



Division of Land Resource Protection (DLRP)

~Managing California's Working Lands~

Among other achievements, in 2009, DLRP:

* Permanently shielded 2,577 acres of the state's best farmland from development. The [California Farmland Conservancy Program](#) (CFCP) completed eight projects, providing \$7.5 million in bond funding to create agricultural conservation easements. Among the projects were the first CFCP-funded easement in Stanislaus County and two easements that expanded the Dixon-Davis greenbelt in Solano County. The CFCP also provided \$573,451 for eight planning grants, intended to advance future agricultural conservation easement projects.

* Released the [2004-06 Farmland Conversion Report](#), detailing land-use change in California. Farm and grazing lands in California decreased by 275 square miles (176,014 acres) between 2004 and 2006, according to the [Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program](#) (FMMP). The highest-quality agricultural soils, known as Prime Farmland, comprised 46 percent of the loss. The Prime Farmland decrease of 81,247 acres was a record.

* Began the 2006-2088 land-use change mapping cycle. During 2009, the FMMP analyzed and released 21 counties in the biennial update cycle, including most of the San Francisco Bay Area, Central Coast, and Southern California. San Joaquin and Sacramento valley counties were being released as 2010 began. In the San Joaquin Valley, [added mapping detail](#) is provided on rural land uses — rural residential, ecological restoration, mining operations, and related uses -- that may impact agricultural integrity.

* Produced and distributed the [2008 Williamson Act Status Report](#) throughout the state. Also, five [Williamson Act Program](#) workshops were held in various locations around California, drawing record attendance.

* Distributed [Watershed Coordinator Grants](#) -- enabling 43 local coordinators to continue their work of facilitating collaborative efforts to improve and sustain the health of California's watershed -- after an extended work stoppage due to a bond freeze.



The California Farmland Conservancy Program and the Salinas-based Ag Land Trust permanently shielded 325 acres of prime farmland near King City from development.

About DLRP

Californians make their home amidst some of the most productive farmland and diverse open spaces in the world. California leads the nation in the total production and diversity of agricultural goods.

The [Division of Land Resource Protection \(DLRP\)](#) works with landowners, researchers and local governments to conserve these resources for everyone's future.

* Participated in the [Department of Water Resources'](#) California Water Plan Update and in the California Tribal Water Summit 2009.

* Represented Department interests in drafting and refining the Agriculture Sector in the Governor's [Climate Adaptation Strategy Report](#), attending numerous interagency workshops, public stakeholder workshops, and public meetings coordinated by the Natural Resources Agency.