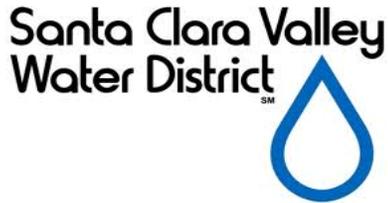


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## A Summit on the Importance of Local Farmland to Santa Clara Valley's Future Health and Well-being

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room  
5750 Almaden Expressway, San Jose



The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors proclaimed September 2014 as Local Food Month.

In celebration, the Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF) members and partners will host several events showcasing the diversity of foods in the region. For a full list of events, please visit: <http://caff.org/news-and-events/lfm/>

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# PROGRAM

- 8:00-8:30**     **REGISTRATION & LIGHT BREAKFAST/COFFEE**
- 8:30-8:35**     **INTRODUCTIONS**  
**Serena Unger**, Sr. Policy Associate, American Farmland Trust
- 8:35-8:45**     **OPENING REMARKS**  
**Ed Thompson**, CA Director, American Farmland Trust
- 8:45-9:15**     **SESSION 1**  
Why should we care about local agriculture in Santa Clara Valley?  
**Dr. Glenda Humiston**, CA Director USDA Rural Development  
**Mark Nechodom**, Director, CA Department of Conservation  
*Moderator: Joseph McIntyre*, Executive Director  
Ag Innovations Network
- 9:15-9:40**     **BREAKOUT TABLES DISCUSSION**  
How is the local food production connected to our communities?
- 9:40-10:15**     **SESSION 2**  
Why build and grow a viable local agricultural sector to support sustainable communities? What are the opportunities to be gained from safeguarding and investing in local farmland?  
**Matt Gerhart**, Deputy Program Manager  
California Coastal Conservancy  
**Andrea Mackenzie**, General Manager  
Santa Clara County Open Space Authority
- 10:15-10:25**     **BREAK**
- 10:25-11:00**     **SESSION 3**  
On-the-ground tools and models for making local farmlands a key component of sustainable communities  
**Amie MacPhee**, Founder, Cultivate Studio  
**Reggie Knox**, Executive Director, California Farmlink  
**Pete Aiello**, President, Santa Clara County Farm Bureau and Uesugi Farms  
*Moderator: Linda J. LeZotte*, SCVWD Director and LAFCO Vice Chairperson
- 11:00-11:50**     **TOWN HALL DISCUSSION**  
How do we embrace the agricultural sector and preserve local farmlands to build sustainable prosperity and quality of life in our communities?  
*Moderator: Joseph McIntyre*, Executive Director  
Ag Innovations Network
- 11:50-12:00**     **CLOSING SUMMARY**  
**Ed Thompson**, CA Director, American Farmland Trust