Farmer & Rancher Climate Leaders

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program Participants

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP), administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC), funds agricultural conservation easements and strategic planning grants for local governments to protect farm and ranch land at risk of development as a strategy to avoid future greenhouse gas emissions associated with transportation and urban development. More info is available on DOC’s website: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/SALCP/Pages/Index.aspx

CENTRAL VALLEY LAND TRUST

Contra Costa, San Joaquin & Merced Counties

Award Amount: $10,932,010

998 Acres Protected

“These properties are also near other conserved lands, creating larger swaths of farmland under protection for our next generations to reap the benefits.”

- Charlotte Mitchell

Executive Director

The Central Valley Land Trust has been awarded SALCP grants to fund permanent easements on four agricultural properties near Turlock, Stockton and Brentwood. This funding will ensure that family farmlands will stay forever protected from urban development and will continue to produce walnuts, sweet potatoes, vegetables and other crops. One of the farms is home to a nonprofit organization that offers educational programs and youth camps for the community, with plans to launch a beginning farmer incubator program. The easement projects were strategically selected to help form greenbelts on the edges of various growing cities.

The California Climate & Agriculture Network (CalCAN) is a statewide coalition that advances state and federal policy to realize the powerful climate solutions offered by sustainable and organic agriculture.