

## Natural and Working Lands Working Group Meeting Summary

November 18, 2022 | 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Meeting Summary

- K. Reza will facilitate future meetings.
- The Working Group hopes to include the voices of farmers and the Yocha Dehe Tribe.
- The Working Group is subject to Brown Act structuring.
  - Agendas and Zoom links will be shared publicly but meetings will not be recorded.
- The county has received a \$20,000 grant from USDN to fund compensation for YCCAC and working group members.
- On Tuesday November 22 Kristen will be presenting the RCD Scope of Work and Compensation Policy to the board for approval.
- High-Level Group Goals:
  - Meetings should have structure and purpose as there are many topics to discuss.
  - Main interests:
    - Small farmers
    - Large farmers
    - Native voices
    - Consider how to bring big agricultural players/corporate farms/farm bureau (Morning Star, etc) to the table.
    - **Decision:** Prioritize major farmers.
  - Suggestion to interview farmers/farmworkers/farm industry members and quantify data to put together a framework for analysis.
  - Suggestion to develop two-year strategies and emphasize early wins first while still building out long-term strategies.
  - Suggestion to emphasize food systems too and coordinate with the Food Bank.
  - Suggestion to involve Inter-Tribal Ag Council for additional Native voices.
  - Suggestion to quantify opportunities for carbon sequestration and match with demographics of Yolo farms.
  - **Action Item:** Locate past emissions data (Staff) and involve the County's ag department in this process.
  - The County Ag Department has regular meetings with the Farm Bureau.
  - **Action Item:** Create a spreadsheet with contacts to be involved in outreach and determine who to prioritize as a group.
  - Suggestion to enter conversations with outreach contacts with a working hypothesis for streamlined feedback and accessibility.
  - Suggestion to define land use types that the working group will center its focus on.
- Priorities **for** Member Recruitment:
  - Groups to consider:
    - Fire Safe Council
    - Farm Bureau
    - Putah Creek Council
    - NRCS

- Full Bellies
  - Bobcat Ranch for Rancher perspectives
  - Morning Star
  - Yolo Habitat Conservancy
  - UCD Biotech & Research Groups
  - Cannabis Farmers
  - Inter-Tribal Ag Council
- Next Steps:
    - **Action Item:** Create Doodle Poll for the week of Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> (Staff)
    - **Action Item:** Put working group goals on next meeting's agenda