



Three-Year Tactical Plan for Board of Supervisors-Identified Strategic Plan Goal

Goal 6: Preserve and support agriculture

Meaning (expanded definition of goal) <i>Encourage a vibrant and resilient agricultural economy that concurrently preserves sufficient farmland to maintain regional food security in perpetuity.</i>	Key Concepts (Actionable items reflected in meaning)			
	Economic viability Assist in regulatory processes, identifying local and new markets and siting local processing facilities	Maintain and enhance infrastructure Provide transportation and distribution modes, research, training and technical support, and access to water, raw materials and storage	Land availability Preserve agricultural lands through mitigation, easements and land reserved for food and fiber production	Local economic benefit Realize economic benefits with local jobs, tax revenue and increase in local GDP
	Objectives (SMART-based outcomes that advance the goals and can be achieved in the next three years)			
	A. Farmbudsman position created to assist farmers and ranchers with the permitting process B. Effective Farm-to-School program created to bring fresh, locally grown/produced food to school meals and provide farm education programs	C. Refrigeration and consolidation unit sited reducing truck trips to small farms with partial loads D. Legislative priorities to mitigate FEMA flood and Bay Delta Conservation Plan impacts to Yolo County	E. Study conducted to determine whether a higher mitigation ratio for loss of agricultural land is warranted	F. Note: this objective related to I-505 site and zoning Ag Commercial has removed as no partner agencies looking at alternative sites G. Create an agricultural marketing program to promote agricultural tourism and direct marketing, and to implement General Plan action items related to agriculture

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Objectives & Implementation Tactics (expected completion date)	Measures of Success	Champions
A. Farmbudsman position created to assist farmers and ranchers with the permitting process • Develop position description with Solano County (complete) • Develop shared services agreement with Solano County (complete) • Explore alternative funding models (complete) • Seek and secure funding for the position (complete) • Implement (complete) • Evaluate (2016-17)	• Economic benefit of the position outweighs the cost of the position • Project approvals increased by 20% • 500 new jobs added • 5 new processors added	County Administration Economic Development Agriculture Planning & Public Works Health
B. Effective Farm-to-School program created to bring fresh, locally grown/produced food to school meals and provide farm education programs • Develop a strategic plan and budget (complete) • Host a stakeholders meeting (complete) • Develop a task force (complete) • Seek partnerships and align mission and values (complete and ongoing) • Seek funding (complete) • Implement program (complete) • Evaluate effectiveness (complete)	• Program mission aligned with the goals of project partners • Program implemented in all 5 public school districts • Each school districts increased local procurement to greater than 25%	Agriculture County Administration Economic Development Health
C. Refrigeration and consolidation unit sited reducing truck trips to small farms with partial loads • Work with UC Davis and the Yolo Ag and Food Systems Alliance to analyze project feasibility (complete) • Conduct feasibility study to determine if the Yolo County Food Bank can act as an aggregation facility (complete) • Encourage private party implementation study results (complete)	• Yolo County Aggregation Facility in operation	Agriculture CAO Economic Development Planning & Public Works

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D. Legislative priorities to mitigate FEMA flood and Bay Delta Conservation Plan impacts to Yolo County - Secure changes to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan Yolo Bypass Conservation Measure and other proposed environmental stewardship projects to avoid/minimize impacts on agriculture, flood protection and terrestrial species habitat, including migrating waterfowl, as well as secure full mitigation for any unavoidable impacts (complete and ongoing) - Seek modifications to the National Flood Insurance Program reauthorization bill to protect both rural areas and incorporated cities (2017-18) - Seek modifications to Federal Emergency Management Agency standards for non-residential structures (2017-18) - Research creation of an ag and economic development fund (complete)	- Yolo County maintains control over local land use decisions - Economic Development opportunities increase in rural areas - Fremont Weir and the Yolo Bypass are not widened and farming operations are not impacted	County Administration Intergovernmental Relations Natural Resources Agriculture
E. Study conducted to determine whether a higher mitigation ratio for loss of agricultural land is warranted - Fund study (complete) - Develop scope of work (complete) - Send out RFP (complete) - Award RFP (complete) - Evaluate and Implement findings (2015-16)	- More Ag land preserved through permanent easements - Agricultural production increased	County Administrator County Counsel Agriculture
F. Objective removed		
G. Create an agricultural marketing program to promote agricultural tourism and direct marketing, and to implement General Plan action items related to agriculture - Develop a position description and determine if this function can be combined with the farmbudsman function (complete) - Hire position (complete) - Implement program (complete) - Evaluate (2017-18)	- Required Ag related General Plan Action items would be prioritized and implemented in a timely manner. - Local Preference, Promotion of the use of local foods and products from Yolo County to strengthen the local economy improve health and connect residents with the agricultural community.	Agriculture Planning & Public Works County Administrator

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