



California
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**CALIFORNIA STRATEGIC
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Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALC) Draft Guidelines Now Available for Public Comment

Online Public Workshops March 3rd and March 9th

The [California Strategic Growth Council](#) and the [Department of Conservation](#) (DOC) are pleased to announce the release of the 2020/2021 [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program \(SALC\) Draft Guidelines](#). DOC is hosting a series of online workshops to share program information and to solicit public input.

About the Program: The [SALC](#) Program supports agricultural conservation, economic growth and sustainable development by providing grants for two types of projects:

- **Planning grants** that support the development of local and regional land use policies and economic development strategies to protect critical agricultural land
- **Agricultural Conservation Acquisition grants** that are used to permanently protect croplands and rangelands that are at-risk of conversion to sprawl development.

To learn more, please join us for one of the following online workshops:

Workshop 1- Wednesday March 3, 2021

1 PM – 2 PM (Acquisition Grants)

[Register here](#)

Workshop 2- Tuesday March 9, 2021

11 AM – Noon (Acquisition Grants)

[Register here](#)

Workshop 3- Tuesday March 9, 2021

1 PM – 2 PM (Planning Grants)

[Register here](#)

What will be discussed?

- Overview of the SALC Program
- Guideline overview and updates
- Important dates and timelines

How can I comment?

- Online during the workshop
- Email: SALCP@conservation.ca.gov

Draft guidelines are posted on the website and will be available for public comment through March 23, 2021.

Housing and Sustainable Communities Program (AHSC). SALC complements investments made in urban areas with the purchase of agricultural conservation easements, development of agricultural land strategy plans, and other mechanisms that result in GHG reductions and a more resilient agricultural sector.

The program invests in agricultural land conservation with revenue from ***California Climate Investments (CCI)*** made available for projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while providing additional benefits to California communities. CCI is derived from quarterly cap-and-trade auction proceeds, which are administered by the California Air Resources Board. The Department of Conservation works in cooperation with the Natural Resources Agency as SGC's implementation partner for the program.

Additional Opportunities for Funding and Program Participation

California Farmland Conservancy Program (CFCP)

Application pre-proposals: late spring/ applications late summer/early fall

Proposition 68 Working Lands and Riparian Corridors Program

(for resources conservation districts)

Draft guidelines workshops- Late Spring

Application pre-proposals: early summer/ applications late summer/early fall

DOC staff are available to answer questions and provide technical assistance.

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