Today's Program

1:00 Welcome
Agricultural Commissioner Tony Linegar and Sonoma County Supervisors Shirlee Zane and James Gore

1:20 Land Availability: What is happening in the County today?
Frederick Smith, California FarmLink; Julian Meisler, Sonoma Land Trust; Misti Arias, Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

2:15 Q&A

2:45 Break

3:00 Perspective: What is it to be an aspiring farmer?
Adam Davidoff, New Family Farm

3:10 Perspective: What is it to be a land owner leasing land for food production? Naomi Brilliant, Frank Johnson Vineyards & Roshambo Farms

3:20 Additional Resources: An introduction to other organizations which support agriculture in Sonoma County (See Additional Resources section on back)

3:45 Table Conversations: What additional resources and strategies could make more land available?

4:15 Looking Ahead

4:30 Mixer with local food and drink!

Food System Alliance Sonoma County
sonomacounty Department of Health Services
Greenbelt Alliance
Sonoma Land Trust
CAFF Community Alliance with Family Farmers
Sonoma County Event Center at the Fairgrounds
The Farmers Guild
Ag Innovations Network
Sonoma Resource Conservation District
Sonoma County Farm Bureau
American AgCredit Money for Agriculture
Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District
California FarmLink
Sonoma County Agriculture Industry Recreation
UC CE
Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Additional Resources

Organizations:

Ag Innovations Network; Dan Schurman, dan@aginnovations.org

American Ag Credit; Bill Rodda, brodda@agloan.com

Community Alliance with Family Farmers, North Coast Chapter; Wendy Krupnick, wlk@sonic.net.

California FarmLink; Frederick Smith, fred@cafarmlink.org

California Human Development; Marian Parsons, marian.parsons@cahumandevelopment.org

Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District; Brittany Heck, brittany@goldridgercd.org

Greenbelt Alliance; Teri Shore, tshore@greenbelt.org

Permit Resource and Management Department; Traci Tesconi, traci.tesconi@sonoma-county.org

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Sonoma County Department of Health Services; Leah Murphy, leah.murphy@sonoma-county.org

Sonoma County Farm Bureau; Tim Tesconi, ttesconi@sonomafb.org

Sonoma Land Trust; Amy Chesnut, amy@sonomalandtrust.org.

Sonoma Resource Conservation District; Kara Heckert, kheckert@sonomarcd.org

The Farmers Guild; Evan Wiig, evan@farmersguild.org

UCCE Sonoma County; Stephanie Larson, Ph.D, slarson@ucanr.edu; Linda Peterson, ljpeterson@ucanr.edu

Farmland preservation:

Farmland conservation for climate protection, smart growth & food security: http://calclimateag.org/triple-harvest/

Farmland for Farming the pie ranch access to land project: http://aginnovations.org/images/uploads/FarmlandforFarming-1.pdf

CA Ag Vision: Strategies for Sustainability: http://aginnovations.org/images/uploads/Ag_Vision_Final_Report_Dec_2010.pdf

Nine Case studies of land trust working with next-generation farmers: http://www.californiafarmlink.org/storage/documents/jobs/Land_Trust_Case_Studies_March2015.pdf

The County Land for Food Production Phase 2 (includes farming & grazing) report is on-line: http://ucanr.edu/sites/BFRSOCO/Land_Opportunities/

The Last Crop Trailer is a 3 minute video about saving farmland: http://thelastcropfilm.com/videomedia/

Financing:

Conservation Financing for Farm Transfer: http://womencaringfortheland.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/conservation_financing.pdf

Affording our Land; a Financial Literacy Guidebook for Young Farmers (and all farmers): http://www.thegreenhorns.net/guidebooks/affording-ourland-greenhorns-guide-to-financial-literacy/

Kiva Zip, 0% interest crowd-sourced loans for agricultural entrepreneurs via the Farmers Guild: http://www.farmersguild.org/kiva-zip-0-interest-loans-for-farmers.html

Regulations:

Ag Innovations: Regulating for Agricultural & Public Outcomes: http://aginnovations.org/images/uploads/Regulations_ag-public.pdf

Farmworker housing:

California Human Development: http://www.cahumandevelopment.org/housing_services_napa_farmworker_housing.php

http://www.cahumandevelopment.org/FWS%20HUD/headsburgareafundrfs.pdf

Ag Innovations Network: http://aginnovations.org/images/uploads/CIRS_Susan_Peck_farmworker_housing_report_1989.pdf

Resource lists:

Agrarian Trust: http://agrariantrust.org/resources/ (land access, financing, succession planning, ag mediation & farm law, etc.)

Jobs, Internships & Land Opportunities in California listed with the Farmers Guild: http://www.farmersguild.org/jobs-internships--land-opportunities.html

Land for Good: http://landforgood.org/resources/toolbox/toolbox-landowners/#sthash.tIDS5BYm.dpbs