

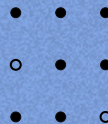
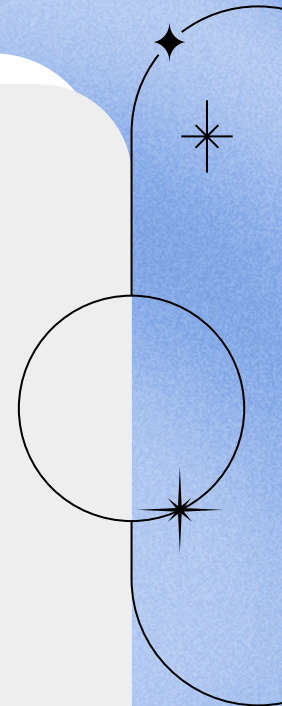
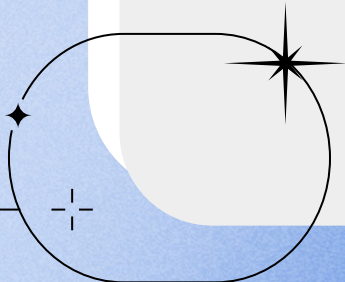
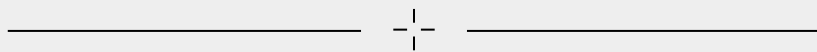


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# Implementing Climate Beneficial Practices

*Carlos Suarez – State Conservationist*

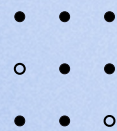
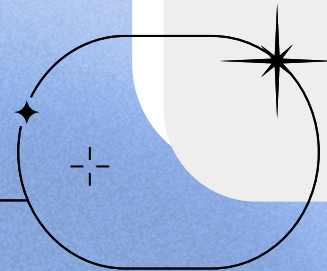




# **NRCS – History and Mission**

NRCS was officially founded as the Soil Erosion Service, born out of the Dust Bow. The Agency took on its present name in 1994.

NRCS works in partnership with governmental and non-governmental entities – including California’s Resource Conservation Districts – to address producers’ conservation priorities and to help them achieve their stewardship goals.



# NRCS Programs

## *Environmental Quality Incentives Program*

EQIP is NRCS' flagship conservation program that helps farmers, ranchers and forest landowners integrate conservation into working lands.

## *Conservation Stewardship Program*

CSP helps landowners build on their existing conservation efforts while strengthening their operation.

## *Regional Conservation Partnership Program*

RCPP is a partner-driven approach to conservation that funds solutions to natural resource challenges on agricultural land.

**Investing in California's RCDs & CARCD**

**\$2.2 Million**

For Activities Supporting Farm Bill Investment

**\$3.3 Million**

To Support Inflation Reduction Act  
Activities including Forestry Work

**\$500,000**

To Support Outreach Activities to  
Historically-Underserved Customers

# California Conservation Planning Partnership



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
**RESOURCE**  
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**  
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# **NRCS & State Funding Opportunities**

## ***Inflation Reduction Act***

\$20 Billion investment over five fiscal years to expand conservation investments on farms and ranches.

## ***CDFA Healthy Soils***

NRCS supports the CDFA Healthy Soils Program which promotes the development of healthy soils on California's farmlands and ranchlands.

## ***Climate Smart Investment***

USDA is investing more than \$3.1 billion nationwide for 141 projects – California is benefitting from nearly \$1 billion of this – through the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities.

## ***NRCS NAQI & CARB FARMER***

Agencies investments are assisting Central Valley farmers replace old and polluting tractors with new and efficient equipment.



# Questions?

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