WHAT IS THE SAN DIEGO CARBON FARMING TASK FORCE?

The San Diego Carbon Farming Task Force (SDCFTF) works to advance climate-friendly agriculture in San Diego County. The Task Force is comprised of over 50 individuals and organizations representing various sectors across the region: farmers, researchers, nonprofits, public agencies, institutions, foundations, and private businesses.

VISION

The SDCFTF envisions the San Diego agricultural community as a key partner in developing a resilient, climate-friendly region.

GOALS

The members of the SDCFTF are committed to working across sectors to advance key strategies that will lead to a resilient, climate-friendly region. Below are the high-level goals of the SDCFTF as presented in the 2019 Action Plan:

- Advance policy advocacy
- Identify funding and partnership opportunities
- Support demonstration projects and scaling strategies
- Advance education, outreach, communications, and technical assistance

>> WHAT IS CARBON FARMING?

Carbon Farming involves implementing practices that are known to improve the rate at which CO2 is removed from the atmosphere and converted to plant material and/or soil organic matter.
SDCFTF was formed in response to recommendations outlined in the following reports, which were developed in partnership with Batra Ecological Strategies.

- Building a Climate Friendly San Diego from the Ground Up
- Linking Climate-Friendly Farming Practices to San Diego County’s Climate Action Plan: An Opportunity Analysis of Carbon Farming in the Unincorporated County

These foundational reports introduced the benefits and opportunities of carbon farming, and they highlight the important role that San Diego County agriculture can play in reducing the causes of climate change and building a climate resilient region.

In addition to recommending the formation of a multi-sector Task Force, the reports outlined three key strategies to scale up carbon farming and move toward a climate-smart region:

- Slow down the loss of orchards
- Create incentives for carbon farming practices
- Advance the adoption of climate-smart agriculture among the next generation of farmers

To advance these key strategies, the San Diego Food System Alliance and the San Diego County Farm Bureau launched the SDCFTF in January 2019.

HISTORY

PARTICIPANTS OF SDCFTF

Agri-Service
Batra Ecological Strategies
Climate Science Alliance
Corona Enterprises
County of San Diego, Planning & Development Services
County of San Diego, Agriculture, Weights and Measures
County of San Diego, Air Pollution Control District
County of San Diego, Department of Public Works
County of San Diego, Health & Human Services
County of San Diego, Live Well Food System Initiative
Desert Research Institute
Dr. Bronner’s
Dudek
Ecology Artisans
Hidden Resources
Jena and Michael King Foundation
Mellano & Co.
Mission Resource Conservation District
National Resource Conservation District
National Young Farmers Coalition
Pauma Tribal Farms
Public Health Alliance of Southern California
Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County
San Diego County Farm Bureau
San Diego Food System Alliance
San Diego Gas & Electric
San Diego Regional Climate Collaborative
SanDiego350
Solana Center for Environmental Innovation
Solidarity Farm
The Conservation Fund
UC Cooperative Extension, San Diego County
UC San Diego, The Bioregional Center for Sustainability Science, Planning and Design
Victory Gardens San Diego
Wild Willow Farm & Education Center

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