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Healthy Soils and SWEEP Grant Applications Open on Dec. 28th

In mid-October, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) revealed a new-and-improved online application for the Healthy Soils Program (HSP) and State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP). CalCAN recently learned that they will start accepting applications on Dec. 28 with a probable due date of Feb. 22, 2019.

There are a number of improvements compared to CDFA's prior application, including:

- The application is all on one-page with embedded links to take applicants to other websites they need to complete the application
- The application uses more drop-down selection menus
- The application will note areas that are required to successfully complete an application
- The application allows applicants to save and finish the application later, and allows for a technical assistance provider to access and work on the application on a farmers' behalf
- The application also allows applicants to revise their application after they have submitted it as long as it is before the application deadline

...of Proposition 53 (the funding cap for state capital projects at \$10 million of HSP's funding) and the Farmer Equity Act (AB 1348).

CalCAN will alert our network when the requests for proposals are available, so stay tuned!

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Help CalCAN Find our Next Policy Intern

CalCAN's policy intern will assist in policy coordination, working with our Policy Director and Policy Associate. Activities will include development of policy program materials; creation and implementation of research and writing projects; assisting with legislative tracking; and possible event coordination. The intern will also write blogs for our website and newsletter.

The four-month position starts in January 2019 and an average 15-hour commitment per week is required. The intern will be expected to participate in weekly in-person meetings in Sacramento or the East Bay with opportunities for joining additional meetings/events in Sacramento. Applications are due November 28, 2018. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Ambition Needed as State Considers New Climate Plan



Multiple wildfires are engulfing parts of Northern and Southern California, and the devastation has been among the worst of California's expanding wildfires. As the state battles intense fires, it is also considering how improved management of California's forests, wetlands, agricultural lands, urban forests and more can help the state meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals and improve our resiliency to rising temperatures and greater weather extremes. California will not be able to meet its ambitious climate goals without investing in natural and working lands climate strategies.

the state will update the Air Resources Board members on their efforts. CalCAN recently [signed on to letter](#) calling on the state to adopt a “130 by 30” climate plan for natural and working lands.

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CalCAN Summit: March 4 & 5, 2019

The 6th [California Climate & Agriculture Summit](#) kicks off on Mon., March 4th with tours of innovative, climate-friendly farms in the Yolo County area. On Tuesday, March 5th, we will convene for a day-long conference followed by a festive evening in celebration of 10 years of advocacy and leadership by CalCAN. Join us to:

- Explore the latest science, policy and practice of climate-friendly farming in California.
- Network with a diverse group of leading growers, researchers, policymakers, agricultural professionals and advocates.
- Engage in a robust dialogue about how we can work together to address climate change with farming-focused solutions.

Earlybird registration opens December 3rd, 2018. Discounted prices are available through January 15th, 2019. Past Summits have sold out well in advance, so buy your tickets early.

Become a Summit Sponsor

Join the list of supporting organizations of this unique event. Your sponsorship of the 2019 California Climate and Agriculture Summit identifies you as a partner of CalCAN. With your support, we will continue working to advance agricultural solutions to climate change. Benefits include admission to the Summit and featured promotion on marketing materials.

Click here to learn more about sponsorship opportunities or contact Lauren Lum, lauren@calclimateag.org (707) 329-6374.

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Farming Solution to International Audience

This article was originally published by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (RCD)

This September, Governor Jerry Brown held an international event in San Francisco to bring attention and renew commitment to solutions to the climate crisis. The Global Climate Action Summit touched on all sectors of society that send greenhouse gas emissions into the air. The California Department of Food and Agriculture hosted a two-day affiliate event in Sonoma County to highlight the role that working lands play in reversing the emissions of harmful greenhouse gases.

In the first day, agricultural producers, business leaders and policy makers from around the world gathered at La Crema Estate at Saralee's Vineyard in Windsor. Attendees learned about the need to scale up climate smart agricultural practices that cut greenhouse gas emissions, capture carbon from the atmosphere, and store it in the soil. Scaling up means that farmers and ranchers need partnership, investment, research and technical assistance to achieve the climate goals that the global community has established.

Partnerships were on display for day two of the event when attendees traveled to the coast to visit Ocean Breeze Dairy in Valley Ford and Stemple Creek Ranch in Tomales, CA. Ocean Breeze Dairy and the Gary Bordessa Dairy make up the multi-generational Bordessa Family Dairy, whose business model focuses on grass-fed, certified organic milk production. Jarrid and Jackie Bordessa, owners of Ocean Breeze Dairy, have decided to take their commitment to the land another step further. They recently partnered with the Gold Ridge RCD and the Carbon Cycle Institute to write a Carbon Farm Plan, a guiding document to managing carbon resources.

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Survey: Livestock & Poultry Producers Impacted by Fires

UC Davis, UC Berkeley and UC Ag and Natural Resources is conducting a survey to better understand the economic impact of fire events in livestock production in California. The Fire Impact and Risk Evaluation "FIRE" survey aims to:

- Model the economic impact of fire in livestock operations in California
- Quantify the threat and severity of economic losses that fire poses to livestock producers
- Identify potential actions that ranchers can take to reduce or mitigate their losses due to wildfires
- Inform policy makers and provide the foundations for future fire economic assessments, management and emergency response decisions.

The survey will take about 15-30 minutes to complete. [Find it here.](#)

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2018 Midterms: Outcomes and Impacts on Sustainable Agriculture

This is reposted from the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, of which CalCAN is a member.

With 435 House and 35 Senate races on the ballot yesterday, the 2018 midterms were closely watched across the nation – not least of all by advocates of sustainable agriculture. Before heading off to the campaign trail, Congress left two major ag agenda items dangling – the 2018 Farm Bill and the fiscal year (FY) 2019 appropriations bill – both

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Funding

Cultivating Change, the Greener Fields Together Due: December 15, 2018

A grant program that gives local farms funds to upgrade infrastructure, invest in food safety, implement sustainable technology, and continue to grow the food that nourishes America's communities. Farmers can apply for this grant in four different categories (certifications, marketing, infrastructure, and capacity building). Grant amounts up to \$30,000 will be funded on an annual basis to qualifying farmers and aggregators where produce production or aggregation makes up at least 50% of their business. To apply: <http://cultivatingchange.org/>

Jobs

CalCAN Policy Intern Apply by Nov. 28, 2018

The four-month position begins in January 2019, based in Sacramento or the East Bay. The policy intern assists with the following tasks: development of policy program materials; creation and implementation of research and writing projects; blog writing; assisting with legislative tracking; and possible event coordination. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

University of California at Davis
Assistant Professor of Agronomy and Agroecosystems
Apply by Dec. 1, 2018
Davis, CA
[See details here](#)

Greenbelt Alliance
CEO
San Francisco, CA
[See details here](#)

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Events

Healthy Soils Program Demonstration Project Field Days

Compost Application

November 17 • 8:30am – 3:30pm
1700 Old Stage Rd., Salinas, CA
Contact: Nathan Harkleroad •
nathan@albafarmers.org

Compost Application, Mulching, and Cover Crops

November 17 • 1:00 – 3:00pm
Tijuana River Valley Community Garden, 2100 Hollister Street, San Diego
Contact: Chandra Richards •
chandra.richards@rcdsandiego.org

Compost Application in Vineyards

November 29 • 9:00am – 12:00pm
Lohr Paso Robles Wine Center, 6169 Airport Rd., Paso Robles
Contact: Claire Balint • cfs@calpoly.edu

Cover Crop Management

November 29 • 9:00am – 12:00pm
Lohr Paso Robles Wine Center, 6169 Airport Rd., Paso Robles
Red Tail Vineyard, 6545 Estrella Rd., San Miguel
Contact: Andrew Johnson • andrew@us-ltrcd.org

Cover Crop and Riparian Forest Buffer

December 7 • 12:00 – 4:00pm
41758 Co. Rd. 112, Knights Landing
<https://lunchandlearnonthefarm.eventbrite.com>

Intensive/Rotational/Holistic Grazing on Small Acreage

December 12 • 9:00am – 2:00pm
Elkhorn Slough Reserve, 1700 Elkhorn Rd, Watsonville
Contact: Pam Krone • pam.krone@noaa.gov

Healthy Soils for Small Coastal Dairies

December 18 • 10:00am to 12:00pm
Valley Ford (Details provided upon RSVP)
Contact: William Hart • william@goldridgercd.org
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