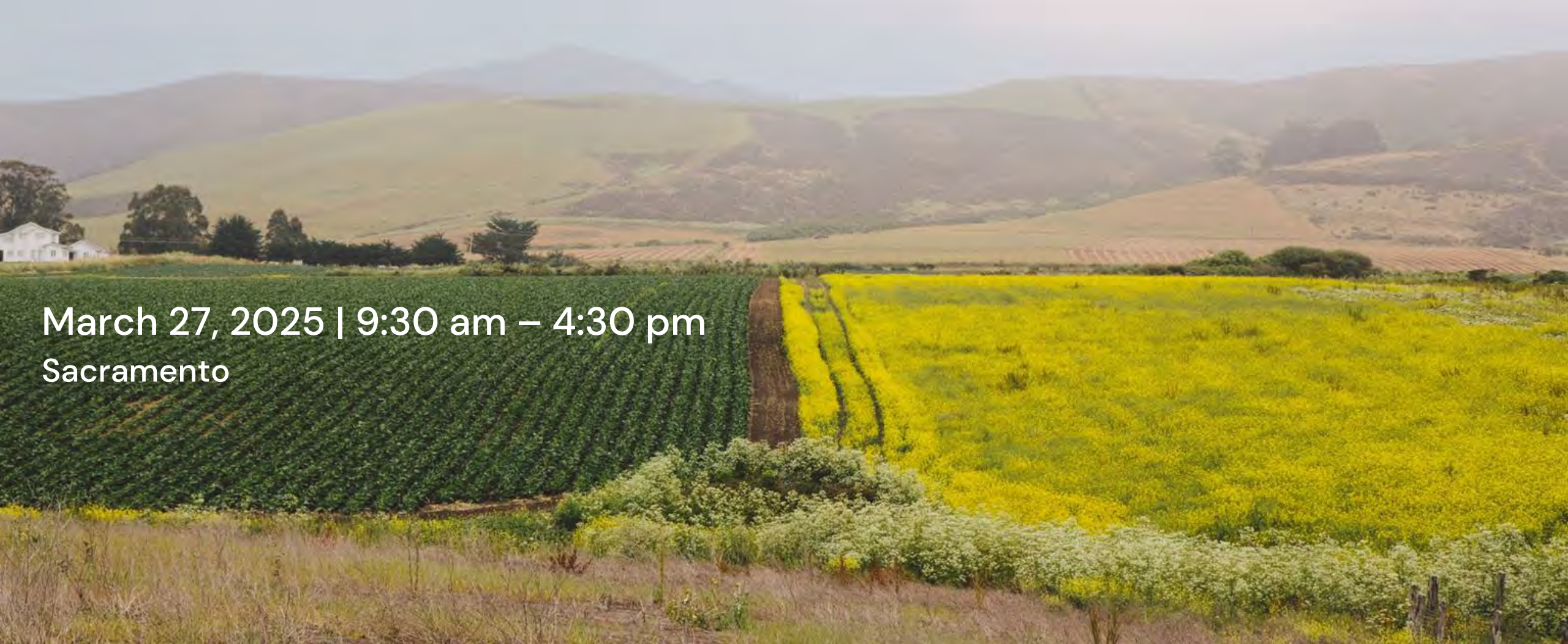


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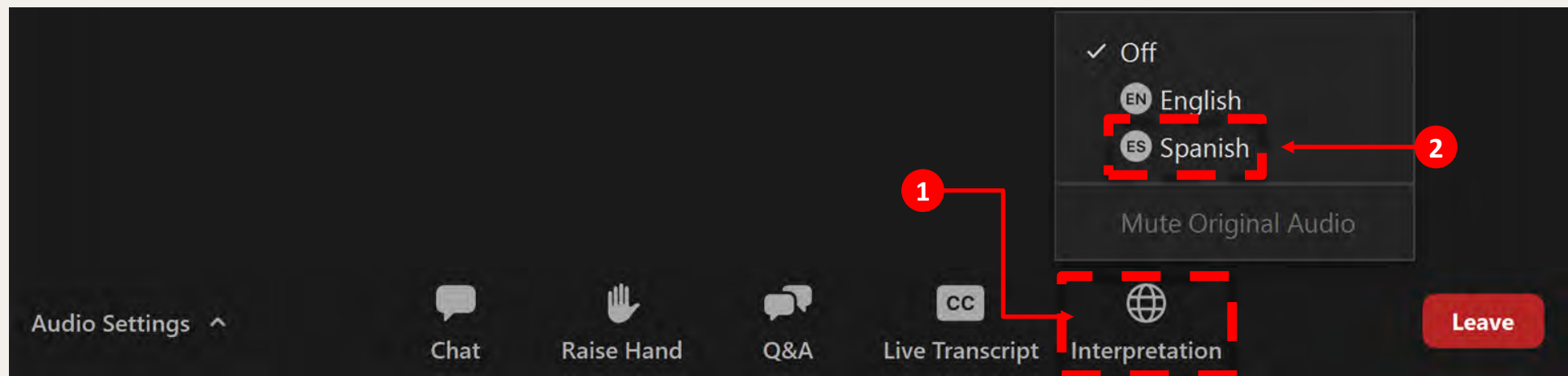
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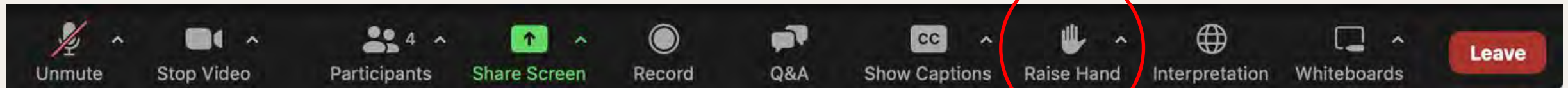
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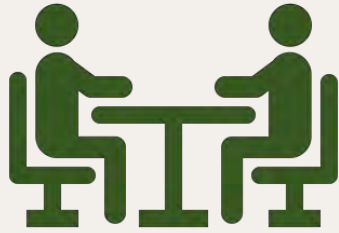
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Participation Guidelines



**Share, Listen,
Learn**



**Respect Different
Perspectives**



Stay on Point

Role Call

Welcome Remarks

Agenda Review

Thursday, March 27, 2025:

- Approval of Meeting Summary from 2.12/13.2025
- Staff Report
- Working Sessions:
 - Advance development of draft report concepts
 - Work Planning
- Action: Meeting Scheduling
- General Public Comment

Meeting Summary from February 12-13, 2025

Public Comment

re: February 2025 Meeting Summary

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Staff Report

Staff Report

General Updates and Announcements

- SALC Draft Round 10 Easement Template available for public comment through May 30
 - Public comment workshop on April 23
- California Climate Bond: Grant Programs Feedback open through April 18
- Updates and announcements from Task Force members

Staff Report

Revisions to Bylaws

- Section II.F revised to reflect action on per diem allowances as per SB 1448

Section F: Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

1. ~~In compliance with Senate Bill 1448 section 75129.5 (a), public m~~Members ~~serve on a voluntary basis and shall not receive compensations~~shall receive a per diem allowance of \$500 per day for attendance at an agendized meeting of the California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force, as approved by members on November 13, 2024.
2. Separately, all members of the Task Force shall be allowed necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duty.¹ This includes reimbursement ~~Members may be reimbursed~~ for authorized travel and per diem expenses for attendance at Task Force and subcommittee meetings in accordance with the California Department of Human Resources and California State Administrative Manual Travel Reimbursement Requirements.
3. ~~Pursuant to Gov. Code 11009, except as otherwise expressly provided by law, the members of State boards and commissions, including this Task Force, shall serve without compensation, but shall be allowed necessary expenses² incurred in the performance of duty.~~

Staff Report

Legislative Session Updates

- Proposed bills relevant to the Task Force:
 - SB 462 (Cortese): California Farmland Conservancy Program: conservation easements: funding.
 - AB 1485 (Macedo): Real property tax: documentary transfer tax: exemptions: Native American tribes.
 - AB 524 (Wilson): Farmland Access and Conservation for Thriving Communities Act.

Public Comment

re: Staff Report

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Working Sessions Overview

Part 1

- Brief overview of report revisions and feedback on revisions process
- "Red flag" review of introductory sections
- Review and discussion of recommendation goals

Part 2

- Continue discussion of recommendation goals
- Discuss specific recommendations that need to be considered today before moving forward

Part 3

- Outreach and engagement update
- Work planning and next steps

Working Session, Part 1

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Overview of Changes Made from February Draft

- Structural
 - Changed order of ideas and consolidated language
 - Dropped “Land Access and Acquisition” and “Land Tenure” as organizational categories
 - Created placeholder sections for priority recommendations and case studies
 - Created a separate document for “ideas to track”
- Conceptual
 - Defined and adopted “priority producers and land stewards”
 - Clarified ideas in “What can agricultural land equity achieve?” section
- Language
 - Revised for consistency and clarity
 - Line-item changes as requested

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Open Discussion

- General feedback on draft and revisions process
- “Red flag review” of introductory sections

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Discussion: Recommendation Goals

Note: Numbering is to facilitate discussion and does not represent order of priority

1. Return ancestral lands and advance sovereignty for CA Tribal Nations
2. Conserve and protect CA's agricultural land
3. Facilitate equitable transition of private lands
4. Advance fair and just landowner-tenant relationships
5. Address inequitable impacts of policies and regulations
6. Increase fair access to public funding for land acquisition
7. Support and incentivize changes in zoning and land use planning
8. Leverage public lands for agriculture
9. Monitor, evaluate, and implement this work into the future

Public Comment

re: Working Session, Part 1

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Lunch Break

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Working Session, Part 2

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Discussion: Recommendation Goals

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Discussion: Next Steps for Advancing Ideas

What must we discuss today before moving forward to subcommittees and the Advisory Committee?

1. Return ancestral lands & advance sovereignty for CA Tribal Nations

Strategies

1. Return State-owned lands to Tribal Nations
2. Fund, incentivize, and support ancestral land return projects
3. Remove barriers to sovereignty

2. Conserve & protect CA's agricultural land

Strategies

1. Incorporate agricultural land equity into existing conservation priorities
2. Support land trusts focused on equity
3. Establish financial, technical, & legal support for land trusts and technical assistance providers to better serve priority producers and land stewards
4. Improve conservation tools for land stewards

3. Facilitate equitable transition of private lands

Strategies

1. Facilitate transparent and fair land sales
2. Develop a state-level succession strategy
 1. Tax credits and revisions to tax law
 2. Funding for land-linking programs
 3. Producer pension fund

4. Advance fair & just landowner-tenant relationships

Strategies

1. Regulate lease agreements or support development of Tenant Producers' Bill of Rights
2. Incentivize long-term leases
3. Increase access to legal support and fund technical assistance providers who serve as mediators
4. Develop mechanisms for tenant producers to retain monetary value of improvements to land

5. Address inequitable impacts of policies & regulations

Strategies

1. Increase interagency collaboration to reduce conflict
2. Establish process for CDFA Advisory Committees to review proposed laws and regulations for impact on priority producers and land stewards
3. Actions to address inequitable impacts of Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

6. Increase fair access to public funding for land acquisition

Strategies

1. Expand and improve technical assistance and capacity-building programs to meet the needs of priority producers and land stewards
2. Revise existing programs to advance agricultural land equity
3. Fund land acquisition for priority producers and land stewards

7. Support and incentivize changes in zoning and land use planning

Strategies

1. Develop model ordinances and direct, support, and incentivize local governments to follow guidance in report
2. Remove barriers to building infill housing to reduce development pressure
3. Housing: list of actions to increase housing capacity and flexibility for farm operators and farmworkers

8. Leverage public lands for agriculture

Strategies

1. Actions for State-owned lands
2. Actions for local government-owned lands

9. Incentivize, support, and implement this work into the future

Strategies

1. Establish and fund a department in the California State Lands Commission to conduct research and provide technical assistance
2. Establish and fund a Land Observatory to monitor ag land markets and manage public database
3. Establish and fund a Tribal State Lands Committee to identify surplus lands and to establish pathways for land return
4. Establish and fund a publicly held land bank

Public Comment

re: Working Session, Part 2

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Working Session, Part 3

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Engagement Update:

- Comprehensive outreach update
- UCANR collaboration
- Tribal engagement
- Structured site visits

UCANR Collaboration

- 5 community engagement sessions (details to be confirmed)
 - 1 virtual Tribal session
 - 1 virtual urban grower session
 - 3 in person small, beginning, BIPOC producer sessions
- 6–8 interviews with technical assistance providers
- Report synthesis and insights in August

Tribal Engagement

- May 2025 in Susanville
- 2–3 additional sessions (mix of virtual and in person)
- Consultation with Tribal Nations
 - Reviewing timeline
- Update in May

Structured Site Visits

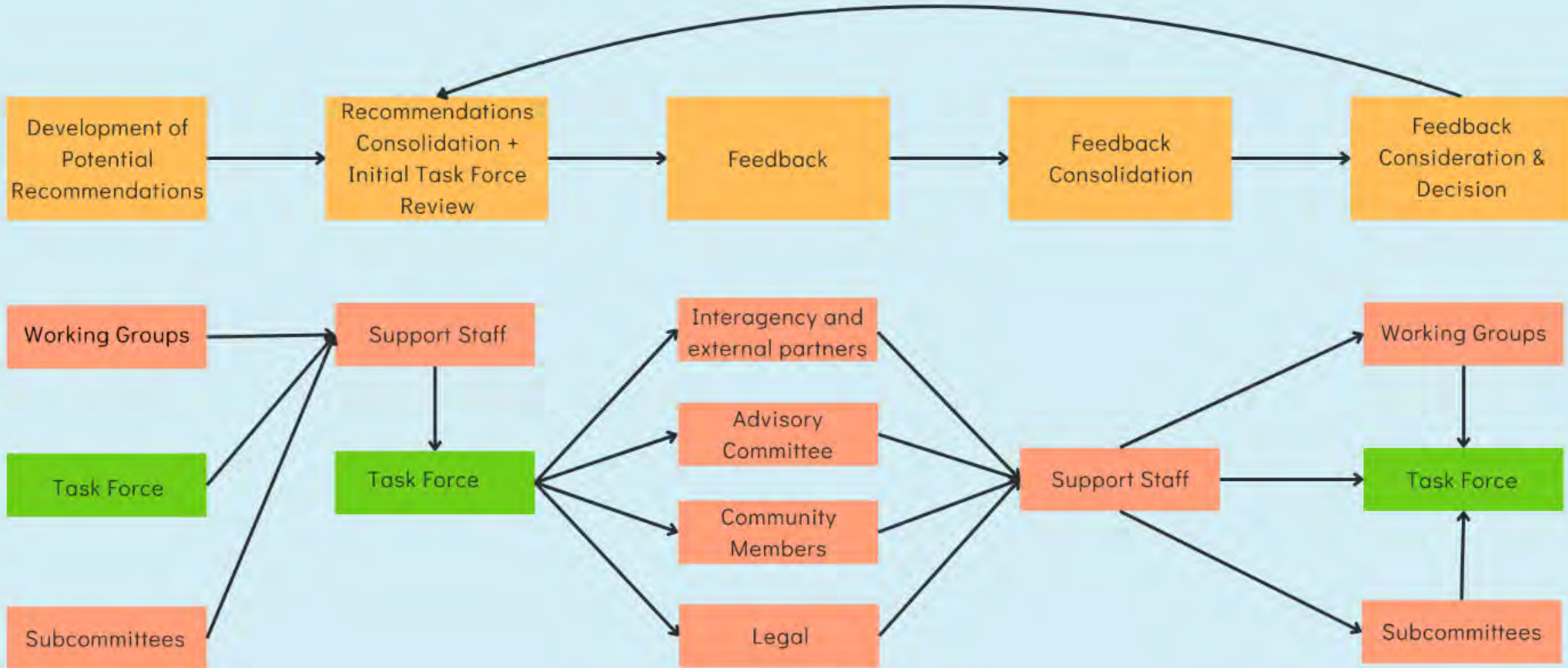
- Opportunity to review recommendations with additional communities
- TF Member role: confirm host, invitees, summary of insights
- Staff support: prep materials, compensation
- Timeline:
 - 4/18: Share your site visit preferences with staff
 - 5/14: Share insights; share final site visit preferences
 - 7/31: Finish outreach to discuss and incorporate in August meeting

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Work Planning:

- Advisory Committee and interagency review
- Subcommittee and Working Group plans

ALETF Final Report Drafting Process



ALETF Meetings: May–Dec. 2025

Date(s)	Location	Topics and Materials
May 14 & 15	Susanville, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Topics to address?• Review and discuss draft report
August 13 & 14	Sacramento(?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and discuss draft report
October 15 & 16	Sacramento	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and discuss final draft report
November 13	Sacramento	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finalize report
December 11	Sacramento	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve final report for submission

Subcommittees & Working Groups

Subcommittee	Members	Working group(s) + members
Community Outreach	Burgueno, Franco, Hawkins, Zhou, de Barraicua	None
Grants & Resources	Nakahara, Rittenhouse, Robinson, Schwartzman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financing: Nakahara, Robinson Grant program outcomes: Rittenhouse, Robinson Tax laws and incentives: Nakahara, Schwartzman
Land Access, Acquisition, & Ancestral Land Return	Brown, Burgueno, Dahlquist-Willard, Franco, Harlan, Hawkins, Nakahara, Robinson, Schwartzman, Zhou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Back: Burgueno, Franco Public lands: Harlan, Schwartzman Land markets: Brown, Dahlquist-Willard Land succession strategies: Hawkins, Schwartzman
Land Tenure	Burgueno, Schwartzman, Brown, Nakahara, Robinson	Land Tenure: Burgueno, Schwartzman
Land Use Governance & Sovereignty	Burgueno, Payán, de Barraicua	Land Use Governance & Sovereignty: Burgueno, Payán
Sustaining Natural & Cultural Resources	Burgueno, Franco, Harlan, Rittenhouse	None

Public Comment

re: Working Session, Part 3

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15 Minute Break

Action: Meeting Scheduling

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Current Scheduling Practice:

- Make scheduling decisions based on the greatest number of Task Force members available, in compliance with Bagley-Keene (e.g., in-person quorum)

Possible Action:

- Draft and adopt a resolution directing staff on a different set of priorities for scheduling

Public Comment

re: Action: Meeting Scheduling

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General Public Comment

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Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Summary of Actions taken
- Review of Action Items and follow up items
- Meeting notes, recording, and materials posted to:
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Thank You!