County Procurement in a Decentralized System

PROCUREMENT WEBINAR – CAL RECYCLE

MAY 3, 2022

MICHELE YOUNG – COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
• 2 Million Residents
• 15 Cities
  • Collaborate under MOA only
• 89,000 Unincorporated Residents
• 24,000 Acres Working Farmland
• 20,000 County Staff
• 5 Procurement data systems
• MATURE Compost Market
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

- 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 1st)
- 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

Questions? E-mail: michael.meehan@pln.sccgov.org
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Using Climate Smart Ag to meet Requirements

- 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

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