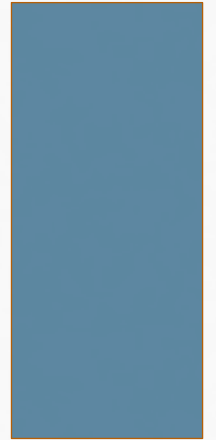


NEW FUNDING INITIATIVES

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STATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

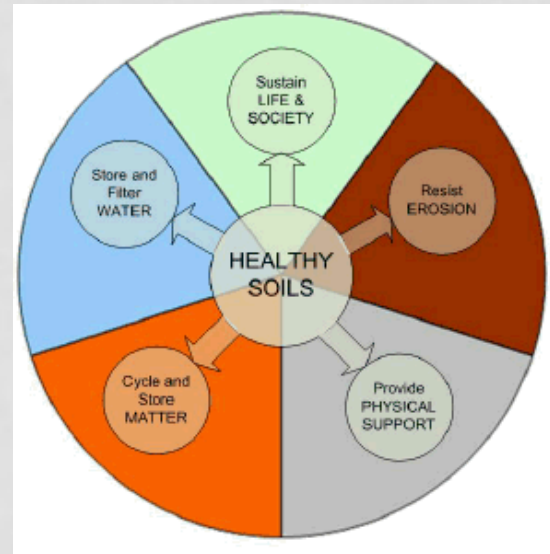
- Healthy Soils Program
 - California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)
 - Two part program – Incentives & Demonstration Projects
 - \$7.5 million in FY 16/17
- State Water Energy Efficiency Program
 - CDFA
 - Multiple rounds commencing in 2014
 - 35 Projects awarded in North County SLO – 129 total for CA

WHAT ARE HEALTHY SOILS?

Full of Life



High in Organic Matter



Well Structured



Covered All The Time

HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM

- HSP Incentive Program
 - NRS Conservation Practices
 - Soil Management Practices**
 - Cropland Management Practices
 - Cover Crop (USDA NRCS CPS 340)
 - Mulching (USDA NRCS CPS 484)
 - Residue and Tillage Management – No-Till (USDA NRCS CPS 329)
 - Residue and Tillage Management – Reduced Till (USDA NRCS CPS 345)
 - Compost Application Practices**
 - Compost Application to Annual Crops (CDFA)
 - Compost Application to Perennials, Orchards and Vineyards (CDFA)
 - Compost Application to Grassland (CDFA)
 - Cropland to Herbaceous Cover Practices**
 - Contour Buffer Strips (USDA NRCS CPS 332)
 - Field Border (USDA NRCS CPS 386)
 - Filter Strip (USDA NRCS CPS 393)
 - Herbaceous Wind Barrier (USDA NRCS CPS 603)
 - Riparian Herbaceous Cover (USDA NRCS CPS 390)
 - Vegetative Barriers (601) (USDA NRCS CPS 601)
 - Establishment of Woody Cover Practices**
 - Woody Plantings Practices
 - Hedgerow Planting (USDA NRCS CPS 422)
 - Riparian Forest Buffer (USDA NRCS CPS 391)
 - Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (USDA NRCS CPS 380)

HOW DOES THE FUNDING WORK

Incentives Program

- \$50,000 grant fund cap
- 3 Year Duration of Soil Management Practices
- Cost sharing of 1/3 (33%) of total project cost
 - ~\$25k for a grant award of \$50k = \$75k total project

Demonstration Projects

- \$100,000 grant fund cap
- 3 Year Duration of Soil Management Practices
- Cost sharing of 1/3 (33%) of total project cost
- Includes outreach requirement
- GHG reduction baseline analysis
- Includes outreach component

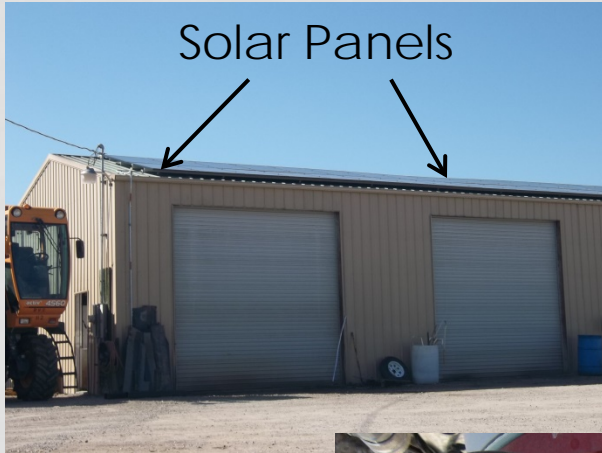
STATE WATER ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM (SWEEP)

CDFA

SWEEP

- Program administered by CDFA
- Provides reimbursement for improvements to irrigation system(s)
- Award amount not to exceed \$100,000; 50% match requirement
- SWEEP grant funds cannot be used to:
 - Expand existing agricultural operations (i.e., additional new acreage cannot be converted to farmland)
 - Install new groundwater wells or increase well depth
 - Test new technology or perform research
- Goal is to:
 - Reduce Greenhouse Gas
 - Reduce water use

TYPES OF PROJECTS



Weather Stations



Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)

RCD ROLE AND SWEEP

- In the past, RCD did verifications only
 - Verifications consist of post-project site-visit and report to CDFA
 - Limited opportunity for RCD technical expertise
 - Landowners unfamiliar with grant process, SWEEP program, or fundable practices
- RCD and CDFA recognize greater role for RCDs
 - Outreach – inform the public about the program including deadlines
 - Grant writing assistance – provide assistance in grant development and submittal

CONTACT AND LINKS

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