

# County Procurement in a Decentralized System

PROCUREMENT WEBINAR – CAL RECYCLE

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# Inter- Departmental Working Group

Established  
December 2020

Procurement

Office of Sustainability

Consumer and Environmental Protection

- Solid Waste
- Agriculture

Facilities and Fleet

- Parks and Recreation
- Sustainable Landscaping

Planning Department

Office of the Attorney

# Team Objectives and Deliverables

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- Sustainable Procurement Policy
  - Approved 12-7-21
- Guidelines for Internal Procedures
  - Decentralized Procurement
- Communications and Training for Staff
- Enforceable Mechanism for Mulch
  - Standard Exhibit for Existing and new Agreements





**Agricultural Resilience Incentive (ARI) Grant Program**

**CALLING ALL  
FARMERS, RANCHERS,  
AG PROPERTY OWNERS!  
APPLY NOW**

**For up to \$30,000 in grant funding  
for compost and mulch application,  
and 25 other practices that improve soil health.**

Healthy agricultural soils help to hit the brakes on climate change by pulling carbon out of the air. The County of Santa Clara will compensate farmers and ranchers for providing this public service through the ARI grant program.

- **Simple 2-page application (deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup>)**
- **Choose between 27 pre-approved practices**
- **Reverse auction: name your own price**
- **Funding is upfront, not a reimbursement**
- **No acreage minimum or maximum**
- **Free technical assistance from UC Cooperative Extension**

Ready to learn more? [READ UP HERE](#)

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## Apply for an ARI Grant

### FARMERS, RANCHERS, AG PROPERTY OWNERS:

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# Using Climate Smart Ag to meet Requirements

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- Grant Program was General Funded Previously
  - Agriculture Plan
  - Climate Action Plan
- Contracts with Each Grant Awardee
- Budget Proposal for Annual General Fund Allocation
  - \$305,000 per year
    - \$275K for material
    - \$30K for UC Cooperative Extension Management
- Development of Jurisdiction Funding Methodology
  - Local Assistance Grant support for process
  - Agriculture use Minimizes Jurisdiction Stockpiling

# Challenges = Opportunities

Identify staff to oversee data management and reporting

Confirm recording practices among decentralized buyers

Identify appropriate funding sources – purchases/staff

General Fund proposals for staffing and purchases

Ongoing material needs for County operations minimal

Management of Capital projects at this level is unusual

