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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation
Program Updates
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Quick refresher on SALC

The Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (or SALC) was established in 2014.

Program of the California Strategic Growth Council, administered by the Department of Conservation.
Eligible Project Types

**Planning** grants for cities, counties, special districts, and Local Agency Formation Commissions and their partners to protect agricultural land resources under threat of conversion.

**Agricultural Conservation Easements** grants to permanently protect important agricultural land under threat of conversion.
Important Thresholds

Demonstrate that the lands to be protected are at risk of conversion

Program overall must result in quantifiable greenhouse gas emissions avoided
Planning project, Santa Clara County:

Four focus areas:

- Land use policy to prevent the conversion of working lands
- Easement purchase program
- Ag economic development strategy
- Branding and awareness strategy to demonstrate the importance of farming to the Santa Clara community
Easement Projects: Santa Clara County

3 projects comprising 251.6 acres
1 mile from City of Gilroy
Program achievements so far:

$124 million awarded over four rounds.

90,700 acres to be protected so far

8 plans developed

Projects spanning 31 counties from San Luis Obispo to Siskiyou
Thank you!

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