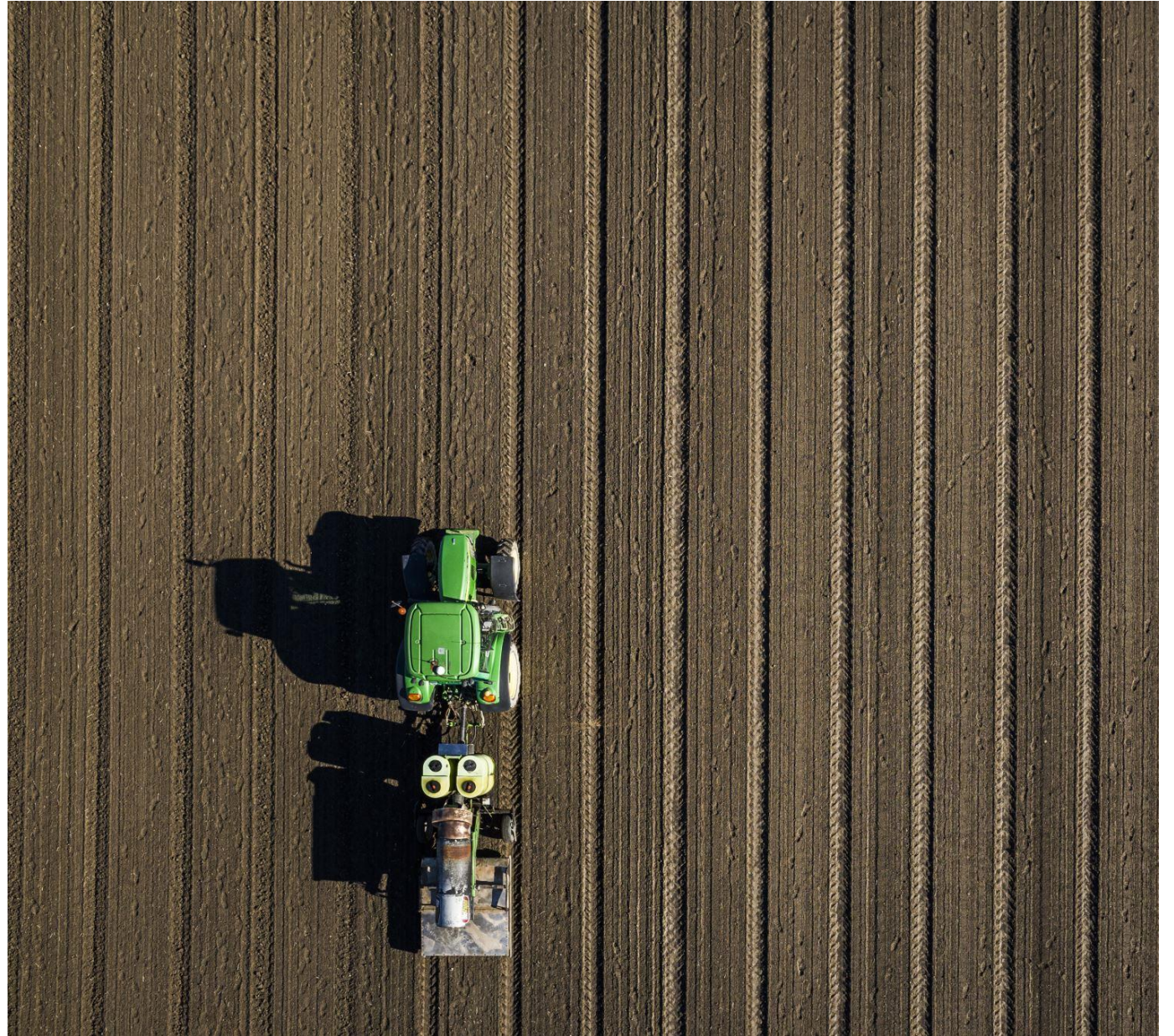


Introduction

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Program

- Principal Goals
 - Protect at-risk agricultural lands
 - Avoiding increases in greenhouse gas emissions

Designated for funding either agricultural conservation acquisitions or agricultural conservation planning projects



San Diego Agricultural Planning Program

- San Diego County LAFCO as Lead Applicant
- The RCD of Greater San Diego County as Project Manager
- Awarded \$250,000 Ag Conservation Planning Grant
- June 2021 – June 2023





San Diego Agricultural Planning Program

Key Partnerships:

- Mission RCD
- SDSU
- Foodshed
- Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP)
- Dudek

Key Tasks:

- Grant Management
- Mapping and GHG Analysis
- **Leveraging Programs, Projects, and Policies**
- Community Outreach
- Final Strategic Vision Plan

Agenda

9:00 – 9:15 | Partner Introductions

- Establish Community Agreements -

9:15 – 9:30 | Outreach Phase Results

RCDGSDC – Codi Hale

9:30 – 10:15 | Existing Program Summaries

Overview & Discussion of Streamlining Regulations and Access to Programs

10:15 – 10:45 | Expanding Programs and Services

10:45 – 11:15 | Feasibility of Proposals

11:15 - 11:30 | Summary, Feedback and Closing





Policy Phase

Is there an existing program addressing this need?

Can our core partners begin to address this need in the next year?

Priority Policy Topics

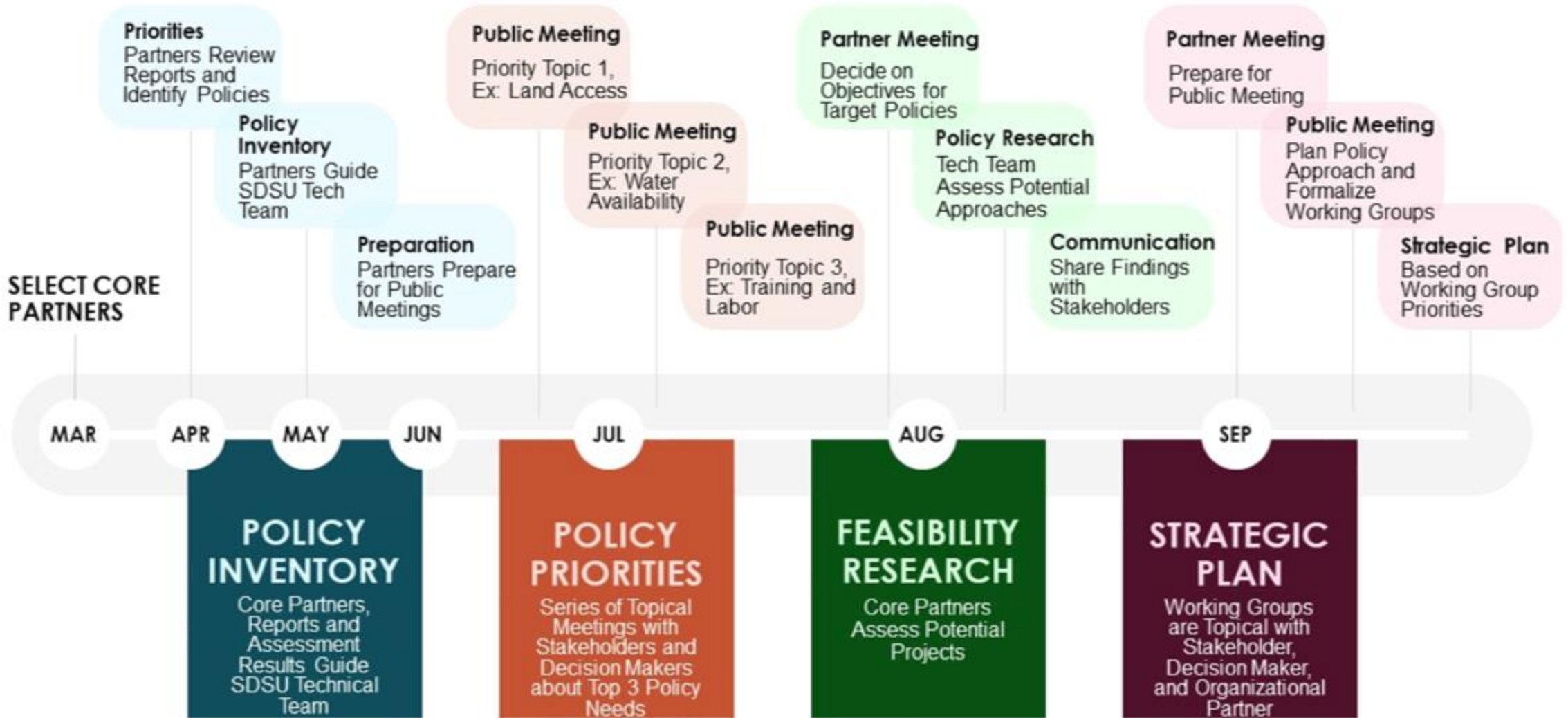
- Water Availability
- Labor Availability and Quality
- Land Costs and Access



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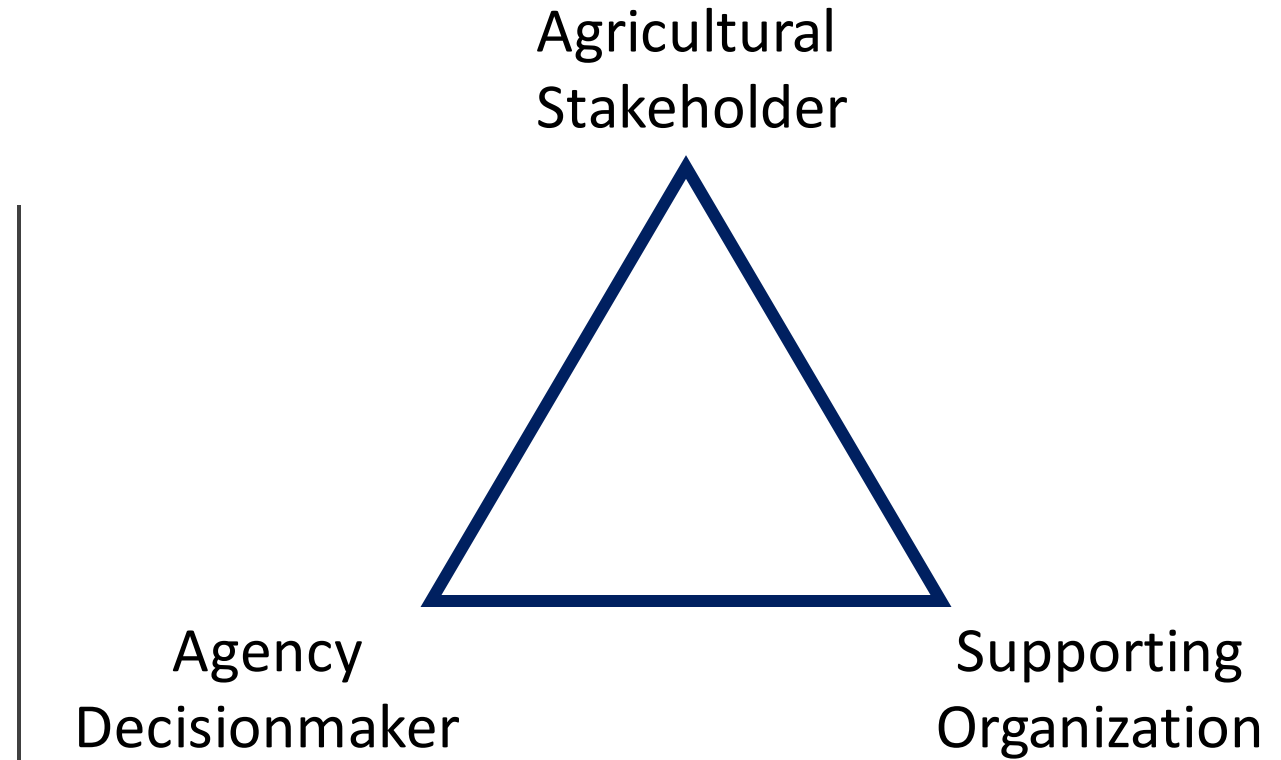
Policy Phase

March – September 2022



Policy
Initiatives:

Working
Group
Structure





Mapping Phase

Leveraging Projects, Programs,
and Policies

San Diego State University

Sherry Ryan, PhD

School of Public Affairs



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CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**
Greater San Diego County



**SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Overview of Task 3

- Task 3A
 - Technical Panel convened and identified **Land Access, Water Availability, and Workforce Development** as three areas of policy priority
- Task 3B
 - Inventory relevant programs, projects and policies related to identified priorities
 - Identify gaps or needs in programs, projects, and policies related to priorities
- Task 3C
 - Create policy leverage plan framework to summarize areas of influence within policy realm

Task 3B Approach

• 3B.1 Inventory of previously funded SALC plans



• 3B.2 Identified all cities in SD County with agricultural lands using Map 1.2 Current Cultivated Extent



• 3B.3 Inventory policies and programs in cities with agricultural lands

In progress

• 3B.4 Synthesize findings for review by County and technical panel

3B.3 Inventory of Policies

- Internet Searches to ID Plans/Programs
 - General Plan
 - Climate Action Plans
 - Other agricultural-related policies and programs
- Review of Plans/Programs
 - [Google sheet tracking citations](#)



Outreach Phase

Producer Needs Assessment

Winter 2021

CREATION

January 2022

DISTRIBUTION

May 2022

CLOSED





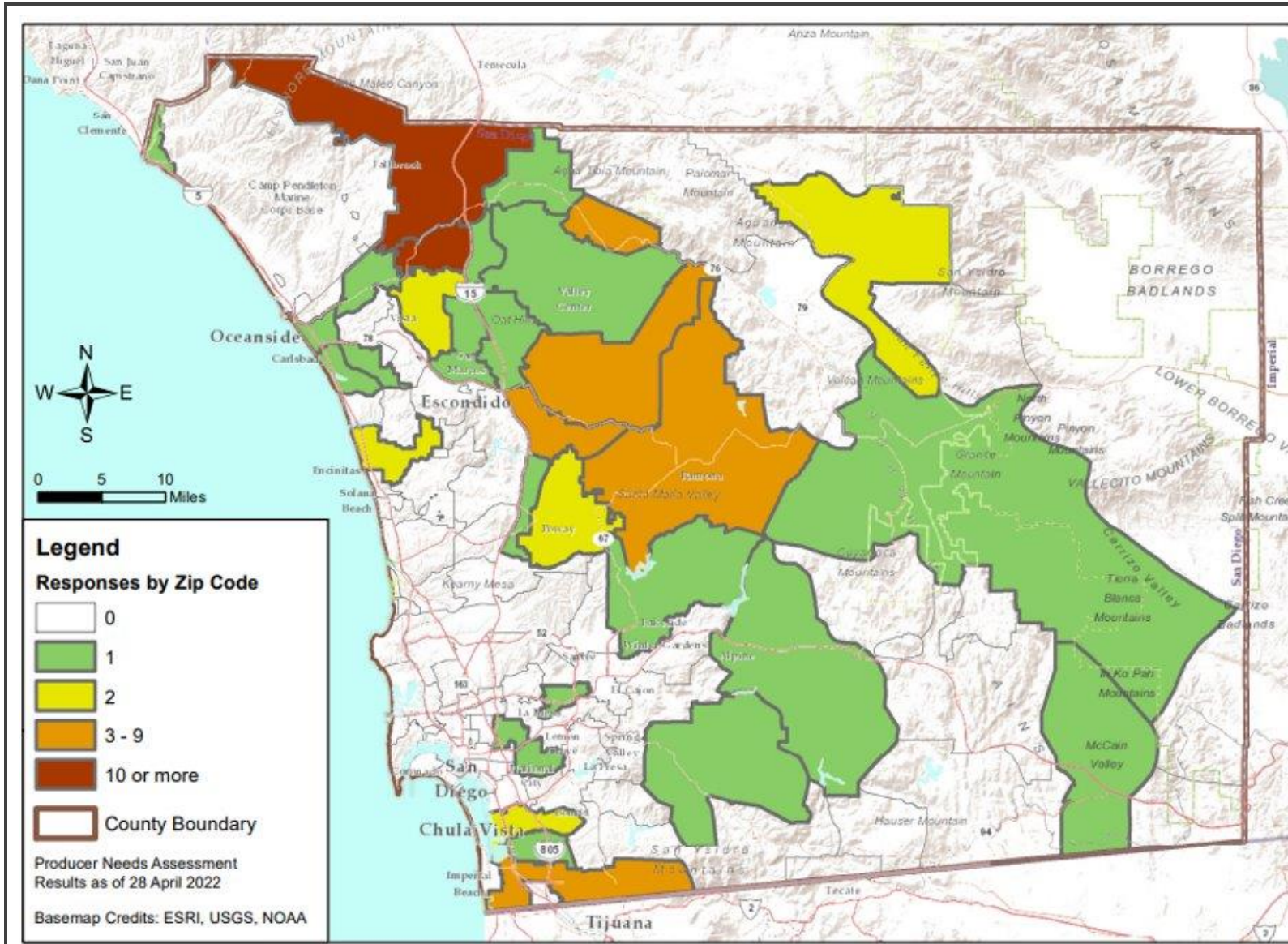
Listening Sessions

Feb 22nd from 11am – 1pm

- Lindo Lake Park, Lakeside
- 16 Producers

May 2nd from 9am – 11am

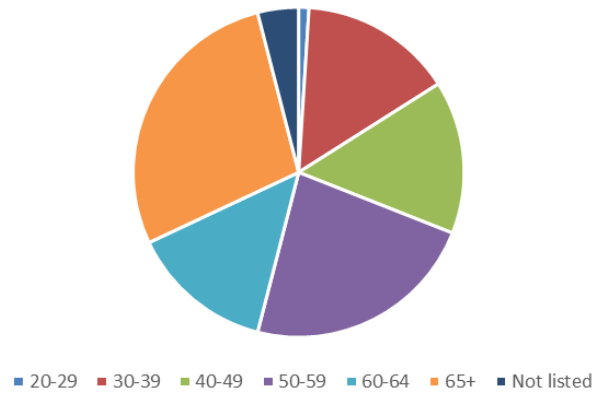
- SD Farm Bureau, Escondido
- 11 Producers



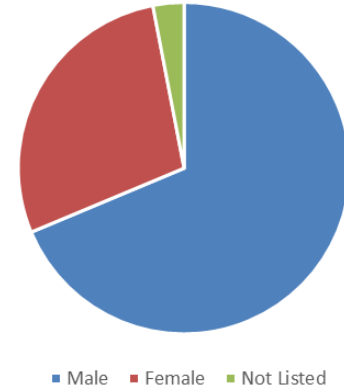
Results By Region

Demographics

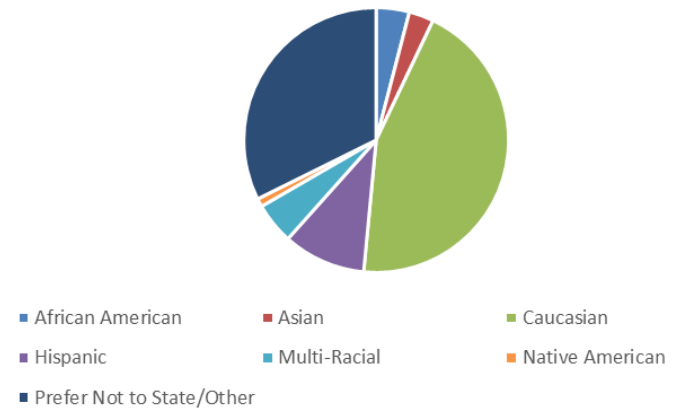
Producer Age



Producer Gender

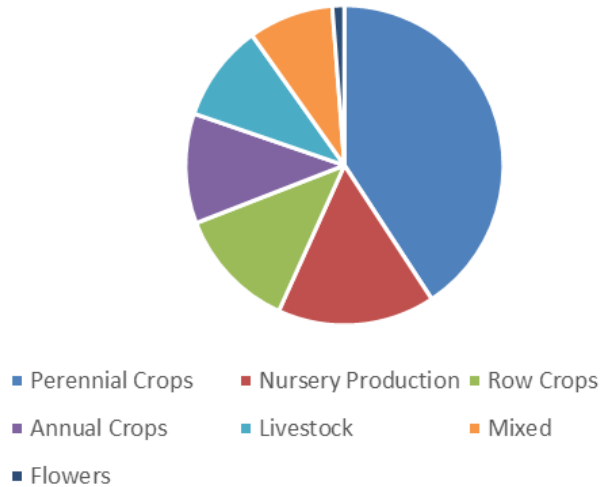


Producer Ethnicity

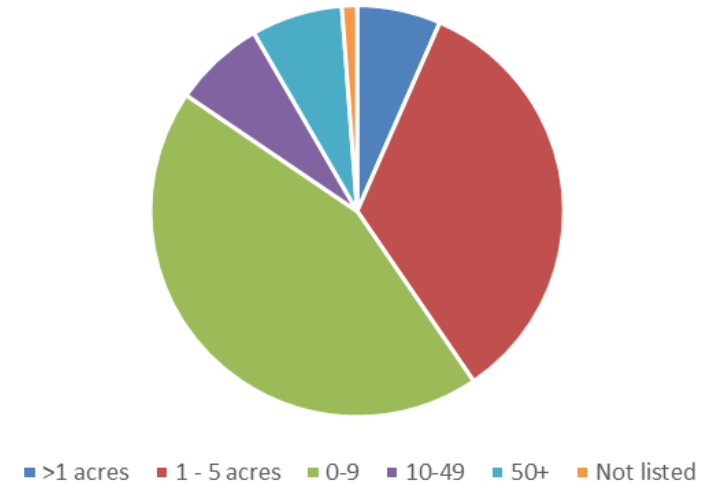


Demographics

Production Type



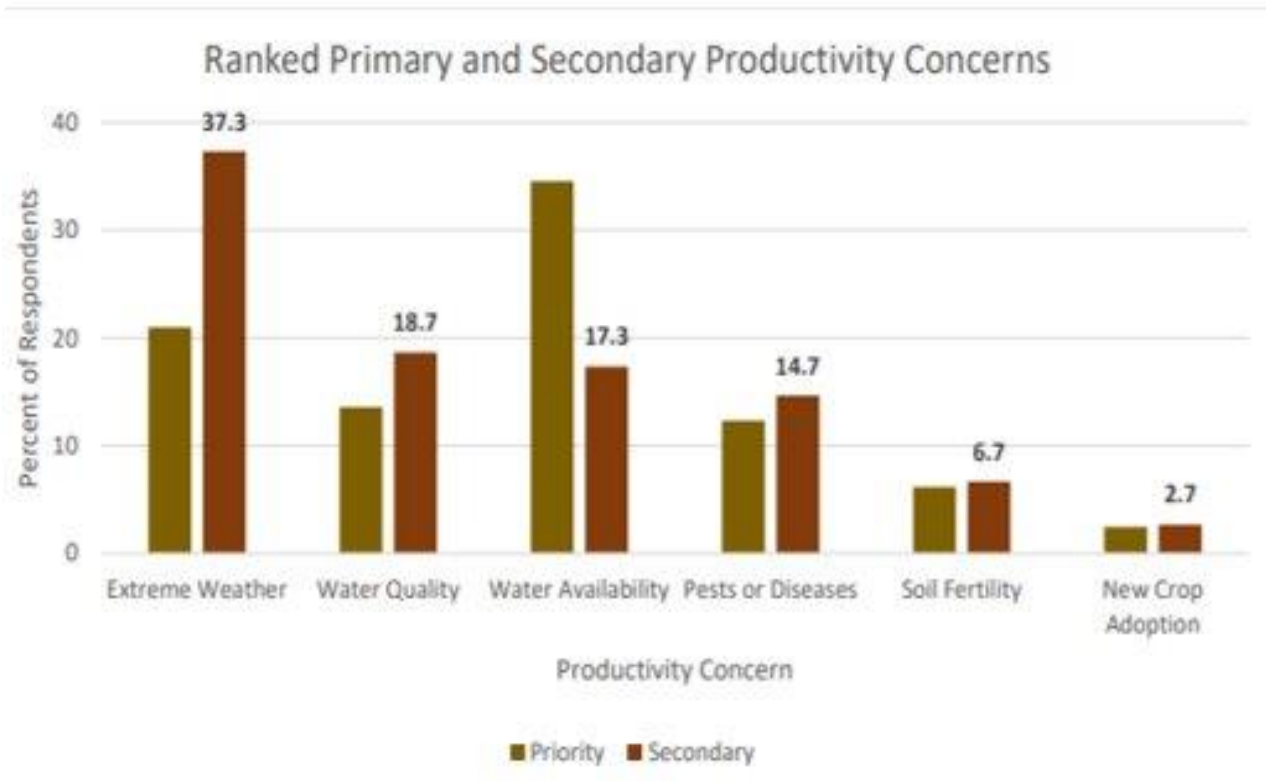
Operation Size



*Note that some operations have more than one type of production

Primary Production and Profitability Concerns

- Extreme Weather
- Water Availability
- Market Prices
- Input Costs
- Streamlining Regulations and Programs
- Labor Availability and Quality
- Land Costs and Access

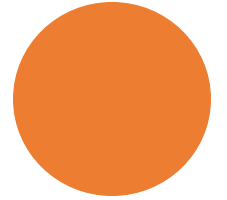


Extreme Weather

- Leading 1st and 2nd priority productivity concerns
- Regional programs addressing Extreme Weather
 - UCCE Agricultural Advisors
 - City of San Diego [Climate Action Plan](#)
 - County of San Diego
 - [Regional Decarbonization Framework](#)
 - Food Systems Alliance [Food Vision 2030](#)

Taking Qualitative Data into Consideration

- Farm Size
- Years in Ag
- Demographics

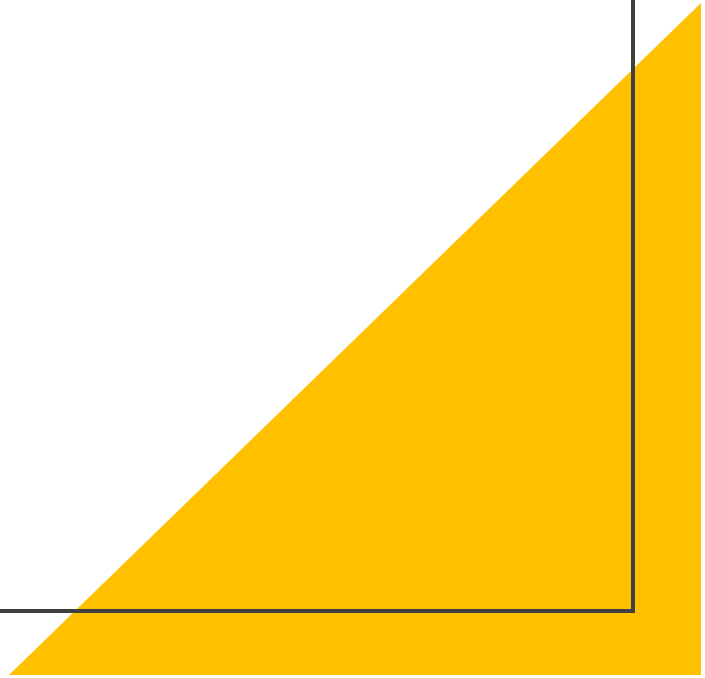


Land Access Program Highlights

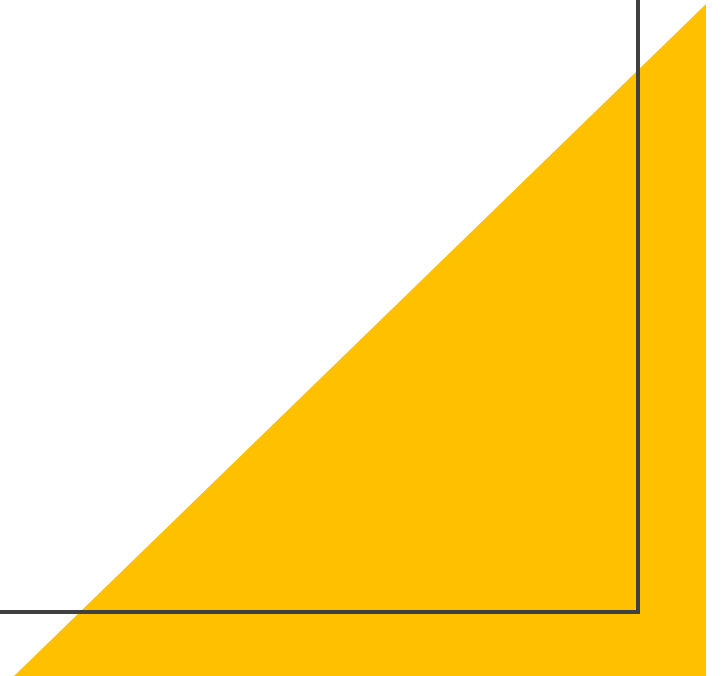
- Chandra Richards, UCANR, SALC Acquisition Program
- Priscilla Mumpower, SD LAFCO, Explaining Spheres of Influence
- Lance Criley, US Forest Service, Establishing Grazing Contracts
- Adam Wilson, San Diego County Agricultural Promotion Program



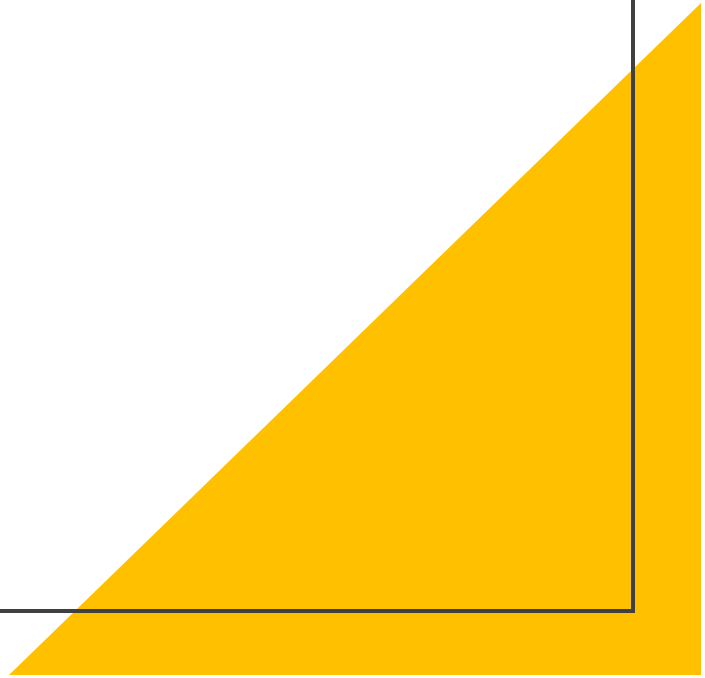
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RCD



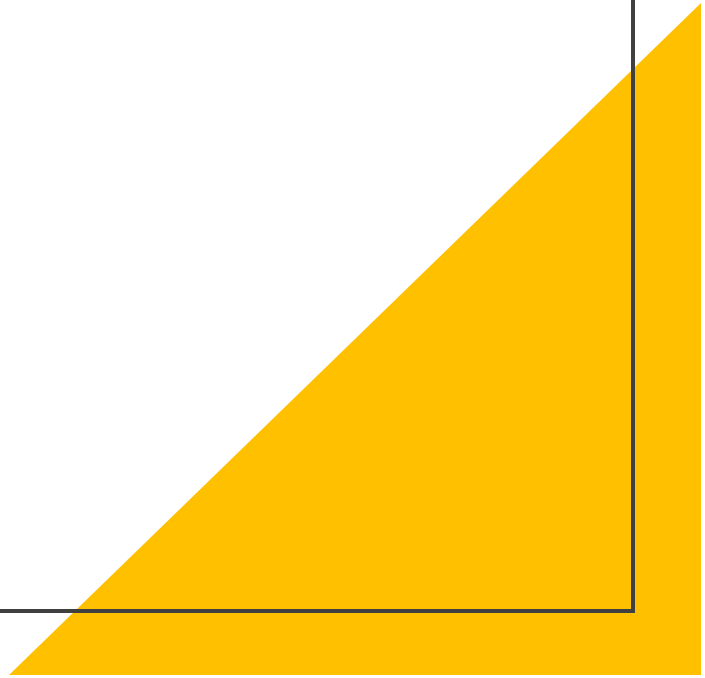
Crop Swap



City of
Escondido
Recycled
Water



SWEEP or
NRCS



San Diego County Agricultural Promotion Program

The revisions made it easier for the following Ag uses:

- Microbreweries
- Cheesemaking
- Dairy operations
- On-site food production
- Mobile Butchering
- Package and Processing
- On-site retail horticultural sales
- Animal raising
- Roadside sales
- Ag Tourism and Homestays
- Protect Ag lands consistent with County's General Plan