Connecting California’s Climate & Agriculture Policies to Equity

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How can we develop or strengthen policies that will aid in mitigation of climate change and protect the most vulnerable in our state?
Our audiences

- Growers
- Supervisors/trainers
- Farm labor contractors
- Farmworkers
- Community leaders

Total Reached
2016 - date
8000 +
2 Projects

• California Heat Illness Prevention
  • Interviews with growers
  • Focus groups with farmworkers
  • Field study
    • Weather monitoring
    • AM/PM measurements
    • Questionnaire

• Agriculture and Climate Change
  • Interviews with growers
  • Focus groups with farmworkers
Farmworker perspectives
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AB 1348 Farm Equity Act

• Acknowledges that socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers have historically not had equitable access to land, programs and resources necessary to farm in California.
• Recognizes that these farmers typically farm fewer acres but have a greater diversity of crops and also farm in urban, peri-urban and rural areas.
• Ensures the inclusion of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of food and agriculture laws, regulations, and policies and programs.
• Created Farm Equity Advisor position
Farm Equity Advisor

• Outreach and Communication to farmers: CDFA programs and other resources and programs
• Evaluation of current CDFA programs and resources to improve accessibility
• Coordination and training/support for non-profit organizations and other farmer groups who work with SDFR’s
• Involve farmers in CDFA policies, programs and boards
2019 Priorities and Approach