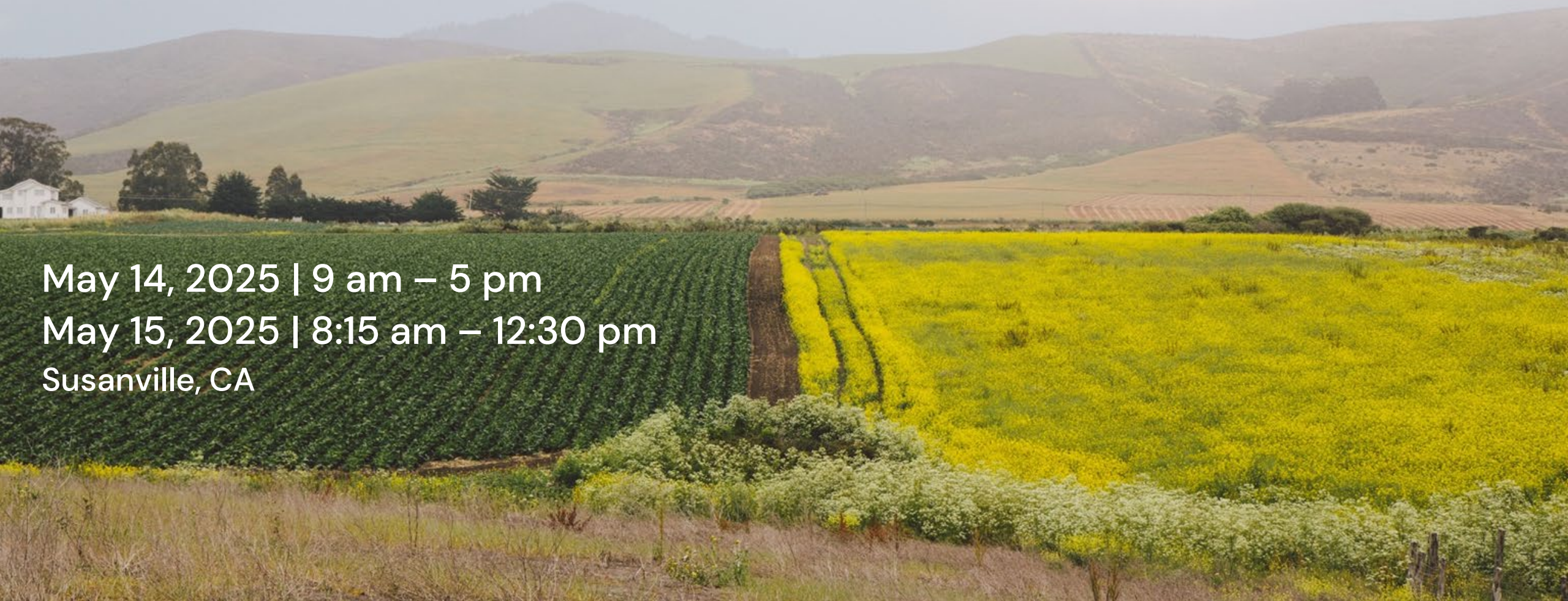


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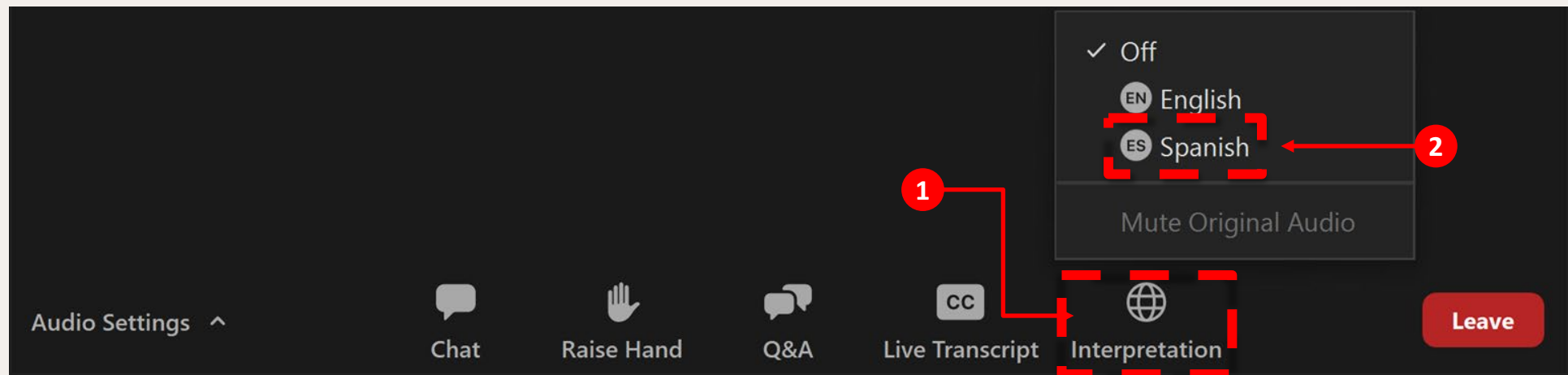
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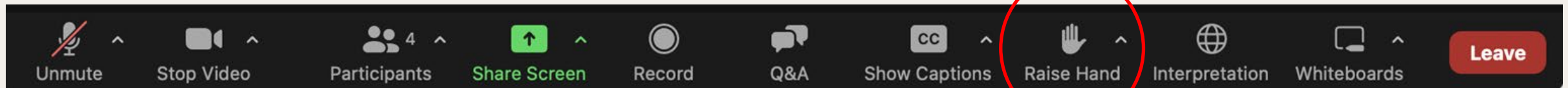
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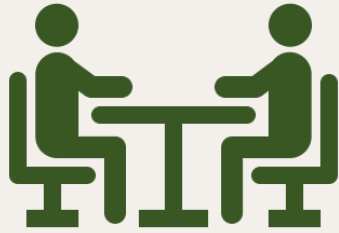
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# Participation Guidelines



**Share, Listen,  
Learn**



**Respect Different  
Perspectives**



**Stay on Point**

# Agenda Review – Day 1

Wednesday, May 14

- Approval of Meeting Summary from March 27, 2025
- Staff Report
- Discussion: Engagement Reports
- Working Session: Interactive Discussions on Report
- Discussion: Relevant State Policy
- Action: Position Letter re: AB 524
- General Public Comment

# Agenda Review – Day 2

Thursday, May 15

- **Working Session:** Interactive Discussions on Report
- **Work Planning and Next Steps**
- **Action:** Meeting Scheduling
- **General Public Comment**

# Roll Call



# Welcome Remarks

# Meeting Summary from March 27, 2025

# Public Comment

Re: Meeting Summary

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# Staff Report

# Staff Report: Updates and Announcements

- Interagency review process
  - Plan to send Draft Report in June. Will share interagency feedback in August meeting.
  - Includes following departments:
    - California Department of Conservation (DOC)
    - California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
    - California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
    - California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
    - California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
    - California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA)
    - Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)
- Announcements from Task Force members

# Staff Report: Budget Update

## Current as of March 31, 2025

Category	FY 22-23 & 23-24 expenditures	FY 24-25 expenditures thru 03/2025	Total funds obligated excl. expenditures	Total budgeted	Total budget remaining
Personnel (SGC staff)	\$157,875	\$297,386	\$645,499	\$1,100,760	\$0
Operating expenses (travel, facilitator, language access, etc.)	\$100,429	\$150,257	\$302,021	\$884,240	\$331,533
Research and technical assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$270,000	\$270,000
Local assistance (e.g., grants, pilot projects, research)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total	\$258,304	\$447,643	\$947,520	\$3,255,000	\$1,601,503

# Staff Report: Subcommittee Meetings

## Subcommittee meetings

- Sustaining Natural & Cultural Resources: April 4
- Grants & Resources: April 7
- AB 524 Subcommittee: April 18



# Staff Report: Tribal Consultation

## Context

- Task force members requested “consultation” with Tribal Nations

## Legal guidance

- Task Force is not subject to AB 923 (outlines preferred process for Government-to-Government Consultation)
  - Task Force is advisory rather than decision-making
  - SGC does not have decision-making power in relation to Task Force

## Next steps

- Task Force can decide how to engage with Tribal Nations
- Staff will update the Task Force as needed after further legal review

# Public Comment

## Re: Staff Report

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# Engagement Reports

- Community engagement sessions
- Land Access Experiences survey results



# Community Engagement Session Report Backs

Coachella Engagement Session,  
February 11

## Challenges echoed in Draft Report:

- Insecure land tenure
- Climate vulnerability
- Complex regulatory system
- Barriers to infrastructure: \*Add cold storage
- Water affordability

## Session insights:

- **Market Access:** Tenant farmers prioritized better market access over land ownership due to additional costs.
- **Distribution Challenges:** Limited channels force reliance on unfair wholesaler pricing.
- **Limited Support for Home Gardens:** "Huerto" projects need more funding and technical assistance.
- **Educational Limitations:** Agricultural education fails to showcase diverse career pathways.

# Community Engagement Session Report Backs

## Coachella Engagement Session, February 11

### Participant-Proposed State Actions:

- **Rural Zoning Code Reform:** Reforming county-level rural zoning codes to allow infrastructure development
- **Public Disaster Insurance:** Expanded disaster insurance for small and tenant farmers
- **State-Funded Huerto Development Program:** Supporting home gardens with funding and technical assistance
  - **Tiered Support Systems:** Differentiated programs for various stages from home gardens to commercial operations.
- **Navigator Program:** To help with regulatory complexity through multilingual materials and coordinated inspections across agencies.
- **Public Agricultural Loan Programs:** Implementing loan programs designed specifically for small farmers through state-chartered credit institutions
- **Community Water Systems Support:** Establishing publicly-supported community water systems with democratic governance structures
- **Cooperative Distribution Networks:** Publicly-backed cooperative marketing and distribution networks with transportation infrastructure connecting small producers
- **Comprehensive Educational Strategy:** Programs honoring traditional knowledge while building pathways to technical roles.

# Community Engagement Session Report Backs

CAFF Small Farm Conference, February 23

## Focus

- Adequate housing and infrastructure on agricultural land,
- Facilitate equitable transition of private lands,
- Leverage public lands, and
- Improve equitable access to resources.

## Feedback

- Ensure that the specific actions are nuanced and thoughtful to avoid further inequities.
- Clarify who would be responsible for each action and how it would be funded.
- While housing on agricultural land is needed, it should be dignified and affordable and done in a way that prevents agricultural land loss to residential development.

# Community Engagement Session Report Backs

## Susanville Tribal Engagement Session, May 13

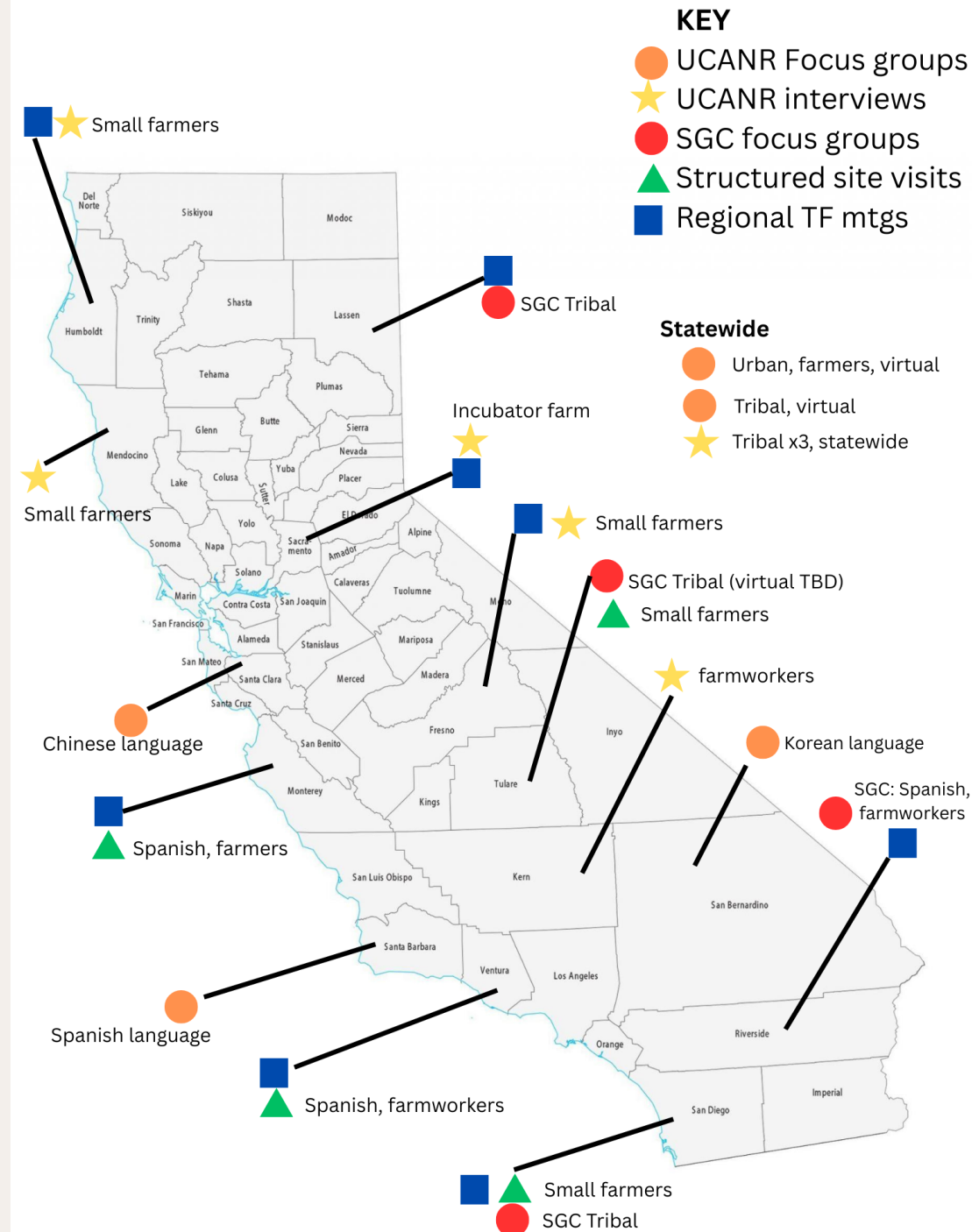
- What did you learn that helped deepen your understanding of land access challenges or solutions?



# Looking Ahead: Outreach May– August '25

## Engagement

- Series of gatherings and focus groups
  - Tribal Nations: 1–2 regional, in-person sessions; 1 statewide, virtual session
  - Farmers: 3 regional sessions, 1 urban farmer, statewide, virtual
- 6–8 service provider interviews
- Follow-up with communities!
- Updates to legislature



# Land Access Experiences Survey Results

## Overview:

- Distribution:
  - Open from November '24–April '25
  - English, Spanish, Chinese
  - Hard copy and virtual
- Goal: Hear directly from land stewards and farmers about
  - challenges related to land access
  - value of specific resources in addressing these challenges
  - experiences applying for resources

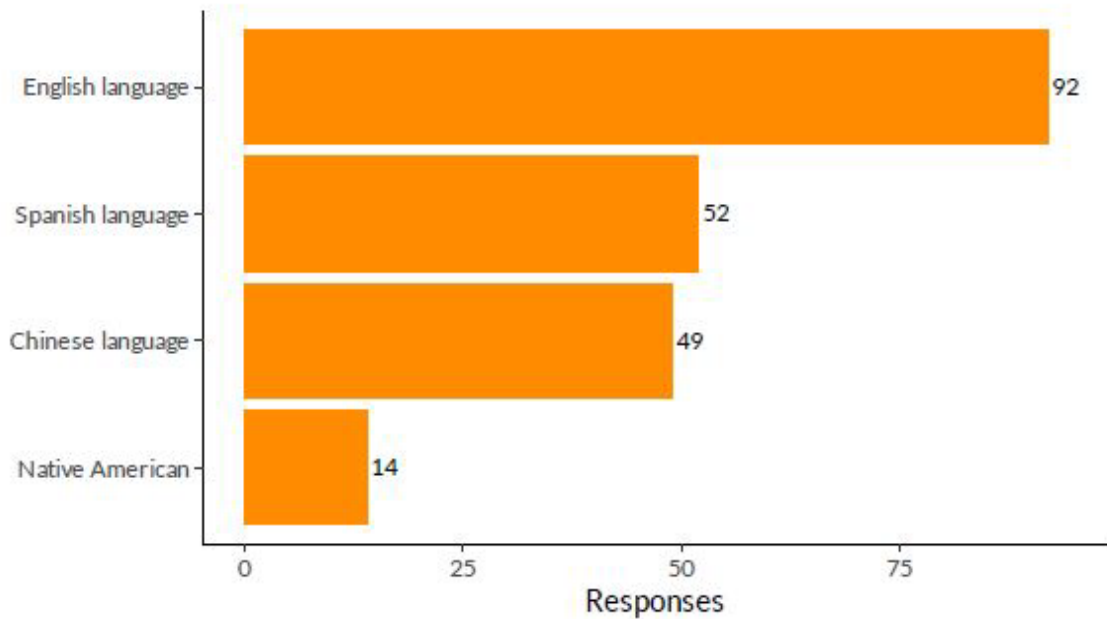
# Land Access Experiences Survey Results

## Analysis:

- **Categories:**
  - Survey group: English, Spanish, Chinese, Native American
  - Region: Northern, Coast, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Southern
- **Limitations:**
  - Responses not representative of entire community or population
  - Difficult to control for how variables intersect, e.g., survey group and region
- **Prompt for today's discussion:**
  - How should these findings guide the work moving forward?

# Land Access Experiences Survey Results

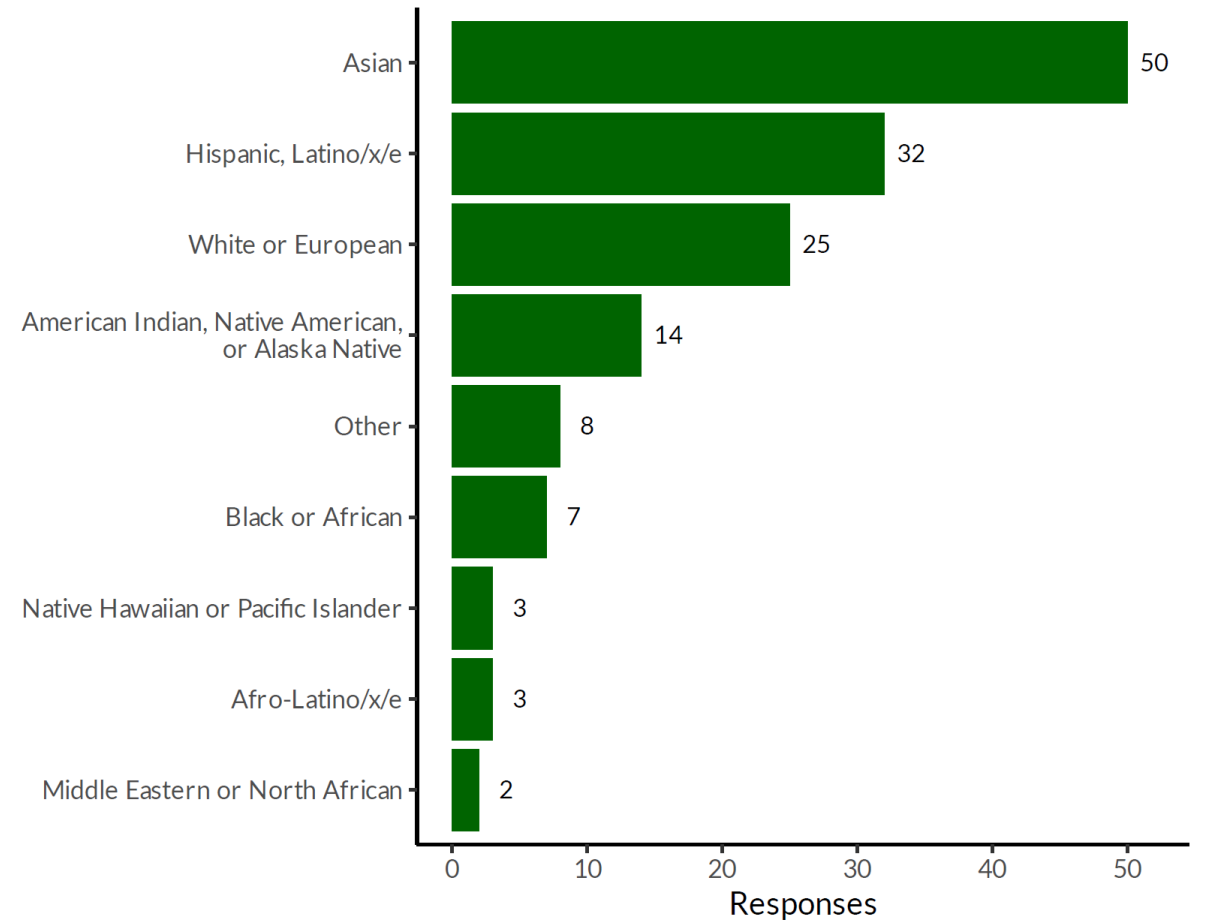
Figure 2.1: Respondents by survey group



Number of English language respondents excludes Native American respondents.  
No Native American respondents were identified in Spanish- or Chinese-language survey.

**Responses to "Other":** Most of the farmworkers in our organization are Latino, but many are Mixteco or other

Figure 2.6: Respondent ethnicities



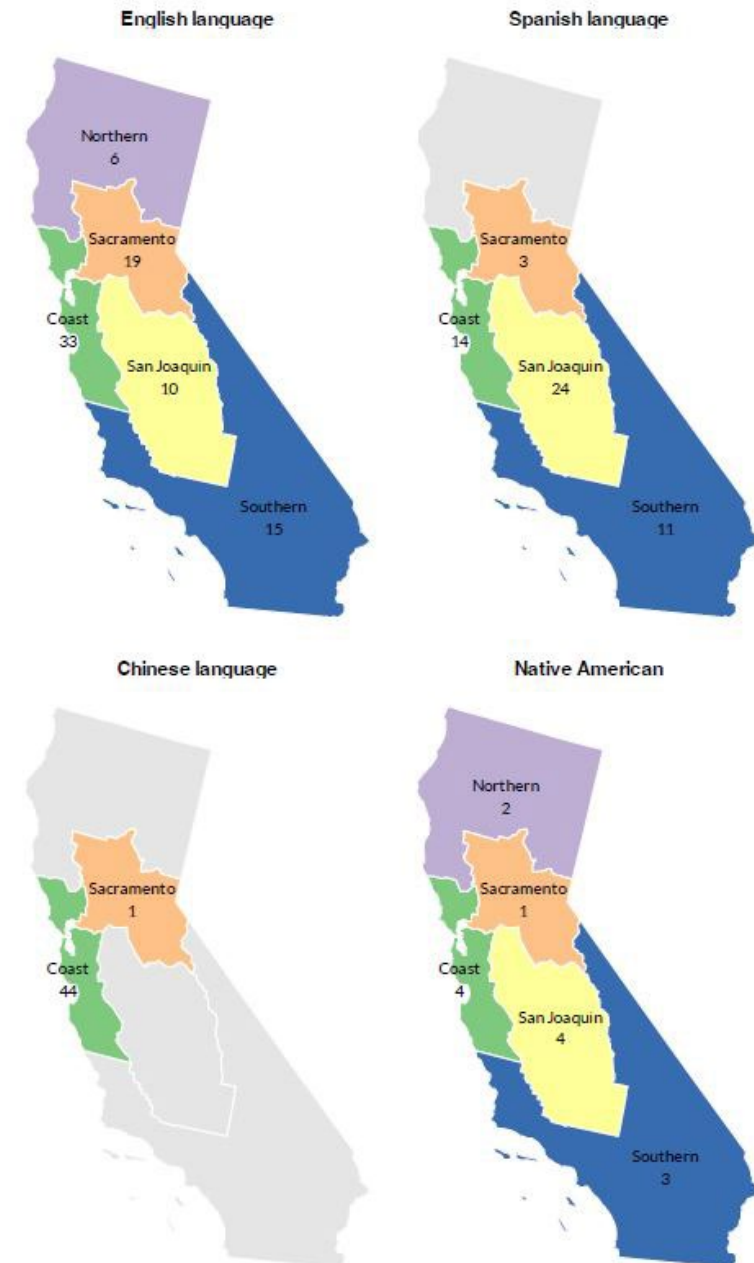
Respondents could select more than one label.

# Survey Results: Geography

## Region and survey group:

- Coast: Highest response rate overall; all but one Chinese language survey from this region
- Northern: Lowest response rate
- SJV: Largest representation among Spanish language respondents
- Statewide distribution for English language respondents and those who identified as Native Americans

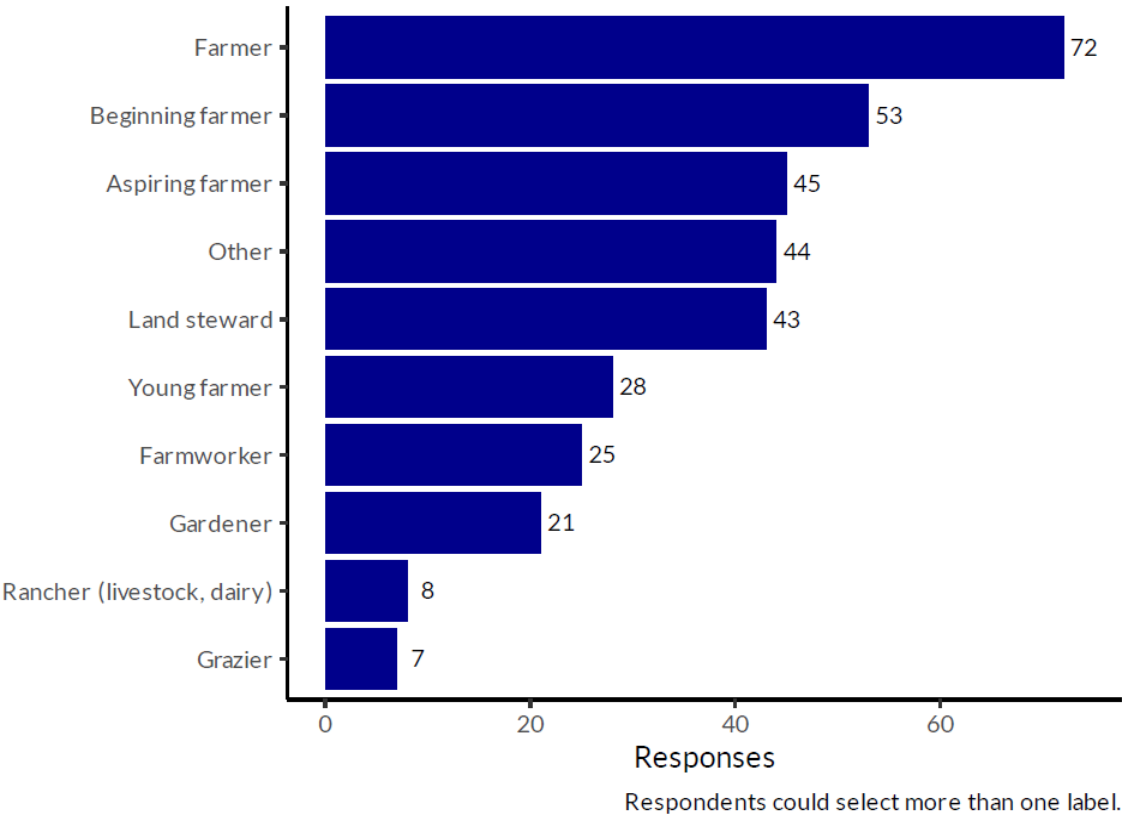
Figure 2.4: Respondents by state region and survey group



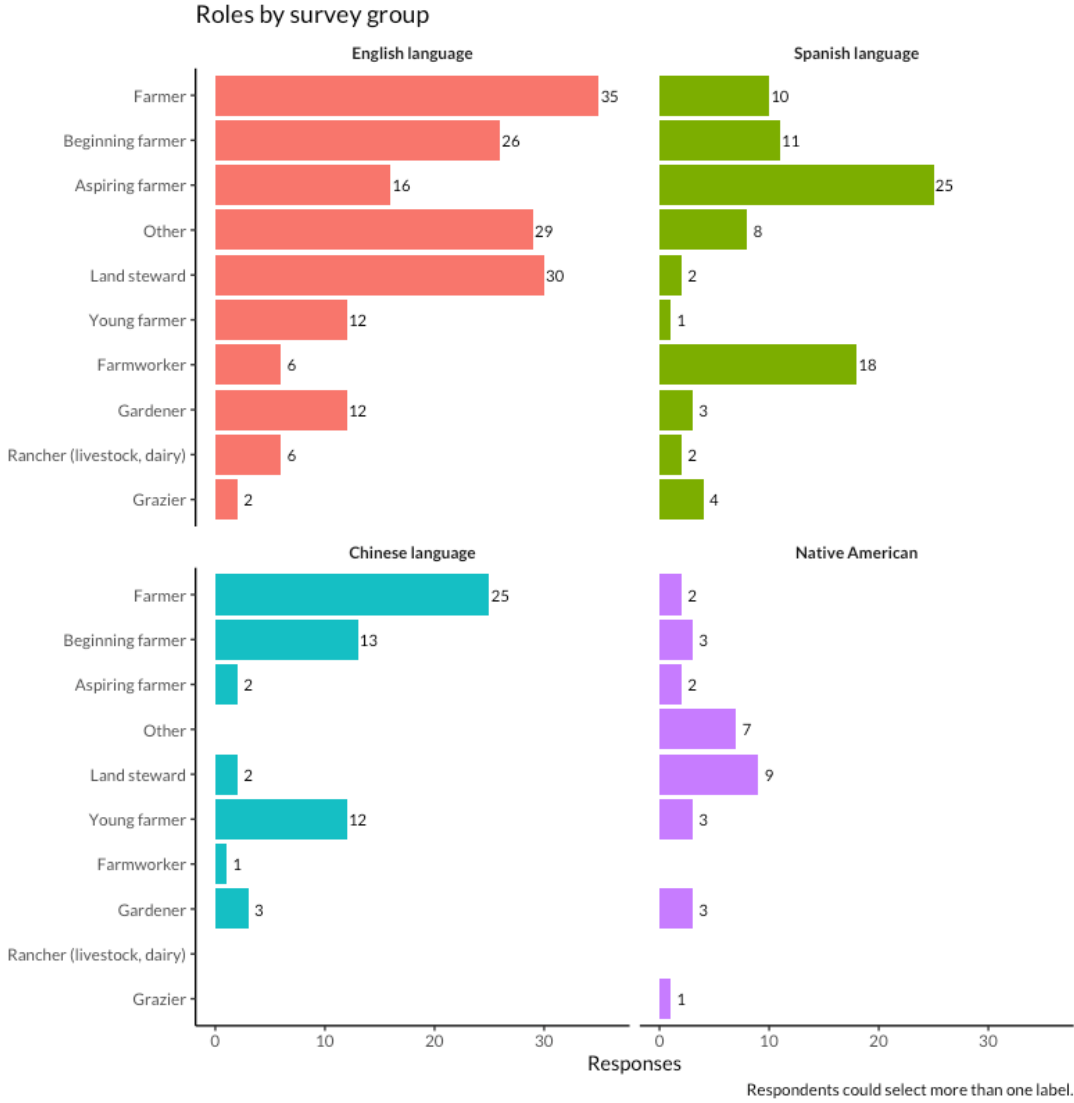
Region inferred based on ZIP Code of primary location.

# Survey Results: Role

Figure 2.2: Respondent roles

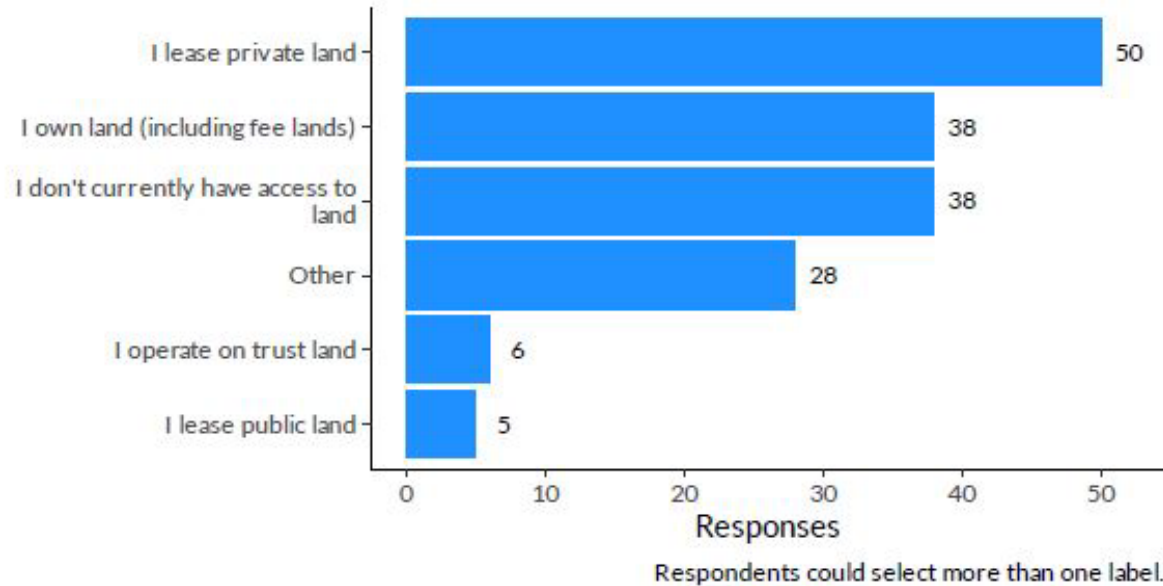


**Responses to "Other":** bee-keeper, Conservation and Cultural Preservation Bearer, "Huerto Familiar" to feed my neighbors, meat processor, Rancher (bison), educational and technical assistance roles in agriculture, advocate



# Survey Results: Land arrangements

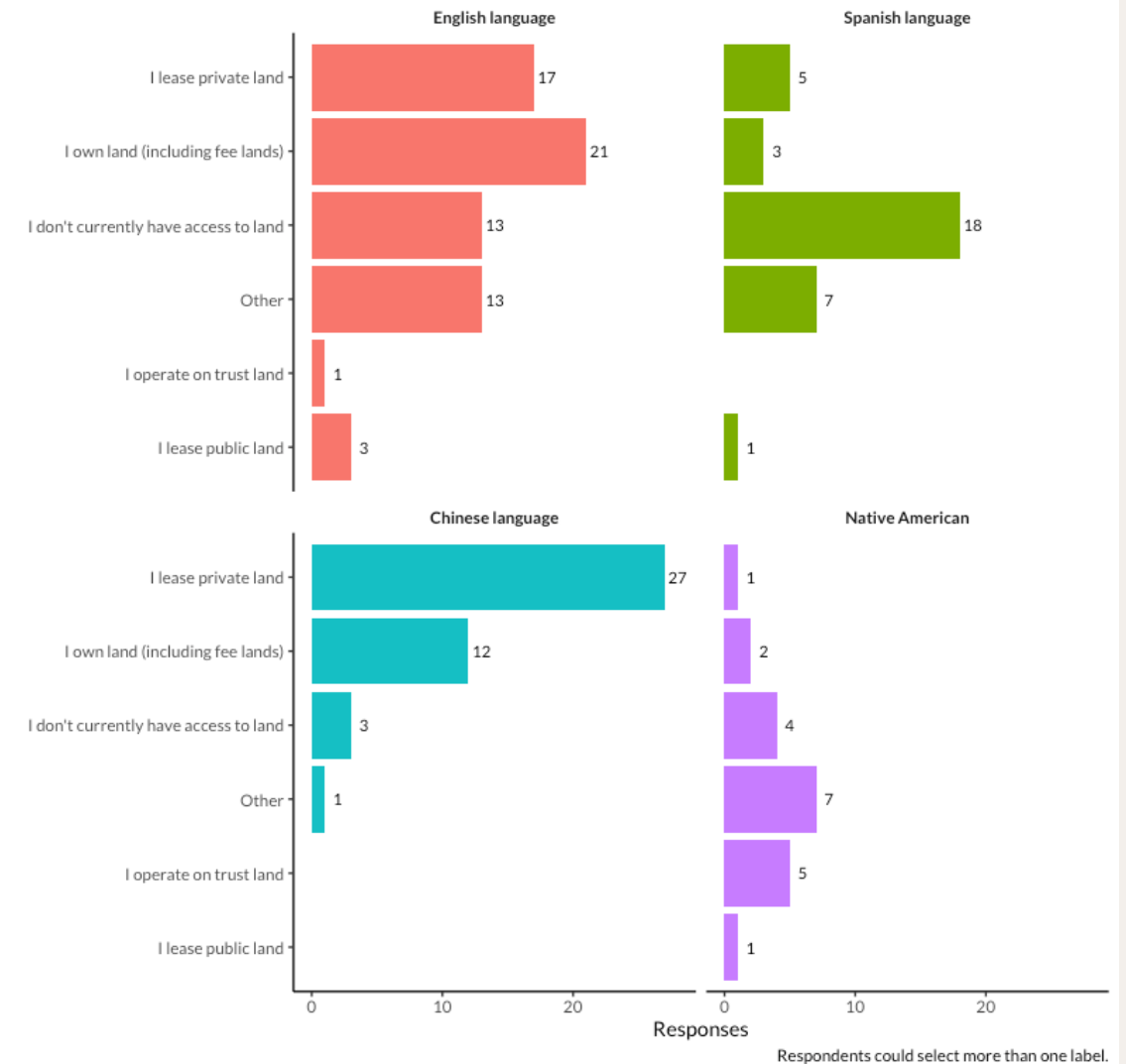
Figure 2.7: Land arrangements



## Responses to "Other":

- I have a handshake deal with two landowner neighbors, one of which I pay rent to for living on his property.
- I rent housing and manage an 8-acre apple orchard in exchange for rent
- Limited Land Base – even more limitations for agriculture use
- ...have access to lands that are part of other tribal development projects, but no lands that are specifically allocated to agricultural use

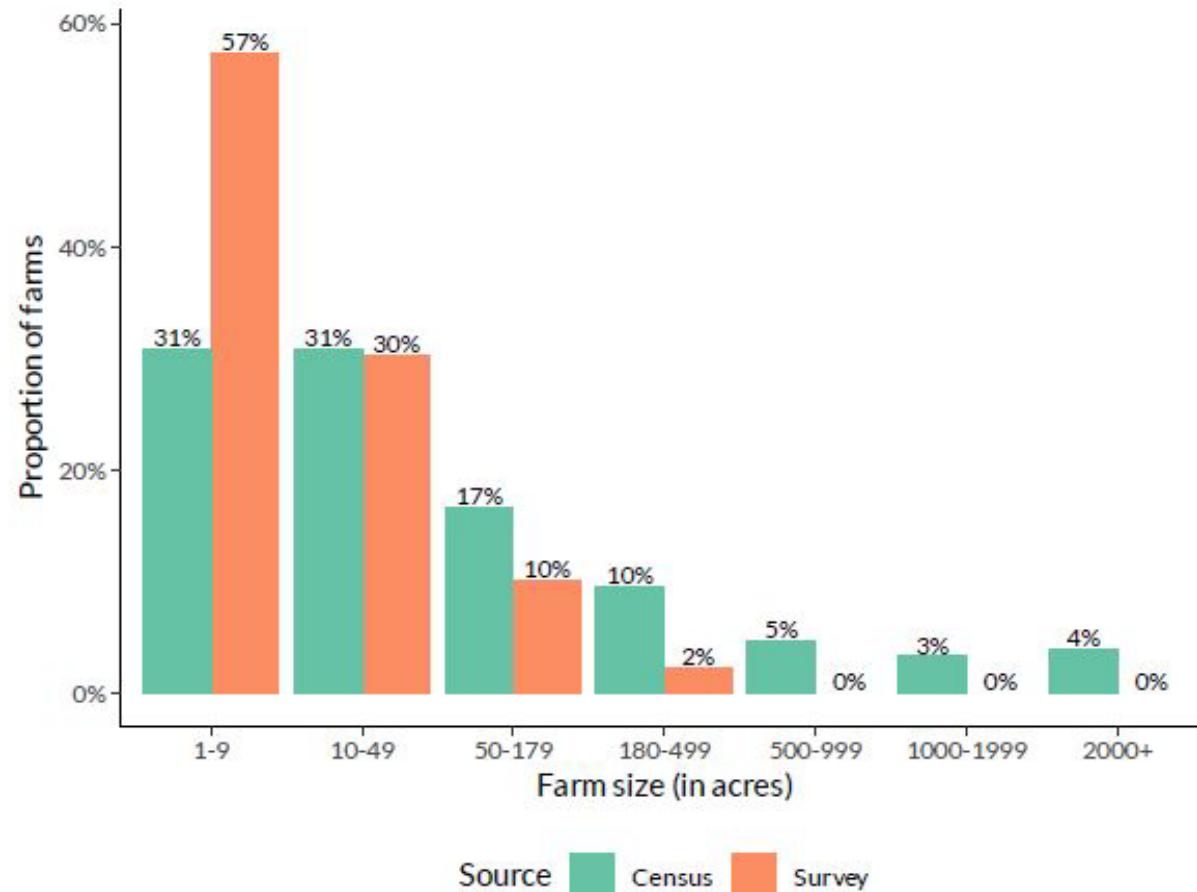
Access to land by survey group





# Survey Results: Acreage & hours

Figure 2.8: Acreage reported (Current survey vs. Census)



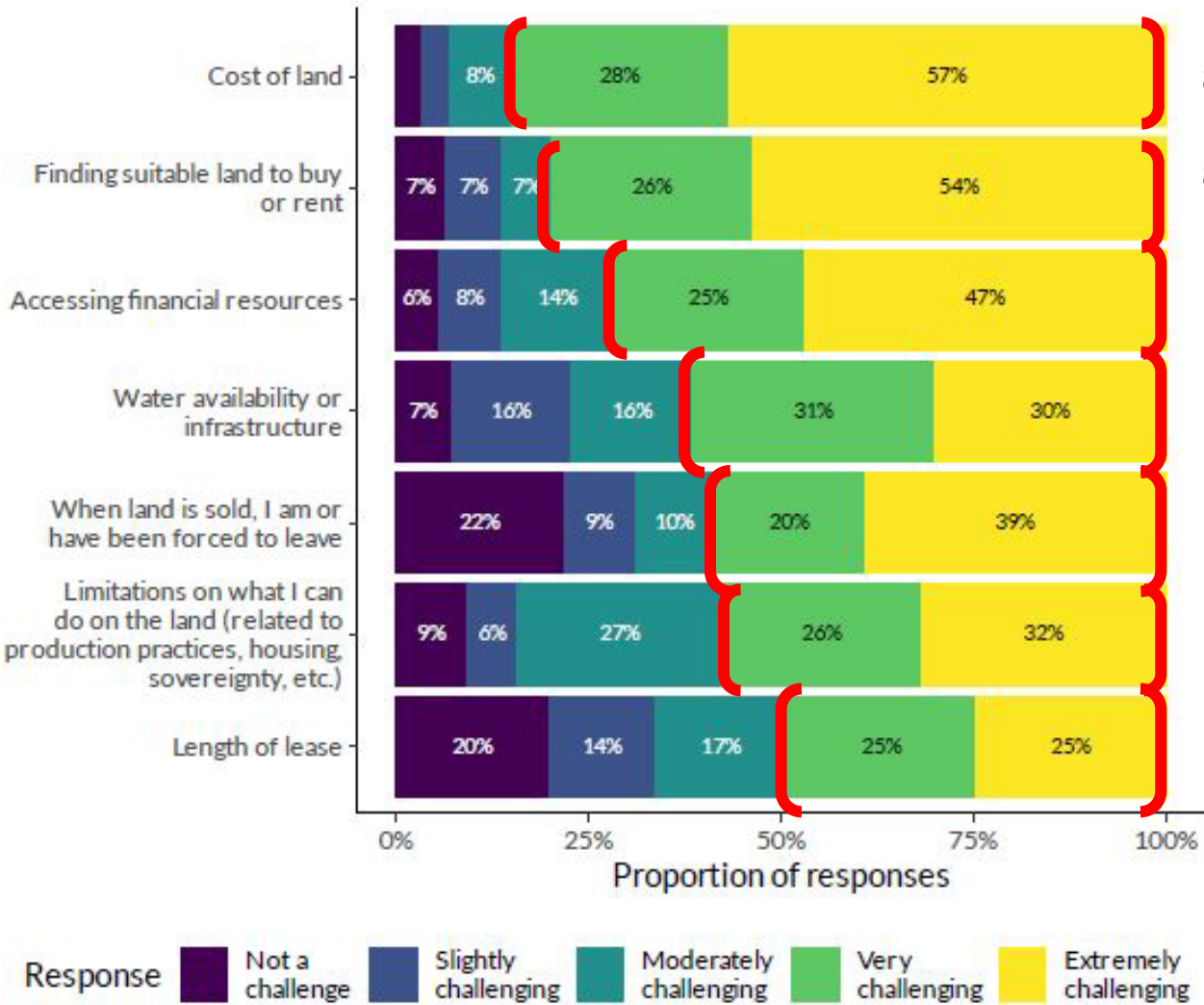
Census data from 2022 USDA Census of Agriculture for California.

## Highlights:

- Average acreage reported was 24.7 acres.
- Compared to 2022 USDA Census data, the current survey includes a greater proportion of smaller farms
- 87% reported 49 acres or less compared to 62% of those who responded to the Census
- Respondents reported spending an average of 43.2 hours per week working or tending land.
- Range of 3.5 – 100 hours

# Survey Results: Challenges

Figure 3.1: Challenges related to land access - Overall



## Responses to "Other":

- The land was undeveloped, with no water, power or other utility. The process of making the land ready to farm... has been challenging. The permitting process has been convoluted
- It's not clear how long we'll be in our current spot and that makes it hard to plan for the future... we cannot afford to purchase or rent more stable land.
- Only through repeated luck, poor life-work balance, and a second, off-farm income are we able to stay on our small parcel.

# Survey Results: Challenges

## “Other” challenges & how have these challenges affected you and your relationship to land?

### Themes:

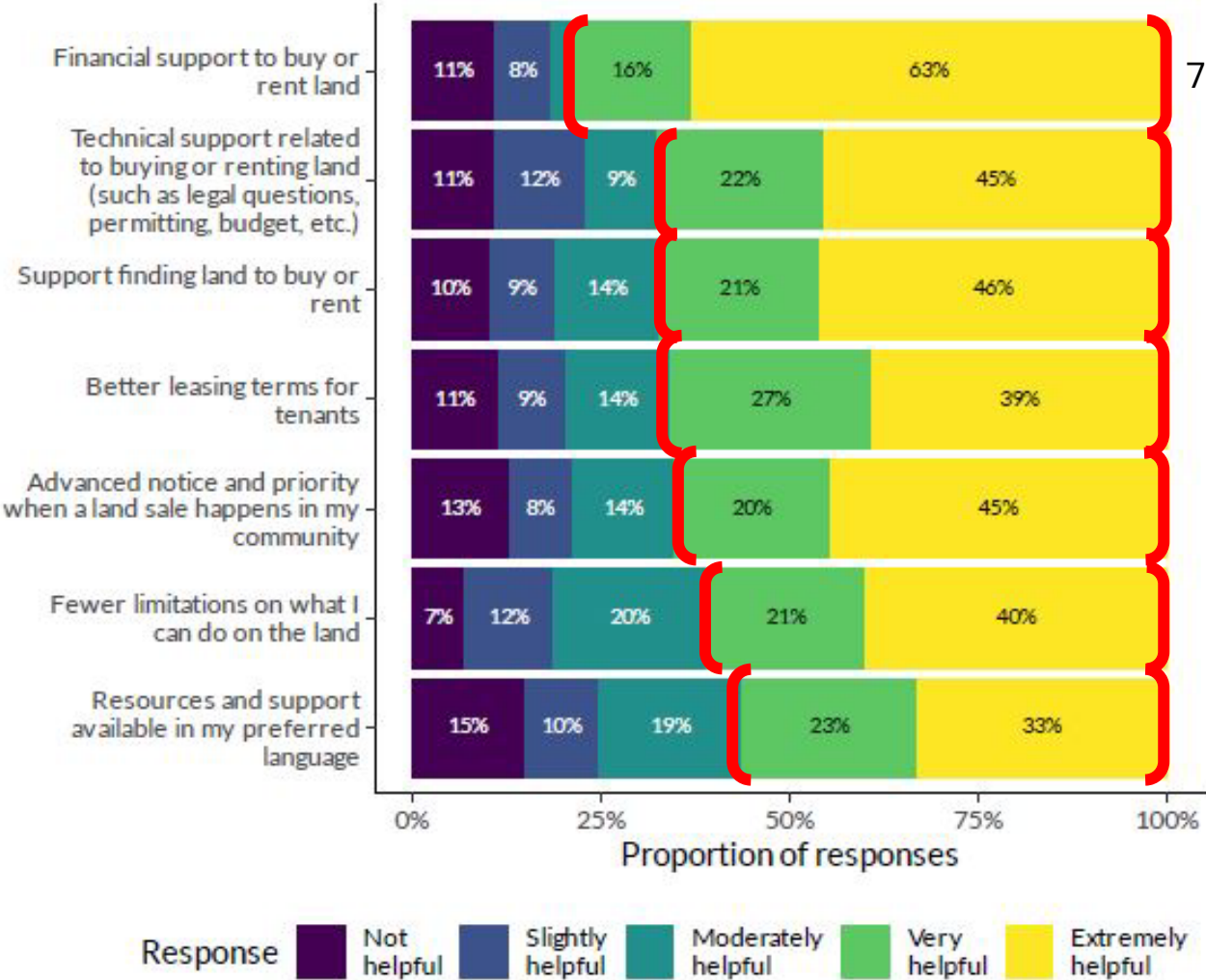
- Cost of land, infrastructure, farming in general
- Instability when leasing
- Competition with other buyers
- Restrictions on land use and suitable land available
- Ancestral lands not accessible
- Water cost and availability

1. We have had to move 2 times in 1 year and just got notice to move a 3rd time ( all because the landlords have decided to sell at each of these properties). It has been stressful, draining, exhausting, frustrating and the lack of stability really shows on our finances.
2. Have worked on land leases with restrictions that include no infrastructure and no permission to hire employees... Land owners have treated me like they own me and own my crops
3. When I leave, I cannot take the energy, hours, financial investments nor land improvements with me.
4. All potential land is all bought up by... industry folks... Land in our area is held by generational wealth, corporations and wealthy transplants.
5. Access to capitol limits how well we can steward the land..... We are not able to pay for the fire mitigation and removal of invasive species efforts we would like to do on the land.
6. It is difficult for land trusts to accept a cultural easement, and we refuse to accept a conservation easement.
7. When Conservation Land Co-Stewardship occurs with Tribes – there is rarely water rights included... Co-management limitations, which limit Tribal Sovereignty.

**Note:** The text is directly quoted from narrative responses provided by survey respondents.

# Survey Results: Helpful resources

Figure 4.1: Potential helpfulness of resources - Overall



79% very or extremely helpful

65-70% very or extremely helpful

## Responses to "Other":

- Any of the above that give you a competitive edge to acquire farmland is a win in my mind vs a developer obtaining it and that farmland being lost
- LandBack initiatives from federal/state or even local private parties.

# Survey Results: Helpful resources

## What kinds of support would be most helpful and why?

### Themes:

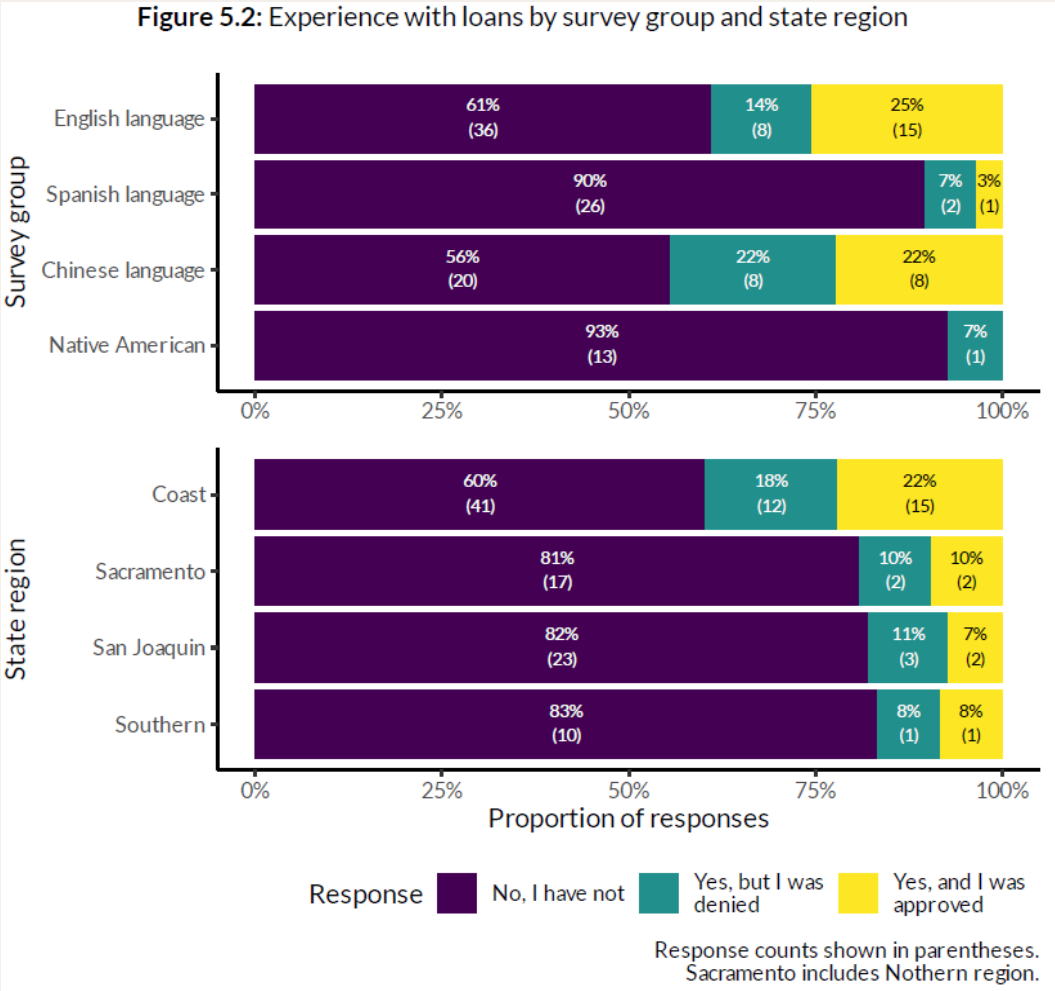
- Financial support for acquisition of viable land and for infrastructure
- Support finding land
- Removing limitations on the land

1. Release public lands to be held in trust for the Tribes. We need a larger land base.... we would like to see ability for cultural burn
2. Capacity building for general operations of Tribal land stewardship.
3. Providing better conditions for tenants, as tenants never really benefit in the long run.
4. One of the biggest helps would be somebody that can help navigate the local zoning laws... If all farming activities could be conducted within the farm itself, it would greatly improve efficiency and reduce costs... For farmers and aspiring farmers there should be less permits, regulations, and legal paperwork....
5. having a tiered permitting process that would make it easier for smaller producers
6. We need larger scale farm incubators to help facilitate experience and training for workforce development. We need financial support for regional infrastructure and processing equipment to increase market opportunities for producers to increase viability of ag in our rural communities
7. timely notification of lands for sale... Community opportunity to purchase policy would be very helpful

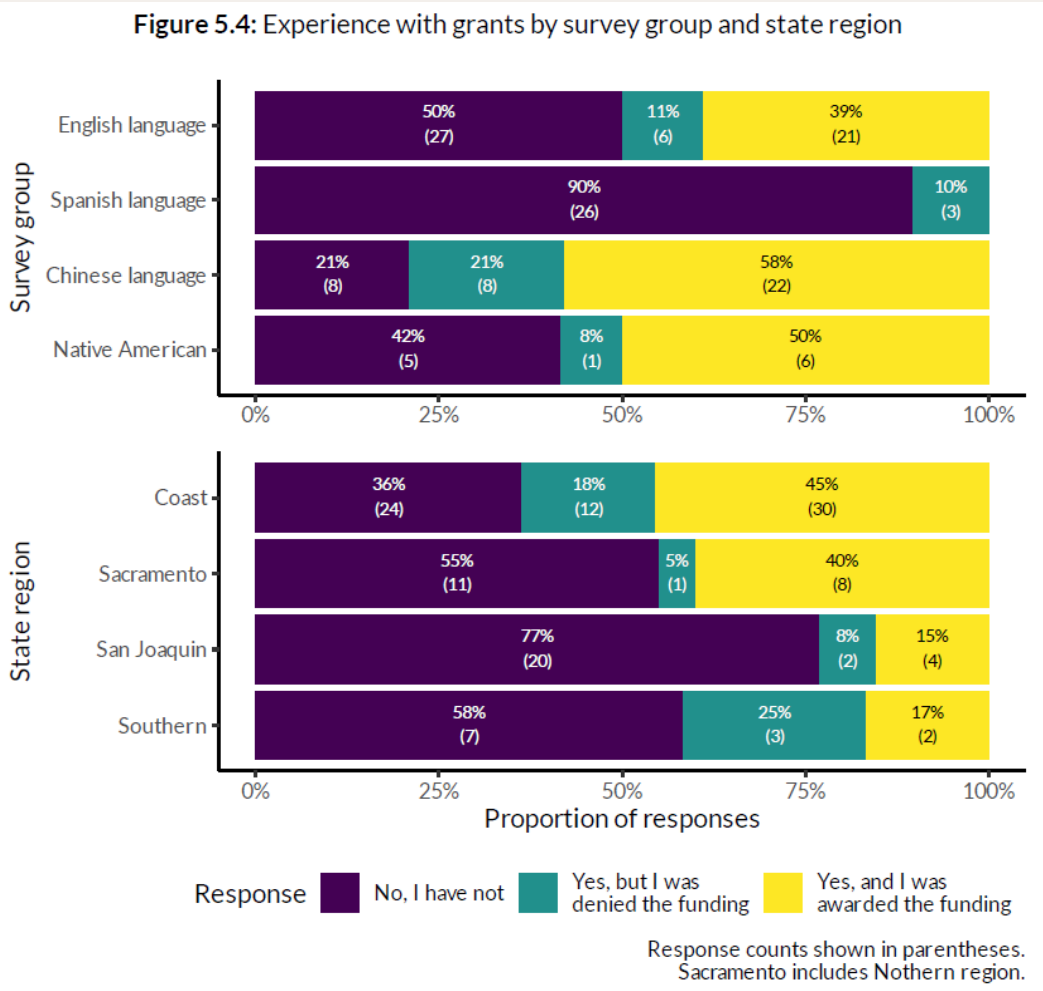
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# Survey Results: Loans & grants

## Loans



## Grants





# Survey Results: Loans & grants

## Why haven't you applied for a loan or grant?

### Themes:

- **Eligibility and qualifications:** lack of profit or steady income stream, does not meet the minimum years of experience requirement, no assets
- **Inaccessible processes:** does not know how to access, where to begin, which one they qualify for, intimidating and confusing, language barriers

1. Many of these grants support overall programming of our organization but land purchase is not an eligible use of funding... Most grants only cover weather related losses so we easily slip through the cracks because land tenure issues are not often considered as a factor.
2. For people without experience, it's impossible to get a loan. Furthermore, interest rates are extremely high, making any project that isn't highly profitable unviable.
3. As small producers I feel that loans are constantly thrown down our throats as the only option to continue to farm. These solution aren't viable and really feel like bandaids for a temporary long term solution.
4. Due to the long nature of the FSA loan process (90 days) most sellers rejected our offers even if we were at ASKING price. Extremely disappointing.
5. Reservation land has no equity to invest in also no [profit & loss statement] or assets to show on paper.

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# Land Access Experiences Survey Results

## Discussion:

- How should these findings guide the work moving forward?

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Re: Engagement Reports

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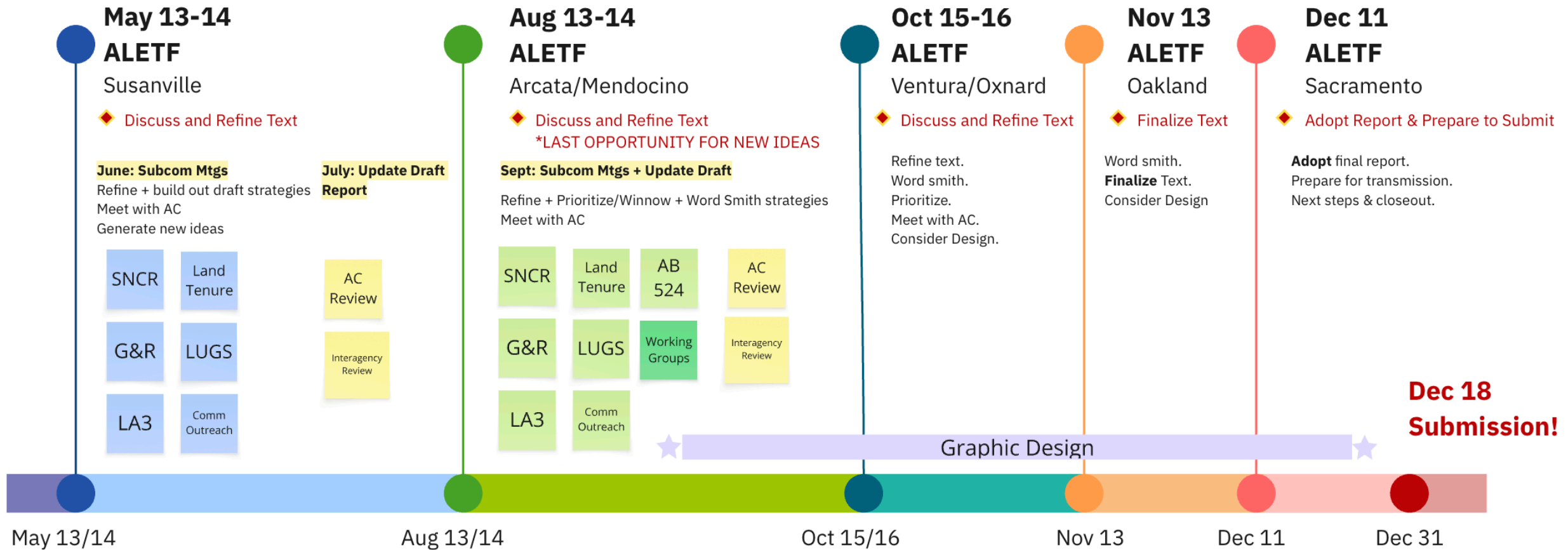
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**15 Minute Break**

# Working Session

## ALETF Timeline



# Summary of Key Revisions Since March

## Goals Renamed & Reorganized:

- Split Goal 1 into two:
  - *Return ancestral lands to California Tribal Nations*
  - *Recognize and remove barriers to sovereignty*
- New goal: *Advance and support secure land tenure* (incorporates tenant-landowner relations)
- Updated phrasing for clarity

## Updated Definition:

- *Land tenure* now includes long-term economic considerations and diverse tenure types

## New Recommendations and Strategies Added:

- Highlight prime farmland value; fund acquisition
- Allow leases up to 100 years
- Add targeted strategies (Irrigated Lands, FSMA, labor policies)



# Proposed Additions and Revisions to May Draft Report

## Proposed Changes From:

- Subcommittees
- Working Groups
- Advisory Committee

# Proposed Additions and Revisions to May Draft Report

## Three Groupings:

1. **Revisions for Approval**
  - Ready for Task Force approval as-is
2. **Next Steps (Clear Pathway Forward)**
  - Actions staff will take, pending TF approval
3. **Major Items Requiring Task Force Discussion**
  - Complex proposals needing further conversation.
  - For each item, we'll discuss:
    - Should we pursue this?
    - What guidance does the TF want to provide?
    - Who will lead (assign 1-2 point persons)?

# Revisions for Approval

## The Plan:

- Complete a quick review of the list on pages 2–6 in the handout.
- Flag items (if any) that need full Task Force or Subcommittee discussion before approval
- Approve the remaining proposed changes.

*Approximate time for section: 30 mins*

# Revisions for Approval

## Report Sections:

- General Feedback
- Overview/Introduction Sections
- 1. Return ancestral lands to CA Tribal Nations
- 2. Recognize and remove barriers to sovereignty of CA Tribal Nations
- 3. Conserve and protect CA's agricultural land
- 4. Facilitate equitable transition of private lands
- 5. Advance and support secure land tenure
- 6. Reform policies and regulations to address uneven impacts
- 7. Increase fair access to public funding for land acquisition
- 8. Support and incentivize changes in zoning and land use planning
- 9. Evaluate and leverage suitable public lands for agriculture

# Approve Next Steps

## The Plan:

- Complete a quick review of the list on pages 7–8 in the handout.
- Consider whether each recommendation should remain in the report:
  - If so, assign to Working Group and/or Advisory Committee to develop idea between May and August
    - Key guidance?
  - Or agree to remove topic from report due to lack of capacity to address effectively

*Approximate time for section:* 30 mins

# Approve Next Steps

## Section Topics:

- Goal 1. Return ancestral lands
- Goal 3. Conserve and protect CA's agricultural land
- Goal 6. Reform policies and regulations to address uneven impacts
- Goal 7: Increase fair access to public funding for land acquisition
- Goal 8: Support and incentivize changes in zoning and land use planning

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Re: Working Session



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**Lunch Break 12–1pm**

# Working Session

Attending AC Members

# Discussion Priorities

## The Plan:

- Complete a quick review of the eight items on pages 9–15 in the handout
- **Quick dot prioritization exercise** to determine discussion order
- Discuss each idea for ~10–20 mins
- Assign 1–2 point persons to develop and finalize corresponding language for the report between May – August

*Approximate time for section: 2.5 hours today AND 1.5 hours tomorrow*

# Discussion Priorities

## Section Topics:

1. Discuss and align on the definition of Tribal Nations and how they should be addressed throughout the Draft Report
2. Recommend new government structures for accountability and implementation
3. Recommend an Agricultural Land Equity Policy Framework
4. Add context and recommendations that address land consolidation and non-operating landowners
5. Clarify the role of public and private land ownership in the report
6. Refine recommendations related to right of first refusal and first opportunity to accept land
7. Add Cropland Repurposing Plan
8. Discuss how to address urban and rural infrastructure and interaction

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## NOTES:

- XXX

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## NOTES:

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# 7. Add Cropland Repurposing Plan

## NOTES:

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**15 Minute Break**

# Discussion: Relevant State Policy

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Shanna Atherton-Bauer, Department of Conservation

# Relevant State Policy

## Overview:

- Senate Bill (SB) 462 (Cortese)
  - Passed Senate Natural Resources + Water; sent to Senate Appropriations and placed on suspense file
- Assembly Bill (AB) 1485 (Macedo)
  - Passed Assembly Revenue and Taxation (5/6); sent to Assembly Appropriations; set for hearing 5/14 @ 9 a.m.
- AB 524 (Wilson)
  - Passed Assembly Ag; sent to Assembly Appropriations; set for hearing 5/14 @ 9 a.m.
- Proposition 4

# Shanna Atherton-Bauer

Division Director and Land Conservation Programs Manager  
Land Resource Protection  
California Department of Conservation (DOC)

# Discussion Questions

1. What would program success look like and how might it be measured?
2. What factors are most important for DOC to consider in designing an effective program? These could include:
  - Low- or zero-interest loans (revolving fund) vs. forgivable loans or grants
  - Match requirements and/or award maximums
  - Evaluating proposals in relation to the access and tenure needs of particular communities and regions
  - Eligible expenses including reimbursement of transaction costs like appraisals, escrow and fee titles, etc.

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Re: Relevant State Policy

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**ACTION: Position Letter re: AB 524**



# Action: Position Letter AB 524

## Overview:

- AB 524 Subcommittee submitted supportive position letter on April 22
- Subcommittee requested that Task Force consider drafting and submitting a position letter

# Public Comment

Re: Position Letter AB 524

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# General Public Comment

# Agenda Review – Day 2

Thursday, May 15

- **Working Session:** Interactive Discussions on Report
- **Work Planning and Next Steps**
- **Action:** Meeting Scheduling
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# **Thank You!**

The ALETF reconvenes tomorrow 05/15 at 8:15 am

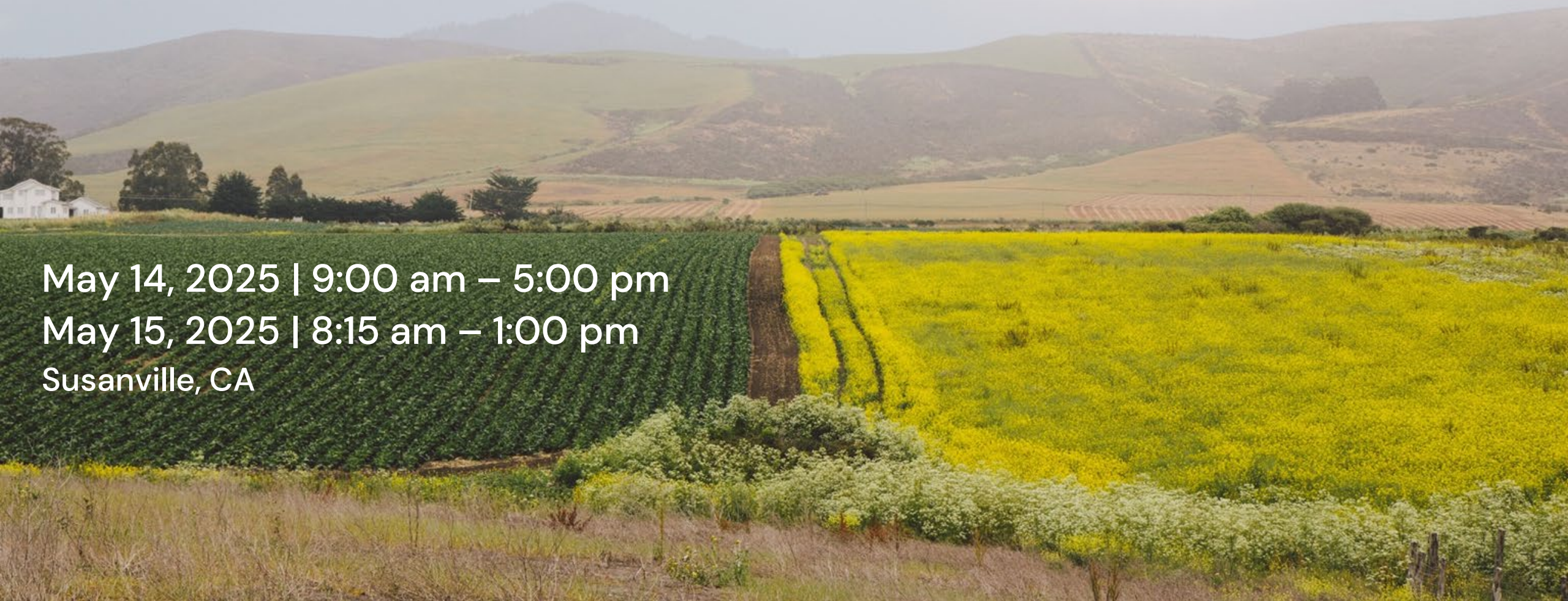


# California Agricultural Land Equity Task Force

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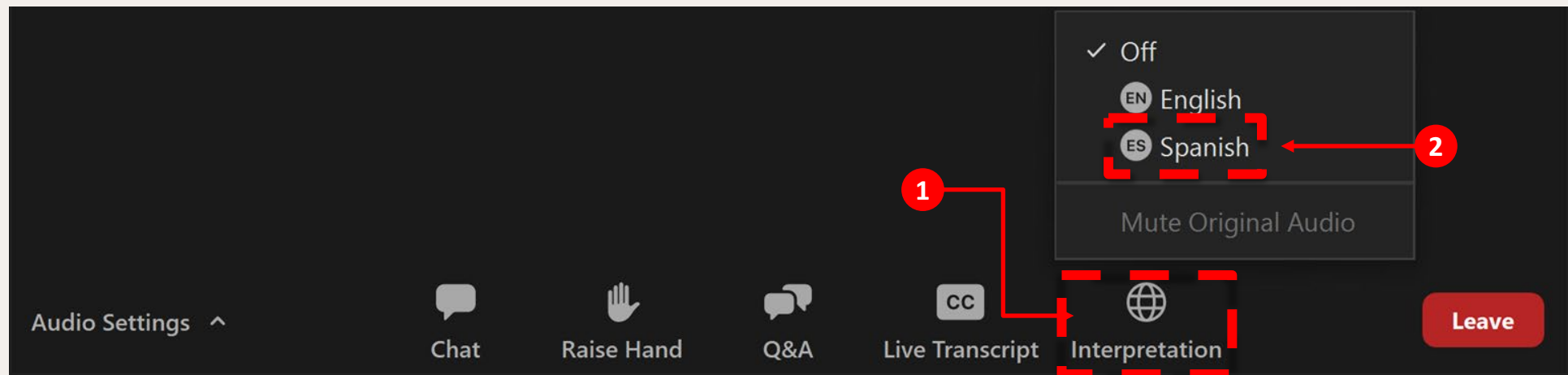
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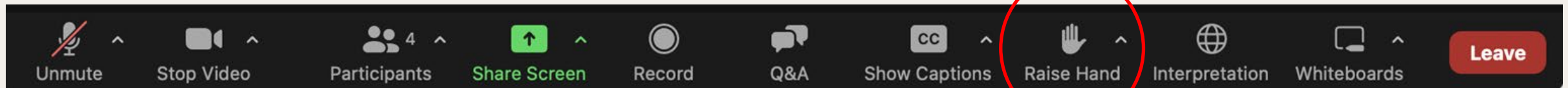
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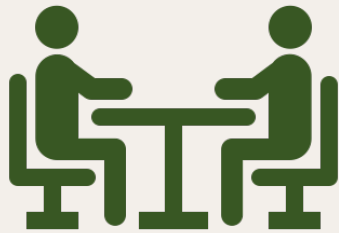
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# Participation Guidelines



**Share, Listen,  
Learn**



**Respect Different  
Perspectives**



**Stay on Point**

# Roll Call

# Agenda Review – Day 2

Thursday, May 15

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# Working Session

# Reflections from Yesterday and Pathways Forward

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# Pathways Forward: Options

1. **Reduce scope** of main report, with less developed ideas included in appendix
2. **Delegate work:**
  1. Appointed Task Force members
  2. Staff

# Current structure: Subcommittees & Working Groups

Subcommittee	Members	Working group(s) + members
Community Outreach	Burgueno, Franco, Hawkins, Zhou, de Barraicua	None
Grants & Resources	de Barraicua, Nakahara, Rittenhouse, Robinson, Schwartzman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing: Nakahara, Robinson</li> <li>• Grant program outcomes: Rittenhouse, Robinson</li> <li>• Tax laws and incentives: Nakahara, Schwartzman</li> </ul>
Land Access, Acquisition, & Ancestral Land Return	Brown, Burgueno, Dahlquist-Willard, Franco, Harlan, Hawkins, Nakahara, Payán, Robinson, Schwartzman, Zhou	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land Back: Burgueno, Franco</li> <li>• Public lands: Harlan, Schwartzman</li> <li>• Land markets: Brown, Dahlquist Willard</li> <li>• Land succession strategies: Hawkins, Schwartzman</li> </ul>
Land Tenure	Burgueno, Schwartzman, Brown, Nakahara, Robinson	Land Tenure: Burgueno, Schwartzman Landowner-Tenant Relationships ("Bill of Rights"): Schwartzman, Nakahara
Land Use Governance & Sovereignty	Burgueno, Payán, de Barraicua	Land Use Governance & Sovereignty: Burgueno, Payán
Sustaining Natural & Cultural Resources	Burgueno, Franco, Harlan, Rittenhouse	None
AB 524	Nakahara, Robinson, de Barraicua, Swartzman, Zhou, Harlan, Brown	None

# Report Sections

- **Introductory Sections + Glossary**

- What is agricultural land equity? + Glossary (Discussion priority 1, pg. 9): **Nelson, Darlene**
- Why is agricultural land equity necessary? + What can agricultural land equity achieve?: **Irene, Thea**

- **Recommendations**

- Goal 1: Return ancestral lands to CA Tribal Nations (priority 6): **Lawrence**
- Goal 2: Recognize and remove barriers to sovereignty for CA Tribal Nations: **Darlene, Dorian**
- Goal 3: Conserve and protect CA's agricultural land: **James, Liya, Dorian, Nathaniel**
- Goal 4: Facilitate equitable transition of private land (priority 4, 5, 6): **Doria, Nathaniel**
- Goal 5: Advance and support secure land tenure: **Liya, James**
- Goal 6: Reform policies and regulations to address uneven impacts: **Ruth, Irene, James**
- Goal 7: Increase fair access to public funding for land acquisition: **Doria, Qi, Thea**
- Goal 8: Support and incentivize changes in zoning and land use planning: **Nelson, Nathaniel**
- Goal 9: Evaluate and leverage suitable public lands for agriculture (priority 5): **Dorian, Liya, Lawrence**

# Additional Ideas to Develop

- Discussion priorities without report sections (see pg. 9):
  - Priority 2: Establish governance and monitoring bodies
    - James, Liya, Ruth, Thea, Qi, Lawrence: **Reconsider in August. Does it fit somewhere? Develop for TF consideration in Aug. Q to consider: continuation of TF → Irene, Lawrence, Ruth**
  - Priority 3: Land equity policy framework
    - Did not discuss: **Move under Goal 7**
  - Priority 7: Cropland repurposing
    - Did not discuss: **Ruth, Nelson**
  - Priority 8: Urban rural infrastructure
    - Did not discuss: **Nathaniel, Doria, Nelson**
  - Priority 4: Address Land Consolidation and non-operating Landowners
    - Did not discuss: → Include under Goal 4 or 6, + theme for intro? **Ruth, Dorian James, Nelson**
- **Decision:** Assign point people or leave behind

# Report timeline: May – August 2025

May

- ALETF reviews and issues feedback on May Draft
- Staff revise based on ALETF feedback

June

- June 1: Deadline for TF comments on May Draft
- June 15: Staff share revised May Draft with WGs, support work moving forward
- Interagency review?

July

- July 15: WGs complete drafting
- July 30: Staff share consolidated August Report

August

- ALETF reviews August Draft + Compiled list of proposed changes
- *\*Last opportunity for new ideas*

**15 Minute Break**

# Working Session, Continued

# Work Planning and Next Steps



# Work Planning and Next Steps

## Overview:

- Outreach to Tribal Nations
- Proposal for close out and final work products
- Reserved funds

# Next Steps: Letters to Tribal Nations

## In addition to Tribal Engagement Sessions:

- Staff send letters to federally recognized and non-federally recognized CA Tribal Nations
  - Inform them of the Task Force and invite a discussion on the draft report
    - Include report?
  - Staff draft and share the letter with Task Force and request feedback (quick turnaround)
- If a response is received, staff work with Task Force members to facilitate conversation

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# Upcoming Meetings

- **Community Outreach:** May 29 (Thursday) | 3 – 5 pm
- ~~LA3:~~ June 4 (Wednesday) | 2:30 – 4 pm
- ~~Land Tenure:~~ June 18 (Wednesday) | 10 – 12 pm
- ~~SNCR:~~ June 23 (Monday) | 1 – 3 pm
- ~~LUGS:~~ June 24 (Tuesday) | 1 – 2:30 pm
- ~~AB 524:~~ June 25 (Wednesday) | 11 – 12:30 pm
- **Grants & Resources:** June 27 (Friday) | 1 – 3 pm
- **Full Task Force Meeting:** August 13 & 14 | Arcata

Meeting Notes, Recording, and Materials posted to: <https://sgc.ca.gov/meetings/caletf/>

# Next Steps: Staff proposal for final work products and close out

## Timeline for close out

Date/Period	Action/Outcome
December 11, 2025	Final ALETF meeting to approve and celebrate final report
December 18, 2025	Staff submit report as specified in statute and launch updated program website
January – May 2026	Staff begin distributing the report to partners and past participants and develop additional materials
May – June 2026	Staff complete distribution of report and additional materials

# Next Steps: Staff proposal for final work products and close out

## Final work products (listed in order of priority)

1. Report of recommendations for the Governor and Legislature (required)
2. Website hosting report and additional information and resources
3. Fact sheets tailored to specific audiences:
  - Governor
  - Legislators
  - Priority producers and land stewards
  - Tribal Nations
  - Land trusts
  - Community-based organizations and non-profits
  - Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) and agricultural lenders
  - Local governments

# Next Steps: Staff proposal for final work products and close out

**Final work products, continued** (listed in order of priority)

4. Online resource repository

5. Interactive map with the following:

- CA Tribal Nations' ancestral lands and current landholdings
- Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program farmland categorization
- Public land, jurisdictional boundaries, and excess/surplus sites
- Demographics

# Next Steps: Reserved funds

\$1 million budgeted for local assistance (grants, pilot projects, research)

Two pathways:

1. After report submitted, SGC utilizes funds to advance a recommendation, e.g., establish a grant program that funds land acquisition costs including legal fees and down payments.
2. SGC utilizes funds to build and sustain public-facing resources based on the Task Force's process and outcomes, e.g., an updated list of grant and loan programs and toolkits for different audiences.



# Public Comment

Re: Working Session

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**ACTION: Meeting Scheduling**

# Action: Meeting Scheduling

## Overview:

- Task Force members drafted a resolution on meeting scheduling on March 27
- Draft language shared with Task Force members after meeting and additional feedback incorporated
- Today, consider whether to adopt the draft resolution

# Draft Resolution on Meeting Scheduling

For future (not already calendared) meetings of the full Task Force, the Task Force directs staff to schedule meetings according to all of the following criteria:

1. Bagley-Keene compliance,
2. Virtual or in-person availability of ~~either~~the Chair ~~and~~or Vice Chair, and
3. Virtual or in-person availability of at least two of three Tribal Representatives.

Once a Task Force meeting is scheduled, the date will be maintained regardless of changes in attendance, if Bagley-Keene compliance is maintained.

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# Summarize, Action Items, Next Steps

- Summary of Actions taken
- Review of Action Items and follow up items
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**Thank You!**