

2009 Agricultural Resources Committee of San Juan County Work Plan

Program	Elements	Objective and Products
Farmland Preservation	Ag Land Mapping	Develop county-wide maps of agricultural lands with details on usage, easements, and other data.
	Farm & Garden Surveys	Continue to promote, collect and process surveys developed in 2008.
	Assessor's Early Warning	Implement existing early warning system, which alerts ARC members to lands going out of Ag Open Space status, in order to help landowners find ways for keeping the land in agriculture.
	Land Bank Lease Assistance	Assist Land Bank with leases to engage farmers in working publicly owned agricultural lands.
	FarmLink type Program on ARC website	Develop FarmLink type program on ARC bulletin board- www.sjcarc.org/forum.asp - in order to help farmers lease land and farmers find land leases.
Farmer Enrichment	ICL Program Promotion	Increase visibility of ICL program in county and regionally.
	Farm to School Program	Monitor and assist where possible.
	Farmer-Purveyor Connection	Assist local food purveyors in working with island farmers to increase local food sourcing & production.
	Agritourism	Work with SJIVB and chambers to promote farm-friendly tourism in SJC.
Regulations	Scale appropriate regulations	Work with regional AG groups to make recommendations to WSDA and other regulatory groups to adopt scale appropriate AG regulations.
	State AG Ombudsman	Work toward a recommendation for a state AG Ombudsman.
	County - Farmer Relations	Work with SJC Health Services to ameliorate the interactions between farmers and inspectors.
	CAO Review Committee	Represent AG on review committee.
	Water Rights	Work with WRMC on policy to reserve water for ARL
	Right to Farm	Work on strengthening language in County Comp Plan