



STAFF REPORT
Board Meeting of May 19, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 4-B

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SUBJECT:

Sustainable Agriculture Lands Conservation Program Call for Projects

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The [California Strategic Growth Council \(SGC\)](#) and the [California Department of Conservation \(DOC\)](#) are seeking applications from cities, counties, Native American tribes, land trusts, and other governmental and non-profit entities for projects that protect agricultural land and reduce greenhouse gases. Projects funded through SGC's [Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program \(SALC\)](#) help limit sprawl, strengthen the agricultural economy, and help California meet its climate change goals.

The SALC Program funds two project types:

Sustainable Agricultural Conservation 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 which are used to permanently protect agricultural lands that are at risk of conversion to sprawl development.

For key dates and more information please visit [The California Department of Conservation Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation](#) website.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.