

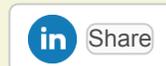
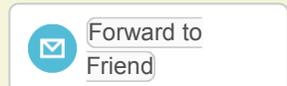


News from the California Climate & Agriculture Network

August 18, 2016

Breaking News: \$29 million recommended for on-farm water conservation

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) [announced yesterday](#) its recommendations for \$29 million for on-farm water conservation grants. It's exciting to see the list of recommended grant recipients, and we are especially pleased that considerable funding will be allocated to demonstration projects, technical assistance, and farmer training and outreach. This money provides a much-needed source of funding to complement the [SWEEP](#) water conservation program that currently does not fund technical assistance and outreach.



This funding comes from a 2014 voter-approved water bond (Proposition 1). CalCAN and our coalition partner Community Alliance with Family Farmers successfully advocated for the inclusion of \$100 million in the bond for urban and agricultural water conservation, and also made recommendations for designing the incentives program to allocate the funding for agriculture. On-farm water conservation measures have clear climate benefits in terms of reducing the amount of energy required to deliver water, as well as improved resilience to water scarcity. You can read more about CalCAN's efforts on this program by [clicking here](#).

More details on this exciting news will follow in an upcoming CalCAN blog—subscribe to our blog postings [on our website](#).



Share your input on CalCAN's 5th California Climate & Agriculture Summit!

Until Sept. 2nd, CalCAN is inviting proposals for workshops and poster presentations at our 5th California Climate and Agriculture Summit on February 28th and March 1st, 2017. The Summit explores the science, policy and practice of climate change and agriculture in California. Participants include farmers and ranchers, agency staff, agricultural professionals, policymakers and advocates.

We encourage you to send us your ideas and help shape the content of our next Summit!

[Click here](#) for more information.



Legislature Debates California Climate Change Investments, 2030 Road Map



CalCAN is a coalition of organic and sustainable agriculture organizations that advances policies to provide resources for climate-friendly farming practices. [Learn more...](#)

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Climate change is at the top of California's legislative agenda in these last two weeks of the 2016 session, which ends on Aug. 31st. Still pending are finalization of the state's climate change investments for the coming year and, most important, setting the road map for climate change policy in California beyond the year 2020.

For California agriculture, these decisions will impact whether or not there are resources available for the state's farmers and ranchers to address a changing climate. Given the latest agriculture and climate change news of [on-going drought](#) impacts and rising temperatures hurting [some crops](#), farmers and ranchers are weighing in, calling for support for programs like the [Healthy Soils Initiative](#).

Current law ([AB 32](#)) requires California to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 20 percent below 1990 levels by 2020. Senator Fran Pavley has proposed Senate Bill 32 (SB 32), which would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030. CalCAN supports the bill as it seeks to avoid the worst impacts of climate change by supporting a diversity of strategies that help develop renewable energy, energy efficiency and many of the "climate smart" agriculture programs we've advocated for over the years.

Stay tuned for an action alert on SB 32 early next week. We will be urging you to call your representatives and ask for their support on this critical climate bill.

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\$37.4 million Invested in Farmland Protection

Last week, the state's Strategic Growth Council (SGC) awarded \$37.4 million in project funding for the [Sustainable Agriculture Land Conservation \(SALC\) Program](#). This landmark climate change and agriculture program, administered by the Department of Conservation and overseen by the SGC, funds agricultural conservation easements to protect agricultural land from sprawl development and local governments projects to develop strategies and policies for long-term agricultural conservation – all with the aim of reducing greenhouse gas emissions associated with land use and vehicle miles traveled. Since 2015, SALC Program has invested over \$42 million in farmland conservation.

In this second year of the SALC Program, the SGC approved the [Department of Conservation's recommendations](#) to award one planning grant and 20

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agricultural conservation easements, permanently preserving nearly 19,000 acres of crop and rangeland in California. Two of the easements are located in disadvantaged communities where low-income residents are disproportionately impacted by pollution.

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CalCAN at the Podium

[California State Board of Food and Agriculture](#) — Jeanne Merrill, CalCAN's Policy Director, participated in a panel discussion with the Board to inform their priorities on the 2018 Farm Bill.

[Napa Valley Grapegrowers Organic Winegrowing Conference](#) — Renata Brillinger, CalCAN Executive Director, gave the keynote address to approximately 120 participants at the country's only organic winegrowing gathering in Napa.

[Soil Not Oil Conference](#) — Adam Kotin, CalCAN's Associate Policy Director, provided a California climate and agriculture policy update on August 5 in Richmond, CA.

[2nd California Adaptation Forum](#) — On Sept. 7th in Long Beach, Adam will join the American Farmland Trust and the Community Alliance for Agroecology on an interactive panel session called *Advancing Agricultural Resiliency, From the Ground Up*, exploring ways to translate state adaptation objectives into locally-relevant activities and policies to ensure a vibrant future for California's agricultural regions.

[UC Davis Agricultural Sustainability Institute video](#) — Renata is a speaker in this ASI promotional video sharing the Institute's values and our vision for the future, featuring the perspectives of partners and our students about the need for interdisciplinary, long term work on agricultural sustainability. The five-minute video can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kloKlZeUw7o&feature=youtu.be>



National Farmers Union Launches Climate Leaders

The National Farmers Union (NFU) has just launched its online '[Climate Leaders](#)' community for growers, educators, policymakers and others interested in climate change impacts on agriculture. Their website, Facebook group, and email list offer a growing set of resources and conversation starters on many of the issues CalCAN covers in our work.

Earlier this year, the NFU made the historic move to adopt a [special order of business](#) on climate change, calling on policymakers to support agricultural climate change solutions nationwide. We encourage you to check out the new '[Climate Leaders](#)' portal, share your experiences, and further the conversation!

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California Adaptation Forum

Long Beach, CA

September 7–8, 2016

The 2nd California Adaptation Forum will be the premiere convening for hundreds of multidisciplinary leaders, practitioners, and other key players, gathered to discuss, debate, and consider how we can most effectively respond to the impacts of climate change. It includes almost 40 panels, networking discussions and implementation workshops, covering 6 subject tracks. The Forum will feature:

- A series of plenaries with high-level government, business and community leaders
- A variety of breakout sessions on essential adaptation topics that reflect the diverse needs and challenges facing California
- Regional project tours highlighting adaptation efforts in Southern California
- Pre-forum workshops on tools and strategies for implementing adaptation solutions

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Use the discount code CAF16PPCCAN to receive \$25 off your registration before August 19th.

Cultivating Community: Land, Food, Health

Paicines Ranch of Paicines, CA

October 14–16, 2016

Holistic Management International invites you to beautiful Paicines Ranch in Paicines, California for our 2016 Gathering. Let's grow together through a field day at the innovative ranch, fine dining, farm-fresh local foods and

sessions on numerous health, food and sustainable topics that matter to you, making this an event you won't forget. Connect with innovative, solution-oriented and passionate farmers, ranchers, conservationists, authors, natural food/health professionals and our own Holistic Management community.

For more information and to register: <https://holisticmanagement.org/cc/>

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Rangeland Specialist

The Gold Ridge and Marin Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs) are seeking a highly skilled Rangeland Specialist and experienced professional to assist grazing operators and dairy producers with conservation planning, grazing plans and carbon farm plans. The Rangeland Specialist that will assist the RCDs in engaging agricultural producers as ecosystem stewards to provide on-farm ecological benefits, improve agricultural productivity and enhance agroecosystem resilience. The position will develop two countywide agricultural carbon sequestration programs with producer outreach, technical and economic support.

For more information:

<http://www.goldridgercd.org/documents/RangelandSpecialist.pdf>

For questions, please contact Brittany Jensen at Gold Ridge RCD (707) 823-5244.

Bay Area Open Space Council Positions

The Open Space Council, based in San Francisco, is a network of 65 nonprofits and public agencies that serve tens of millions of people each year; maintain thousands of miles of trails; produce delicious food; and steward over 1 million acres of publicly accessible parks. They are looking for two new team members:

- The [Development Manager](#) is an organized, resourceful and mission-driven professional with individual and foundation fundraising experience and strong communications skills.
- The [Community Engagement Coordinator](#) is out-going, tech-savvy, and detail-oriented, and is ready to jump in to support Outdoor Voice, the Open Space Conference, Gatherings, and Diversity/Inclusion efforts.

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