



Progress, Never Perfection: Preliminary Results From Our California Budget Work

Greetings!

Wow, our fingers are crossed for even more good news. There are a huge number of unknowns still related to our sustainable agriculture requests. There is more clarity around healthy food access. Our hope for \$100 million annually for grants to community-level projects via a Healthy Equity and Racial Justice Fund got zeroed out for this year, but with a promise for next. Overall, we are proud that elements of the good food and public health movements focused on equity and environmental quality were more cohesive and organized than ever. We think our collaborative work will generate an unprecedented amount of funding to help create a resilient food supply for our state. Hit this link to see the long list of funds to flow: [READ MORE](#)



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Local Meat Processing White Paper

Our policy white paper will be issued in a few days. We worked for nearly ten months with the [UC Davis Food Systems Lab](#) and a [ROC-CCOF](#) coalition, to analyze challenges and opportunities in processing and marketing and to offer recommendations. Look for



social media links to access the paper. Photo credit: BackRiv, Pixabay

Ventura County Achieving Resilient Communities

If the pandemic allows, I will be in Ventura County in July to meet my allies ([Tracking California](#), [Public Health Alliance of Southern California](#), [CAUSE](#), [Lideres Campesinas](#) and [MICOP](#)) to work with them to install heat sensors in key places in farmworker neighborhoods.

This will allow us to focus our efforts on tree planting and other activities that will offer farmworkers respite from the heat island effects caused global warming. We will also record a podcast to share about the *Cool Communities* initiative we are launching there. Photo credit: USDA photo by Bob Nichols



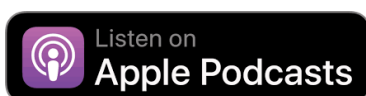
In case you missed it: Flipping the Table Podcast Season 3 Episode 3



Hear a conversation about our boldest campaign ever!

I am joined by Andy Naja-Riese of the [Agricultural Institute of Marin](#), Cesar Lara of the [Monterey Bay Central Labor Council](#) and Jeanne Merrill from the

[California Climate and Agriculture Network](#). We describe the policy, the coalition behind it, prospects for success and how you can help us win. Check it out!



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "mrd", which is the signature of Michael Reid Dimock.

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