Technical Assistance in CDFA GGRF Programs

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Alternative Manure Management Program (AMMP)—CDFA

- Launched 2018; $31 million spent on 57 projects
- $19-33 million for 2018-19

State Water Efficiency & Enhancement Program (SWEEP)—CDFA

- Launched 2014; $62.7 million spent on 614 projects
- $20 million for 2018-19

Healthy Soils Program—CDFA

- Launched 2017; $6.1 million spent on 112 projects
- $15 million for 2018-19

Sustainable Ag Lands Conservation Program—SGC/DOC

- Launched 2014; $124 million spent on 60 easements and 8 county grants
- More than 90,000 acres protected
CDFA Funding for Technical Assistance

- AB 2377 passed in 2018 (sponsored by CAFF and CalCAN)
- Allocates 5% of the three program budgets to TA
- Earmarks 25% for serving socially disadvantaged farmers
- Grants will cover outreach, project design & implementation, application support, reporting
- Three-year grants for up to $100,000 for Extension, RCDs and non-profits
CalCAN TA Recommendations

• 1. Implement the comprehensive definition of TA included in AB 2377
• 2. End the "per-application-submitted reimbursement" process for TA. Opt for a traditional grant system that achieves accountability and flexibility instead, similar to other TA programs for Climate Change Investment Programs.
• 3. Allow adequate indirect/overhead costs to be part of the grant
• 4. Maintain the $100,000 per year maximum grant award for all 3 years, regardless of gap years in any individual program’s funding
• 5. To ensure at least 25 percent of the grant program funds are used to provide TA to Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (SDFRs) (as required by AB 2377):
   – Establish clear expectations and outreach metrics
   – Require detailed outreach plans and staff/partner qualifications
   – Prioritize and provide additional support to TA providers working with a majority of SDFRs
   – Plan for the Farmer Equity Advisor to attend key gatherings of SDFRs in the state
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6. Support and facilitate the sharing of best management practices and outreach materials amongst TA providers through TA-provider led trainings
7. Allow joint applications from multiple TA providers for sharing TA staff and resources
8. Coordinate grant program guideline development and outreach with NRCS and other agencies funding Climate Smart Agriculture technical assistance and implementation