



CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC  
GROWTH COUNCIL

# Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program *Informing the 2016 Guidelines*

Public Workshop

October 26, 2016



# Meeting Goals:

Receive your feedback on the 2015 grant cycle

Hear about ways we can improve the SALC Program in 2016

Brief update on program status



# SALC Program Purpose

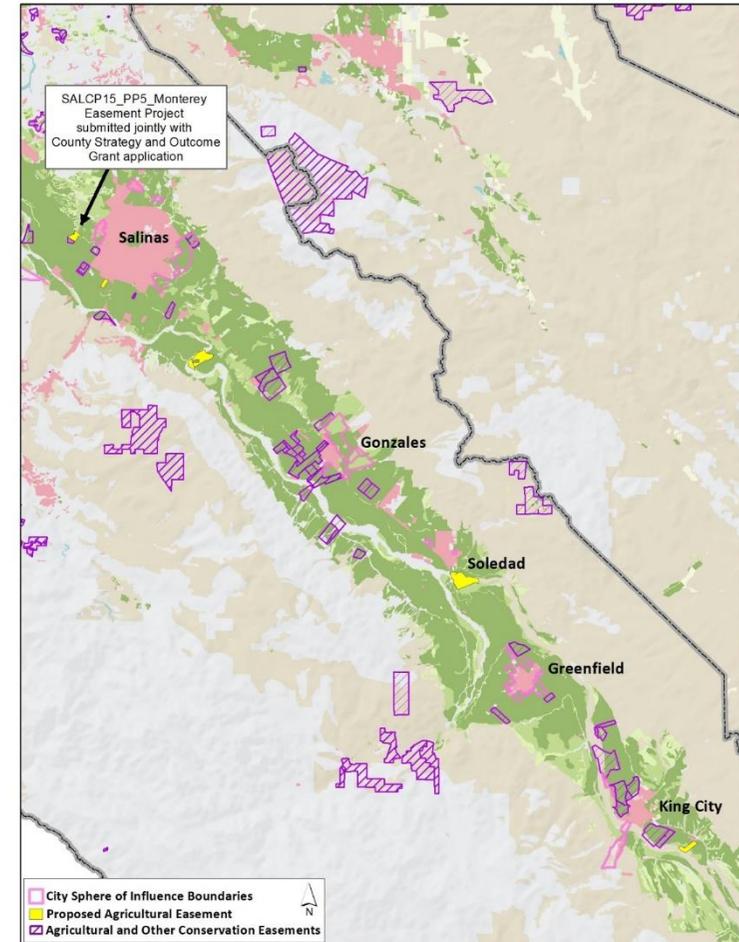
To avoid increases in GHG emissions associated with conversion of California's irreplaceable croplands and rangelands to urban and rural residential development.



# SALC Program Status

## Agricultural Strategy & Outcome Grants

- Five FY 2014 projects – second quarterly progress reports received; most in data gathering mode
- One FY 2015 project – grant agreement documents in development
- Staff tracking ongoing land use decisions and their impacts in project areas



# SALC Program Status

## Agricultural Conservation Easements

- Five FY 2014 projects – two projects (consisting of three easements) completed; Marin and Napa counties. Others under grant agreement.
- Twenty FY 2015 projects – detailed legal and title review; grant agreement documents in development. Some projects still contingent on match fund commitments.



# FY 2016 Funding

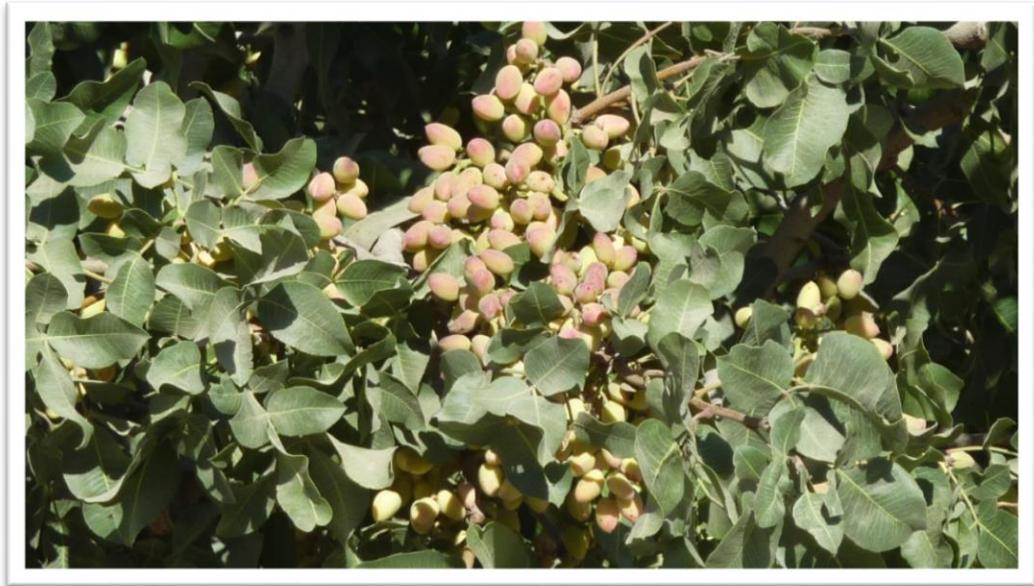
- \$400 Million was used as a placeholder in the Governor's budget for the overall AHSC Program.
- Actual amount will be contingent on Cap and Trade auction proceeds.
- SALCP will receive a portion of the available AHSC funds; amount to be determined by the Strategic Growth Council.

## Next Steps – *tentative timeline*

- Compile feedback from workshop, web survey, letters.
- Develop Draft 2016 Guidelines (DOC staff with Interagency Team review)—November 2016.
- Release Draft 2016 Guidelines--December 2016.
- Public review and workshops--early 2017.
- Council review and approval of Guidelines--April 2017, pending budget authorization.

# Related Program Updates

- Healthy soils status overview--Jenny Lester Moffitt, CDFA.
- SALCP GHG Quantification status—Jessica Bede, ARB.



*Thank you for your interest!*



More information is available at:  
[www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/salcp](http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/salcp)

