



## "Regenerative" Agriculture is the Rage, but What is it and How do we Scale it?

Dear Doris,

We have lots to share. A new podcast with regenerative ag consultant Spencer Smith is out! He and Michael dive deep into the links between soil biology, plant, livestock and human health. Spencer explains why ROC believes regenerative agriculture must become the future. See two policy actions you can take: tell the Governor to support the Legislature's proposed funding for the California Nutrition Incentive Program (CNIP) and help us get AB 408 through the Senate in order to accelerate the transformation of California's food system. **Finally**, you can take part in expanding regenerative meat production in California by joining us on June 28th at our Regional and Regenerative Meat Celebration Dinner at Mulvaney's B&L in Sacramento. There are still a few seats available so **grab yours today!**

*Reminder:*

**Wednesday, June 28th, 2023**  
**Mulvaney's B&L, Sacramento, California**

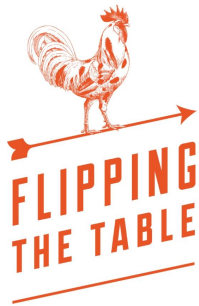
**A Dinner Celebrating our Regional Regenerative Farmers & Ranchers**

**We cordially invite you to celebrate with us the quality of our regional, regenerative meats.** The healthy beef, lamb, pork and chicken featured are sourced from working lands that deliver ecosystem services to the State in a time of increasing climate instability. Our farmer and rancher partners will be located at each table to share with attendees their practices and alignment with the multiple health, economic



development and resilience goals of California. **The family-style meal including meats and vegetables will be preceded by a cash-bar reception beginning at 6:15pm.** Meal service to begin at 7pm. All-in dinner price, including wine, \$75 per person.

**RSVP here for the Reception & Celebratory Dinner on Wednesday, June 28th, 6:15 to 9:00pm**



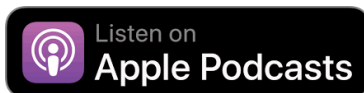
## Flipping the Table Podcast

### Deep Connections: Healthy Soil Leads to Healthy Plants, Animals and Humans



**Spencer Smith** is a self-described soil nerd who has raised livestock his whole life. His goal as a consultant is to help livestock producers optimize the health of their land in order to ecologically, humanely and profitably manage businesses that deliver healthy food for humans.

Click on your favorite streaming service to hear the conversation:



## ACTION ALERT!

**We need your support to ensure that the [California Nutrition Incentive Program \(CNIP\)](#), which funds Market Match and programs like it, is included in the state budget!**

The Senate and Assembly have reached a two-party agreement on a budget, which includes \$35 million. **A last push is needed to ensure that CNIP remains in the budget during the final budget negotiations with the Governor.**



**Please call the Governor about CNIP  
at 916-445-2841 by June 15th!**

Click [here](#) for an example call script, please modify it to suit your needs/experience. And here is a [small toolkit](#) to assist you in this. Thank you for your support!

CNIP encourages the purchase and consumption of healthy, California-grown fresh fruits, vegetables, and nuts by nutrition benefit clients.

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## **Support for AB 408 Climate-Resilient Farms, Sustainable Healthy Food Access, and Farmworker Protection Bond Act of 2024**



ROC is part of the [Food and Farm Resilience Coalition](#) focusing on these four pillars: sustainable agriculture, farmworker health and well-being, climate-friendly, healthy food access and regional food infrastructure.

**Assemblymember Lori Wilson (Assembly District 11) is championing the coalition's 2023 Food & Farm Resilience bond bill, AB 408;** it just passed through the Assembly and is in the Senate waiting to be referred to committee.

As AB 408 moves through the legislative process, we encourage individuals and organizations to [sign the AB 408 letter of support](#) or **email us** directly to get involved with future efforts.

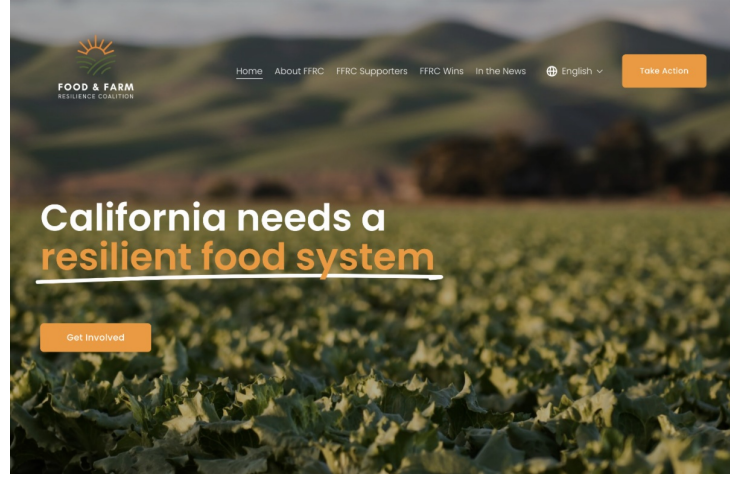
*Pictured above are Assemblymember Lori Wilson with our coalition partners: (from left to right) Jamie Fanous (CAFF), Sandra Nakagawa (CalCAN), Assemblymember Lori Wilson, and Jessica Gonzalez (CCOF). Image source: <https://calclimateag.org>*

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## **What is the AB 408 Wilson Bond?**

For those of you with a burning curiosity about what a bond really is, in particular the [AB 408](#)

[\(Wilson\) Food and Farm Resilience Bond](#), Sandra Nakagawa, Policy Director at CalCAN, has put together a great and easy to understand presentation explaining it. Have a look [HERE](#)



For further background information on the bond and its current status in the legislature, please check out Arohi Sharma's blog post here: [California Assembly Passes Climate-Resilient Food & Farming Bill](#). Arohi Sharma is NRDC's Deputy Director, Regenerative Agriculture, Nature Program. NRDC is a Farm and Food Resilience Coalition partner.

Thank you for your interest and support of our work!

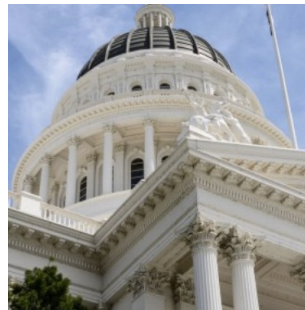
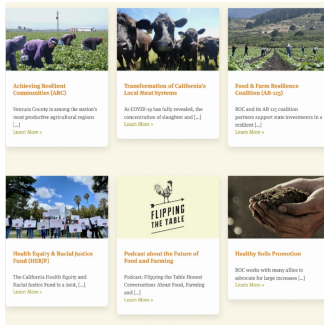
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