

Voluntary Conservation and Land Management Assistance Workshop

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WELCOME!

We're excited to have you join us for the 5th annual Voluntary Conservation and Land Management Assistance Workshop! This is a regional workshop for property owners looking for funding or technical assistance on conserving their land, agricultural operations, land management best practices, and more.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide resources to:

- Assist landowners to enhance and maintain native plants and animals on their lands
- Aid in resource management for farmers
- Add biological and conservation value to current uses and practices
- Help landowners understand planning processes and receive technical assistance; and
- Increase knowledge of technical assistance and grant programs for landowners.

This workbook outlines each of the programs participating in this workshop, as well as additional resources that may be helpful to you.

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Getting Started with Evaluating Your Property

A simple planning guide for evaluating resources on your private lands.

- 1.** Get information about your property using the County's Initial Study Research Packet tool at www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/reports2
- 2.** Walk your property with resource concerns in mind – take a note pad and the aerial map from the Initial Study Research Packet. Look for erosion issues, non-native plants or invasive weeds, fire concerns like woody debris by structures, old trash dumps, and old fences that may tangle wildlife. Don't just look for problems also look for positive things about your property. Look for oak groves, views, native habitat, home for your animals, home for native animals, and natural water.
- 3.** When you return inside go over your notes and make a list of resource concerns, also list things that you like about your property (things you want to preserve, protect or support).
- 4.** Think about which, if any, of the things on your list you would like to improve or keep as they are (protect/support). It might be helpful to prioritize your list based on different factors.
Some things to consider as you prioritize items are: How important is it to you? Is it a safety concern? Is it something I can take action on without a lot of cost? How big of a job is it to accomplish?
- 5.** Based on your list of priorities, browse this workbook to determine if there are programs that could assist in accomplishing projects on your property.
- 6.** Choose one item on your list and commit to improving that item in 2026.

Good Job! Conservation and land management means keeping an eye on your property, learning about common resource concerns and issues, and then making a plan you can take action on.

Thanks for taking care of your property!

We hope that this guide has been helpful to you. If you have any suggestions on how to improve this planning guide, please send a note to Michael Blackmun at AgConser vation@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Section 1

Restoration Programs

Healthy Soils Program

Healthy Soils Program

DESCRIPTION:

Since 2018, the Healthy Soils Program (HSP) has helped California farmers and ranchers adopt sustainable practices that build soil carbon, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase soil health.



To better support local needs, HSP has transitioned to a Block Grant model.

Under this new structure:

1. *Regional Awards:* CDFA first awards block grants to regional partner organizations
2. *Local Applications:* Once these partners are selected, they will open and administer their own application processes for local growers
3. *Direct Support:* These regional partners will work directly with producers to fund and oversee on-farm projects

Timeline: CDFA will announce the awarded Block Grant Recipients in 2027. Following that announcement, eligible producers will apply for funding directly through the partner organizations in their area.

TYPES OF PRACTICES:

Commonly funded practices include: Compost application, mulching, cover cropping, hedgerow establishment, range planting, reduced/no-till

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

California farmers and ranchers, agricultural businesses and entities, California Native American Tribes

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

- \$150,000 with a \$75,000 cap per practice
- Producers are paid based on fixed rates after practices have been successfully implemented

HOW TO APPLY:

Information on where to apply and when to apply will be listed on CDFA's website listed below.

CONTACT(S):

Michael Jaquez, mtjaquez@ucanr.edu
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/healthysoils/>

Section 2

Conservation & Sustainability Programs

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Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program



DESCRIPTION:

The County of San Diego's Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program supports local agriculture by preventing agricultural lands from being developed for other uses. Agricultural property owners receive a one-time payment from the County for voluntarily placing an easement on their property. As a result, the agricultural land is preserved for continued agricultural use for future generations.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Be zoned A70 – Limited Agriculture, A72 – General Agriculture, RR – Rural Residential, S90 – Holding Area, or S92 – General Rural; and
- Have been actively farmed and/or ranched for a minimum of two years immediately prior to applying

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Planning & Development Services receives General Fund appropriations each year for the acquisition of PACE easements and implementation of Climate Action Plan Measure A-3.1 Typically, 5-8 properties are selected to receive an easement each year.

HOW TO APPLY:

The PACE Program accepts applications year-round. Applications are ranked and selected for participation in the spring of each year. You can fill out an application by visiting our website at the link below.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Continuous, submit by April 30, 2026 to be included in the 2026 application cycle.

CONTACT(S):

Michael Blackmun, AgConservation@sdcounty.ca.gov, (858) 505-6677
www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/PACE

Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation (SALC) Easement Grants



DESCRIPTION:

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) utilizes funding through California's Cap-and-Trade system to protect critical agricultural lands that are at risk of conversion to more energy intensive uses. Protecting these lands promotes smart growth within existing jurisdictions, ensures open space remains available, supports agricultural and tribal food systems, promotes biodiversity and soil health, and helps sequester climate change-causing emissions.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Cities, Counties, California Native American Tribes, 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organizations, Resource Conservation Districts, Regional Park or Open-Space Districts or Authorities

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

SALC Acquisition grant awards offer up to 90% of the appraised easement value, or 100% funding available to projects demonstrating meaningful benefits to a priority population; also, up to \$60,000 for real estate

HOW TO APPLY:

Reach out to the Department of Conservation for technical assistance support and the Round 11 guidelines, which includes sample pre-proposal, full application, and grant agreement documents and also other helpful resources. DOC SALC page:

<https://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/grant-programs/SALCP>

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Pre-proposals are due on May 14th, 2026, and full applications are due in July 2026.

CONTACT(S):

Department of Conservation, salcp@conservation.ca.gov

Zero-Emission Equipment Voucher Program



DESCRIPTION:

The County of San Diego’s Zero-Emission Equipment Voucher Program supports the transition to cleaner, zero-emission equipment in the unincorporated area. This program will offer incentives to explore electric alternatives to gas- or diesel-powered equipment for landscaping, construction, and agriculture. By making it easier to adopt cleaner technology, the program helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and support the County’s Climate Action Plan.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

San Diego unincorporated area residents, business owners, and agricultural producers

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Vouchers will reduce the up-front cost of new zero-emission or electric equipment, including mowers, trimmers, utility vehicles, and more.

HOW TO APPLY:

Information will be communicated on the program webpage (link below).

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Information will be communicated on the program webpage (link below).

CONTACT(S):

Jessica Audelo, jessica.audelo@sdcounty.ca.gov

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/projects/evp.html>

Sustainable Operations in Land Stewardship (SOILS) Program



DESCRIPTION:

The County of San Diego's SOILS Program offers funding to agricultural producers and ranchers to implement climate smart land practices in the unincorporated area of San Diego County. Climate smart land practices, like planting cover crops or applying compost, help capture and store carbon in the soil while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, supporting the County's [Climate Action Plan](#). These practices also improve soil health, boost water retention, and increase crop production.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Farmers and ranchers with operations located in the unincorporated area of San Diego

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Information will be communicated on the SOILS Program webpage (link and QR Code below).

HOW TO APPLY:

Information will be communicated on the SOILS Program webpage (link and QR Code below).

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Information will be communicated on the SOILS Program webpage (link and QR Code below).

CONTACT(S):

Amanda Appel, amanda.appel@sdcounty.ca.gov
<https://tinyurl.com/SOILS-Program>



Water Efficiency and Technical Assistance Program



DESCRIPTION:

Mission Resource Conservation District offers the Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) Program, providing free irrigation evaluations to help agricultural producers improve water use and system efficiency. Services include free soil tests, water tests, and pump efficiency testing, along with technical recommendations and connections to potential funding opportunities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Agricultural producers located within Mission RCD's service area and TEAM RCD's district in Southern Riverside County.
- Farms with active irrigation systems (including those using well water)
- Growers interested in improving irrigation efficiency and water management practices

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

- This program provides free irrigation evaluations, soil tests, water tests, pump efficiency tests and technical assistance.
- Participants will be connected to additional funding through partners such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for irrigation improvements and farm upgrades

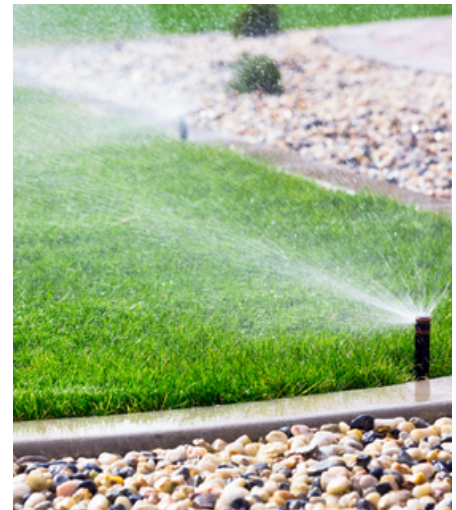
HOW TO APPLY:

Call or email Mission RCD to schedule an appointment.

CONTACT(S):

Mission RCD : Mia Lorence, appointments@missionrcd.org, (760) 728-1332

Waterscape Rebate Program



DESCRIPTION:

The County of San Diego Waterscape Rebate Program helps residents, businesses and agricultural producers living in the unincorporated areas of San Diego County get cash rebates for water-saving improvements.

Turf Replacement: Replace your turf with drought-tolerant landscaping & a rain saving landscape feature.

Native Plants: Receive an extra \$1/sq. ft. to install native plants on all or part of your Turf Replacement project.

Rain-Saving Rebates: Capture rainwater and direct it to Rain-Saving Containers for later use on your plants and/or to Rain-Saving Gardens to manage rainwater in your yard.

Landscape Optimization Services: Get personalized assistance to transform unused turf areas in your large, commercial landscape.

Smart Irrigation Controllers: Install smart irrigation controllers to water plants more efficiently and conveniently.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Properties in unincorporated San Deigo County

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Rebate amounts depend which water-saving improvements you choose to install.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit an interest form and we'll follow up with free support.

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/watersheds/RebatesIncentives/InterestForm.html>

CONTACT(S):

info@waterscaperebates.com, 619-777-9071

Septic Rebate Program



DESCRIPTION:

The County of San Diego Waterscape Rebate Program is offering rebates for having your septic system serviced after completing a brief online training.

The training covers proper septic maintenance, how regular maintenance can prevent system failures, what to look for in the event of a failure, how septic systems relate to water quality, and information on additional resources.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Septic system located on a property in the unincorporated County of San Diego.
- Only County-approved septic pumpers are eligible for rebate program participation

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

\$100 per service (one septic system per parcel)

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit the Septic Rebate Program website by clicking the link in the contact section

1. Verify County Eligibility
2. Watch the County's Septic System Training Video
3. Apply for your rebate pre-approval

CONTACT(S):

Watershed.Rebates@sdcounty.ca.gov

www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/watersheds/RebatesIncentives/SRP.html

Compost Connector



DESCRIPTION:

Zero Foodprint's Compost Connector ensures that compost produced in California is directed where it's needed most: to farms and ranches building healthy soil. Adding compost to soil can increase nutrient availability, water retention, and carbon sequestration, and ZFP makes it easy and affordable for growers to purchase more compost for less.

Apply to Compost Connector to be eligible for a rebate on an upcoming compost purchase from a ZFP-approved facility. With no deadline to apply, applicants can claim rebates throughout the growing season, contingent on available program funding.

Zero Foodprint Approved Facilities: <https://bit.ly/ZFP-Approved>

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any rancher or farmer interested in purchasing compost procured from a Zero Foodprint approved facility.

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Compost Connector currently makes funding available on the first Thursday of each month at approximately 9:30 AM (PT). Funds are awarded on a first come, first serve basis.

HOW TO APPLY:

Apply online at <https://www.zerofoodprint.org/compost>

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

No application deadline.

CONTACT(S):

Jami Witek: jami@zerofoodprint.org



Zero Foodprint

SD Compost Voucher Program



DESCRIPTION:

The San Diego Compost Voucher Program is funded by the County of San Diego to support compliance with SB1383 organic waste procurement requirements. Through this program, eligible growers and landscapers receive vouchers that provide a per-cubic-yard discount on the purchase of compliant compost or mulch from participating facilities.

Key Program benefits:

- Financial incentive for customers purchasing SB1383-compliant compost and mulch.
- Supports soil health and sustainable land management.
- Helps jurisdictions meet state-mandated procurement target.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Agricultural compost users with a property address within the unincorporated County of San Diego.

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

The voucher provides a \$7.20 per cubic yard discount on a maximum of 1,500 cubic yards. Vouchers are valid for 45 days from the date of issue.

HOW TO APPLY:

Apply online at <https://www.zerofoodprint.org/sd-compost-voucher-program>

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

All compost must be purchased by August 20th, 2026. Funding for this program is limited, and vouchers will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

CONTACT(S):

Jami Witek: jami@zerofoodprint.org



Zero Foodprint

Restore Grants



DESCRIPTION:

Across our country, farmers and ranchers are restoring Earth's climate by re-storing emissions as healthy, carbon-rich soil. Regenerative farming practices like composting, cover cropping, and managed grazing can restore life to our soil while removing carbon from the atmosphere.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Farmers and ranchers in California, Washington, Oregon, and Colorado can apply.

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

The next application round will open in Fall of 2026, offering up to \$25,000 to implement farm practices that sequester carbon on their land.

HOW TO APPLY:

Applications open in the fall of 2026 online at <https://www.zerofoodprint.org/apply>

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Applications are currently closed and will reopen Fall 2026.

CONTACT(S):

Alana Williams: alana@zerofoodprint.org

<https://www.zerofoodprint.org/farming-community>



Zero Foodprint

Irrigation System Evaluations



DESCRIPTION:

This program offers free and technical support to help farming operations become as water efficient as possible.

The irrigation technicians conduct comprehensive on-site evaluations to assess the performance of existing drip and sprinkler systems. By measuring pressure and flow, we determine Distribution Uniformity (DU) and use these calculations to identify practical opportunities to improve irrigation efficiency.

The evaluation provides growers with a clear understanding of how effectively their system is operating. Based on the findings, we offer recommendations to enhance system performance and refine irrigation scheduling to improve water use. Implementing these recommendations can help reduce operating costs, conserve water resources, and improve crop productivity.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Any farming operation in the service area of the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County or Upper San Luis Rey. Apply below to find out if you qualify!

HOW TO APPLY:

<https://www.rcdsandiego.org/irrigation-efficiency>

CONTACT(S):

Liz Valdez, Irrigation Program Coordinator
Elizabeth.Valdez@RCDsandiego.org



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State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP)

DESCRIPTION:

The State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP) provides financial assistance for California farmers and ranchers to make improvements to existing irrigation systems. These projects save water, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve irrigation efficiency.

To better support local needs, SWEEP has transitioned to a Block Grant model.

Under this new structure:

1. *Regional Awards:* CDFA first awards Block Grants to regional partner organizations
2. *Local Applications:* Once these partners are selected, they will open and administer their own application processes for local growers
3. *Direct Support:* These regional partners will work directly with producers to fund and oversee on-farm projects

Timeline: CDFA will announce the awarded Block Grant Recipients in 2027. Following that announcement, eligible producers will apply for funding directly through the partner organizations in their area.

COMMON PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- Well pump replacements or retrofits, VFD installation, soil moisture sensors, irrigation automation, on-farm renewable energy (Solar)

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- California farmers and ranchers, agricultural businesses and entities, California Native American Tribes

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

- Up to \$200,000

HOW TO APPLY:

Information on where to apply and when to apply will be listed on CDFA's website listed below.

CONTACT(S):

Michael Jaquez, mtjaquez@ucanr.edu
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oars/sweep/>



Section 3

Planning Programs

Working Lands for Pollinators

Working Lands for Pollinators



DESCRIPTION:

In partnership with Partners for Fish & Wildlife, Point Blue Conservation Science, Earth Discovery Institute and NRCS, we are offering technical assistance and funding to expand pollinator habitat conservation/restoration on working lands. This opportunity will involve a site assessment to provide producers with information and resources for adding pollinator habitat to their lands, which includes helping them to identify areas on their farms/ranches for establishing habitat, assisting them with planning, and connecting them with funding opportunities.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Farmer
- Rancher
- Agricultural Production (including agrotourism)
- Community Gardens

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Technical Assistance for interested folks and possible funding opportunities for implementation of on-farm/ranch pollinator habitat projects (ex: planting a hedgerow, windbreak, wildlife planting,)

HOW TO APPLY:

Connect with the pollinator team at Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego to set up a site visit and see if you are a candidate for technical assistance and/or funding.

DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Ongoing, site visits in the summer for fall implementation

CONTACT(S):

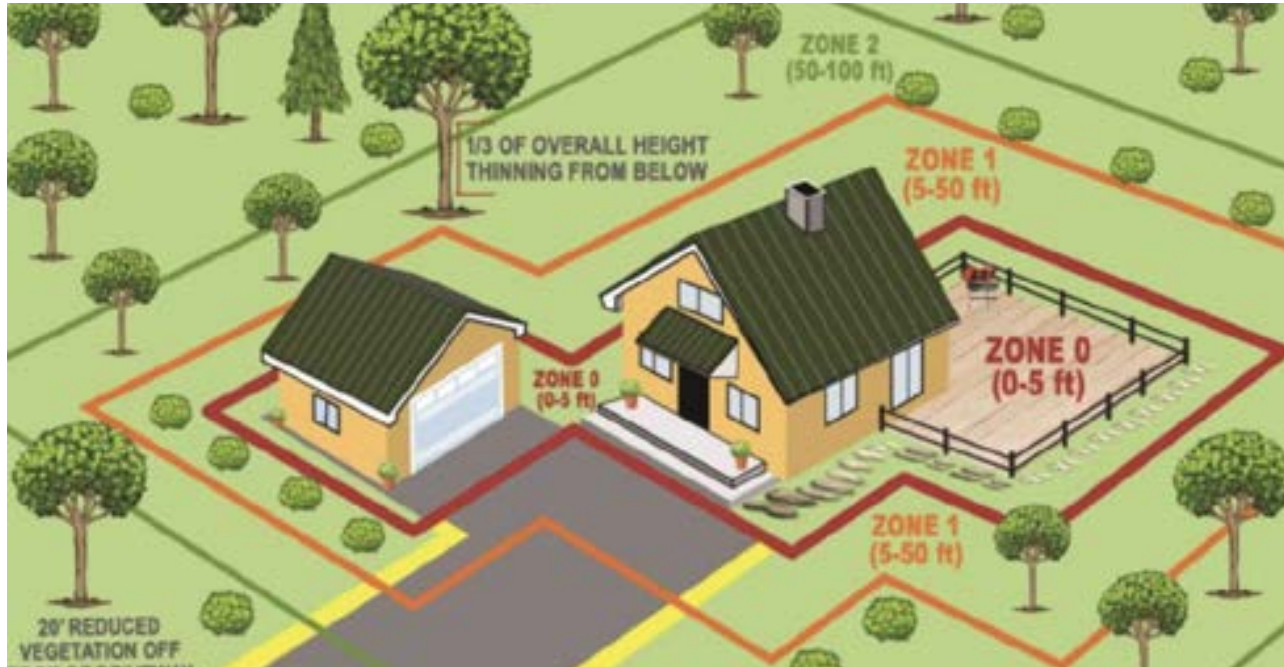
Elizabeth Cuadras Garcia, Agriculture Programs Coordinator
elizabeth.garcia@rcdsandiego.org | (619) 562-0096 x 202

Section 4

FireSafetyPrograms

Home Assessment Program

Home Assessment Program



DESCRIPTION:

The Fire Safe Council of San Diego County is now offering FREE home ignition zone and defensible space assessments. Available in select communities, our Home Assessment Program provides an overview of home hardening, defensible space, and fire-wise landscaping options. Through this program, our assessors will provide you with our top recommendations to improve your defensible space and home hardening measures, and refer you to programs to help you meet your wildfire resilience goals.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Assessments are available to residents in our service area, which changes each year. Check the link below to see if your home is in our current service area.

AVAILABLE FUNDING:

Technical assistance from trained staff to provide recommendations, educational resources, and program referrals that can help you meet your wildfire resilience goals.

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit the Home Assessment Program website at www.firesafesdcounty.org/hap to find out when assessments are available in your area and to apply.

CONTACT(S):

Morgan Dioli, morgan.dioli@rcdsandiego.org, 619-562-0096
firesafe@rcdsandiego.org

Section 5

Other Assistance Programs

Agricultural Water Quality Program
Audubon Conservation Ranching Program
Become an Organic Grower
California Agricultural Mediation Program
California Farm Bureau Federation Mentorship Program
California FarmLink
Community Alliance with Family Farmers Programs
Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees & Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)
Emergency Conservation Program
Emergency Loan Program
Farm Operating and Ownership Loans
Healthy Soils Program Assistance
Integrated Pest Control Program
Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)
Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program
Organic Materials Recycling Assistance
Pest Exclusion and Pest Detection Programs
Private Resource Management Plan Program
UC Integrated Pest Management

Agricultural Water Quality Program

The County of San Diego Agricultural Water Quality Program (AWQ) helps to ensure that our waterways are protected by preventing pollutants from commercial agricultural businesses from entering the County's storm drain system.

CONTACT(S): AWQ.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov

WEBSITE: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/ag_water.html

Audubon Conservation Ranching Program

The purpose of Audubon's Conservation Ranching Program is to stabilize declining grassland bird populations in partnership with ranchers and land managers. Through the voluntary Audubon bird-friendly land certification, ranchers are connected to technical assistance for bird-friendly management practices and consumer demand for environmental sustainability and healthy food.

WEBSITE: <https://ca.audubon.org/conservation/conservation-ranching>

Become an Organic Grower

To ensure organic integrity of organic products grown, packaged, and/or sold in San Diego County. We do this through random inspections at all locations where organic product is grown, stored, or sold and through random sampling for pesticide residue analysis.

CONTACT(S): sdcawm@sdcounty.ca.gov

WEBSITE: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/organic.html

California Agricultural Mediation Program

The California Agricultural Mediation Program is a free mediation service to the agricultural community within the Environmental Mediation Center, which administers agricultural and environmental public policy projects, dispute resolution programs, and mediation cases. Their agricultural mediation program specifically focuses on contracts, farm management, labor, certification, interpersonal disputes, succession planning, and related financial issues (loans, leases, insurance). It is certified by both CDFA and USDA.

CONTACT(S): Mary Campbell, SoCal Program Coordinator, maryc@emcenter.org,
(916) 330-4500 ext.103

WEBSITE: <https://emcenter.org/calamp/>

California Farm Bureau Federation

California Farm Bureau Federation protects the state's farming and ranching legacy and heritage. Their Expanding our Roots Program is a beginning farmer and rancher mentorship service that provides no-cost mentoring from experienced growers to facilitate knowledge transfer.

CONTACT(S): Tyler Rood, troad@cfbf.com, (916) 956-4266

WEBSITE: cfbf.com/EOR

California FarmLink

California FarmLink helps farmers and ranchers find land opportunities. By registering with us, landseekers and landholders can learn about each other and establish relationships that can result in good land tenure. Our Land Portal is an online community to help people seeking land. It is a bilingual English-and-Spanish tool that connects people, facilitates access to land, and provides a gateway for getting assistance with land leases and other agreements.

WEBSITE: <https://www.californiafarmlink.org/>

Community Alliance with Family Farmers

The Community Alliance with Family Farmers builds sustainable farming and food systems through programs, policy advocacy, and events toward the support of California farmers and communities. They offer programs connecting farmers to services, markets, and resources, promoting ecological farming practices, and ensuring operational resilience through food safety and wildfire protection.

CONTACT(S): ElizabethVaughan, evaughan@caff.org, (619) 333-8412
KeelyCervantes, keely@caff.org, (619) 721-3109

WEBSITE: <https://caff.org/programs/>

Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

This program pays a yearly rental payment in exchange for farmers removing environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and planting species that will improve environmental quality. Continuous CRP runs from March 20 to May 1, 2026

WEBSITE: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/conservation/conservation-reserve-program>

Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honey Bees & Farm-Raised Fish (ELAP)

Program provides financial assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm raised fish for losses due to disease, certain adverse weather events as determined by the Secretary. Includes assistance for feed transportation costs.

WEBSITE: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/disaster-recovery/emergency-assistance-livestock-honeybees-farm-raised-fish-elap>

Emergency Conservation Program

This program provides funding to assist farmers and ranchers repair damage to farmlands caused by natural disasters and to help put in place methods for water conservation during severe drought.

WEBSITE: www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/emergency-conservation/index

Emergency Loan Program

Eligible farmers and ranchers who own or operate land in a county declared by the President or Secretary of Agriculture as a primary disaster area can apply for fully collateralized loans to restore or replace essential farm property due to a disaster. Borrowing limited to 100% of actual production or physical losses to a maximum of \$500K.

WEBSITE: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/emergency-farm-loans>

Farm Operating and Ownership Loans

Eligible farmers and ranchers may apply for loans up to \$600K to cover operating expenses (purchase of livestock, equipment, etc.) and/or purchase farm real estate or make capital improvements to farm. Operating loan terms up to 7 years; ownership terms up to 40.

WEBSITE: www.fsa.usda.gov/farmloans

Healthy Soils Program Assistance

The Solana Center for Environmental Innovation offers workshops and technical assistance to those applying for Healthy Soils Program grants from the state. Healthy Soils Program assistance is available for any applicants in San Diego County.

CONTACT(S): HSP@solanacenter.org

WEBSITE: <https://solanacenter.org/healthy-soils-program/>

Integrated Pest Control

Program

The Integrated Pest Control program works to control invasive and noxious weeds within region. Invasive weeds establish populations that result in uncontrolled growth that can cause economic and environmental problems such as increased wildfire fuel loads, potential harm to local agriculture, and threaten endangered species and habitats.

CONTACT(S): IPC.AWM@sdcounty.ca.gov

WEBSITE: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/ipc.html

Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP)

Program provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather or attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government. Payments are equal to 75% of avg. fair market value of livestock.

WEBSITE: www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-indemnity/index

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program

This program provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters.

WEBSITE: <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/resources/disaster-recovery/noninsured-disaster-assistance-program-nap>

Organic Materials Recycling Assistance

The County's Organic Materials Recycling Assistance Program helps landowners, businesses, and institutions with on-site composting and other organic materials management options. Resources are available for small to medium scale projects as well as to large, industrial scale composting operations. Aid may include technical assistance with operational planning, design, permitting and troubleshooting. An updated ordinance now makes it easier than ever to accept offsite organics for composting. The County is particularly interested in assisting farms and ranches to accept and compost horse and livestock manures.

CONTACT(S): Steve Weihe, Recycling@sdcounty.ca.gov, (805) 694-2456

WEBSITE: www.sandiegocounty.ca.gov/content/sdc/dpw/recycling/businessrecycling.html

Pest Exclusion and Pest Detection Programs

Pest Exclusion is the first line of defense in keeping out unwanted pests. Inspections are performed on plant shipments coming into and leaving San Diego County in addition to annual inspections of production nurseries to look for damaging pests. The Pest Detection program looks for exotic insects in over 9,000 traps that are placed in residential yards throughout the County for this purpose. Early detection allows eradication efforts to begin before pests multiply and spread, becoming economically and technically impossible to control.

CONTACT(S): Travis Elder, Travis.Elder@sdcounty.ca.gov;
Jasmine Lopez, Jasmine.Lopez@sdcounty.ca.gov

WEBSITE: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/pest_det.html
www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/awm/ppq.html

Private Resource Management Plan Program

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WEBSITE: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/mscp.html

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