



**ENVIRONMENTAL FARMING ACT SCIENCE ADVISORY PANEL (EFA SAP)  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

**January 13, 2022  
9 AM to 4 PM**

**REMOTE ACCESS**

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Topic	Presenter	Action Level
1. EFA SAP and CDFA Introductions	Chair Dlott	Informational Item
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting	Chair Dlott	Action Item Requires EFA SAP Approval
3. Updates to the Ecosystem Services Definition	Liaison Gunasekara, CDFA	Action Item Requires EFA SAP Approval
<p>Liaison to the EFA SAP, Dr. Gunasekara will provide an update to EFA SAP members and public stakeholders on an updated definition of "ecosystems services" for adoption. The existing <a href="#">Ecosystem Services definition</a> was adopted in 2012 and a recently passed motion in a previous EFA SAP meeting requested CDFA staff to revisit and update the definition.</p>		
4. State Water Efficiency and Enhancement Program (SWEEP); Updates	Steph Jamis, CDFA SWEEP	Informational Item

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The SWEEP solicitation for applications opened on October 19, 2021 and will close on January 18, 2022. Presented will be an update on the solicitation application process including number of applications submitted and awards made. SWEEP was allocated \$50 million for this solicitation for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/sweep/>

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5. SWEEP Pilot Project	Scott Weeks, CDFA SWEEP	Action Item (proposed water only pilot program) Requires EFA SAP Approval
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CDFA will present information on a proposed new framework for a pilot program that attempts to quantify water savings only with no additional increases in greenhouse gases from irrigation projects in the Southern California desert region. The EFA SAP will be asked to review the framework presentation and decide if to move this pilot program to the next stage of releasing a draft request for applications for public comment following the meeting.

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6. Water Efficiency Technical Assistance Program (WETA); Updates	Scott Weeks, CDFA SWEEP	Informational Item
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The Budget Act of 2021 appropriated \$5 million to CDFA for irrigation water efficiency and nutrient management technical assistance grants. The Water Efficiency Technical Assistance (WETA) grant program is designed to facilitate technical assistance to agricultural operations for on-farm irrigation water and energy use efficiency and nutrient management. The WETA solicitation for applications opened on November 22, 2021 and will close on January 19, 2022. Presented will be an update on the solicitation application process including number of applications submitted.  
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/technical/weta.html>

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7. Technical Assistance Program; Updates	Carolyn Cook, CDFA SWEEP	Informational Item
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An update on the Technical Assistance Program for Climate Smart Agriculture will be provided.  
<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/technical/>

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8. Healthy Soils Program; Updates	Nina Bingham, CDFA HSP Elizabeth Hessom, CDFA HSP	Informational Item
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The Healthy Soils Program (HSP) Incentive Program is currently accepting applications as part of a \$75 million Fiscal Year 2021-22 allocation. The Incentives solicitation for applications opened on November 1, 2021 and will close on February 25, 2022. The Demonstration Projects application period was from November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Presented will be an update on the solicitation application process including number of applications submitted and awards made.

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/healthysouls/>

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9. Pollinator Habitat Program

Carolyn Cook, CDFA PHP

Informational Item

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The Pollinator Habitat Program (PHP) is a proposed new program focused on incentivizing pollinator habitat on farms and ranches. CDFA will present information the funding appropriation and discuss the framework under consideration. CDFA received \$15 million for this program in Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

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10. Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program (CAPGP); Updates

Carolyn Cook, CDFA CAPGP

Informational Item

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The CAPGP is a new program under CDFA Climate Smart Agriculture portfolio and allows for planning grants so agricultural operations in California can plan for climate change mitigation and adaption activities. CDFA received \$17 million for the CAPGP for Fiscal Year 2021-22. CDFA received a second round of public comments on the Draft Request for Proposals for the Conservation Agriculture Planning Grants Program between September 16 and October 19, 2021. Presented will be the [public comments](#) and [CDFA responses](#) to those comments which are now posted on the [program website](#). Summarized public comments and CDFA responses are also included in the [Binder of Information](#) for this meeting. CDFA is currently working internally on a cost for the carbon farm plans prior to releasing the solicitation for applications. <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/oefi/planning/>

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11. Public Comment

Chair Dlott

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12. Next Meeting – April 14, 2022

Chair Dlott

Informational Item

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