

FALL NEWSLETTER

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the recent Local Work Group meeting. Your insights as producers, landowners, land managers, and farmers are invaluable in shaping our conservation priorities and ensuring our programs meet the needs of our local community.

As fall begins, our office may seem a bit quieter—but that’s because our team is out in the field, doing the hands-on conservation work that defines the Alameda County Resource Conservation District.

In this issue, you’ll find updates on our current projects, funding opportunities, and ways to get involved. If you share our commitment to conserving Alameda County’s natural resources, we encourage you to learn more below about serving as an Associate Director on our Board.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your conservation questions, issues, or feedback. We are here for you!

Marilyn Harvey, CEO

ACCAP or The Compost for Ag Program Update



The Alameda County Compost for Agriculture Program (ACCAP) continues to support local producers in adopting healthy soil practices while advancing Alameda County’s compliance with SB1383 procurement requirements. The program provides both full-cost donations and partial subsidies to help farms access compost.

In the first three quarters of 2025, the Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) assisted eight producers in procuring nearly 600 cubic yards of organic compost for approximately 57 acres of farmland in Berkeley, Oakland, Fremont, and Sunol. The compost was used to amend beds for spring, summer, and fall crops, improving soil health, water retention, and crop resilience.

By reaching a diverse range of producers—from small urban farms to peri-urban seed growers, as well as larger operations—ACCAP not only contributes to Alameda County’s procurement goals but also strengthens farm resilience, supports sustainable agriculture, and highlights the community and environmental benefits of organics recycling.

ACCAP is available on a rolling basis year-round. For information on how to access compost through ACCAP, contact ian.howell@acrcd.org or visit acrcd.org/projects/compost-for-ag.

NRCS Conservation Funding Assistance

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Apply Now Conservation Programs

Program Application Cut-off: November 21, 2025

Contact your local field office now to apply for the following USDA NRCS programs:

- EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program)
- CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program)
- ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program)



Why Apply?

- Support your conservation goals
- Access financial and technical assistance
- Strengthen your land for future generations

Application Cut-off:
November 21, 2025



USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in California announces Fiscal Year 2026 (October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026) federal assistance opportunities for agricultural producers, including through the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP), the [Conservation Stewardship Program](#) (CSP), and the [Agricultural Conservation Easement Program](#) (ACEP).

While NRCS accepts applications for these programs year-round, interested applicants should apply no later than **November 21, 2025**, for the application cutoff period.

Please contact Veronica Rivera veronica.rivera@usda.gov or Rose Collins rosemary.collins@usda.gov with any questions.

Conservation Easement Recording

PROTECTING YOUR LAND:

Basics and Benefits of
Conservation Easements
and Funding
Opportunities in
Alameda County



This informative webinar is designed to help you understand how **conservation easements** can benefit both you and the land you love. Whether you're exploring ways to protect your property for future generations or curious about available **funding opportunities**, this session will provide valuable insights tailored for landowners in **Alameda County**.

TOPICS COVERED:

- **Introduction& landowner insights** - Clayton Koopmann, *Koopmann Ranch*
- **Local support & opportunities** - Ian Howell, *Alameda County RCD*
- **Conservation easements overview** - Jackie Platt, *CaliforniaRangelandTrust*
- **Appraiser insights** - David Wraa, *Bender RosenthalInc.*
- **ALOSC funding programs** - Dick Schneider, *Alameda Co. RCD*

Don't miss this chance to gain practical tools and information to protect your land!

CALIFORNIA
RANGELAND

ALAMEDA COUNTY
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT

This recent workshop was designed for landowners in Alameda County interested in preserving their land and for ranchers with a vested interest in land stewardship. Attendees gained a deeper understanding of how conservation easements can benefit both the owner and the land.

Experts were on hand to discuss the application process, financial incentives, and answer questions. Additionally, funding opportunities specific to Alameda County were shared.

Please watch the recording of this webinar on YouTube here:

<https://youtu.be/se6J7k8p5HE?si=hj91ykRf2NVHA4lv>

Questions? Contact Ian Howell, ian.howell@acrcd.org



Weed Management

Sign up to receive weed management information & resources

First name

Last name

* City

If you would like additional information and resources about weed management, please sign up for our [email list today!](#)

Connectivity



Want to know more about the East Bay Wildlife Connectivity Project?

[Read more on our website and sign up to receive periodic informational emails.](#)

If you would like to discuss the project and how it relates to the land you own or manage, please contact Courtney Coon at courtney.coon@acrcd.org.

CA Forest Stewardship Workshop



Online October 7 - December 16, 2025 and

In-person Saturday, November 8th at the UC Berkeley Russell Research Center

Join the workshop to better understand and protect your forests by receiving technical assistance, developing a forest management plan, and having a resource professional visit your forest.

For more information visit our website at www.acrcd.org.

Local Work Group Meeting Survey



Alameda County Local Work Group Meetings on July 19 (Oakland) and Sept. 4 (Livermore) brought together local ranchers, farmers, winegrowers, landowners, urban growers, and conservation partners to discuss the county’s most pressing natural resource concerns and opportunities. The meetings fostered open dialogue and collaboration with networking and program updates from the ACRCD and NRCS, insights from producers, a lively round of agricultural trivia, free soil lead testing for urban farmers, and an engaging panel discussion on experiences with NRCS programs.

We are still accepting your valuable feedback and encourage you to take a few minutes to [fill out this short survey today](#) to help shape the direction of future conservation efforts across Alameda County!

Visit Our Website

ACRCD Associate Director Openings

Join the ACRCD Leadership Team!

Are you passionate about natural resources, agriculture, or conservation? The Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) is seeking Associate Directors to help guide our mission of protecting local lands and waters.

This is a great opportunity to learn about conservation leadership and district programs while contributing your perspective to board discussions. Associate Directors are non-voting members and often go on to serve as full Board Directors as positions open.

To learn more, contact CEO Marilyn Harvey at marilyn.harvey@acrcd.org

Our Mission

The mission of the Alameda County Resource Conservation District (ACRCD) is to provide leadership in the county and region to enhance natural resources conservation, preserve wildlife and habitat, and improve rangeland and agricultural management through partnerships, education, outreach, resource services, and technical assistance to clients, and funding support.

The ACRCD and NRCS are not Government oversight agencies. Maintaining the trust of the landowners and ranchers is of the utmost importance.

For more information visit www.acrcd.org

The Conservation Partnership | 3585 Greenville Road Suite 2 | Livermore, CA 94550 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

