

# 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>

### AG LAND TRUST

Monterey County  
Award Amount: \$10,915,700  
2,034 Acres Protected



“The community values the open space and clean air in our region, and don’t want the area to turn into another Silicon Valley. Once farmland is paved over, it’s gone forever.”

- Sherwood Darington  
Managing Director

The Ag Land Trust in Monterey County was established in 1984 and in that time has put 85 agricultural easements in place on some of California’s most valuable irrigated farmland that produces strawberries, lettuce, broccoli, and more. Their 10 SALCP grants are located adjacent or within a few miles of the city limits of Salinas, Gonzales, Soledad and others, in an effort to direct urban growth away from farmland with high productivity and

land values. Most farmers in the area have been there for several generations and want to see the land stay in agriculture.

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.



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