

Thank you for this opportunity to contribute to the state vision of the future of agriculture. My personal bias runs toward the permaculture model and it's principles. And, thankfully, there are now vast informational resources available to implement measures that go beyond sustainability to insure our productive agricultural future. We are fortunate to have many successful examples of these measures to study and copy right here in California. (see resources below)

I believe the State's position should be to encourage local governments to reframe how they think about such issues as food production and transportation, water conservation and harvesting, and chemical usage on our food, to name a few. Grower's do need to think about how to also reframe income - a future with little or no oil and petrochemicals really needs planning.

The three main principles of permaculture are simple- Care for the earth, Care for the People, Share the Surplus.

<http://www.permacultureprinciples.com/>

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
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Definition of Permaculture:

The word **permaculture**, coined by Australians [Bill Mollison](#) and [David Holmgren](#) during the 1970s, is a [portmanteau](#) of **permanent agriculture** as well as **permanent culture**. Through a series of publications, Mollison, Holmgren and their associates documented an approach to designing human settlements, in particular the development of perennial agricultural systems that mimic the structure and interrelationship found in natural [ecologies](#).

Permaculture [design](#) principles extend from the position that "The only ethical decision is to take responsibility for our own existence and that of our children" (Mollison, 1990). The intent was that, by rapidly training individuals in a core set of design principles, those individuals could become designers of their own environments and able to build increasingly self-sufficient human settlements — ones that reduce society's reliance on industrial systems of production and distribution that Mollison identified as fundamentally and systematically destroying the earth's ecosystems.

While originating as an [agro-ecological](#) design theory, permaculture has developed a large international following of individuals who have received training through intensive two week long 'permaculture design courses'. This 'permaculture community' continues to expand on the original teachings of Mollison and his associates, integrating a range of [alternative cultural](#) ideas, through a network of training, publications, permaculture gardens, and internet forums. In this way permaculture has become both a design system as well as a loosely defined philosophy or [lifestyle ethic](#).

Resources (by no means complete):

General Information:

<http://www.permacultureactivist.net/intro/Pclntro.htm>

<http://www.sustainableabc.com/permaculture.html>

<http://www.permaearth.org/>

California Resources:

<http://permaculture.com/>

<http://www.regenerativedesign.org/>

<http://www.sbpermaculture.org/>

<http://www.quailsprings.org/content/view/43/51/>

<http://www.earthflow.com/>