

## **Request for Applications**

### **Land available for small-scale organic farmers at the Sunol AgPark**

Are you a farmer interested in operating on a small scale amongst a community of other growers? There are currently two plots available (1.4 acres total) in the beautiful Sunol Valley at the Sunol Agricultural Park.

The AgPark was founded in 2006 to promote sustainable agriculture and to provide a valuable educational asset for the community. Owned by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), the AgPark is 18 acres of prime agricultural land located at the confluence of Alameda Creek and Arroyo de la Laguna, adjacent to the historic Sunol Water Temple. It has been leased and managed since 2017 by the Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD).

Currently home to 5 small-scale, organically-managed farms, the AgPark is a collaborative and welcoming space, and is a display of the variety and diversity of sustainable farming systems. During the school year, the ACRCD provides a field trip program for Bay Area elementary school students to learn about the Alameda Watershed, sustainable agriculture, and climate resilience.

Prospective farmers are encouraged to apply for one or both available plots, which will be licensed for a fee of \$1000/acre/year, pro-rated through the end of 2022. Farmers also pay a security deposit of \$150 per acre and \$600 per water meter. Farmers are responsible for the cost of water and are billed monthly at a rate of \$0.75/unit. Average annual cost of water is approximately \$400-\$800/acre. Farms must be operated following National Organic Standards and farmers must carry a Commercial General Liability Insurance policy.

To be considered for a Farming License at the Sunol AgPark, please complete the attached application and submit to Colleen Hotchkiss, AgPark Manager via email at [colleen.hotchkiss@acrcd.org](mailto:colleen.hotchkiss@acrcd.org) by **5PM Friday, April 22, 2022**. There will be two informational tours held at the AgPark on Tuesday, April 5th from 1-2PM and Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-4PM. To RSVP and for any other questions, please contact Colleen at the above email or at (650) 868-7186.