



Lake County 2050
Agricultural Stakeholders Focus Group Meeting
December 19, 2024 | 4-6 p.m.
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions (4:00 p.m.)
- Presentation: Overview of Lake County 2050 (4:05 p.m.)
- Questions & Answers (4:15 p.m.)
- Group Discussion (4:25 p.m.)
 1. What climate hazards are of most concern to the agriculture community now and in the future? (Climate hazards include agricultural and forestry pests and diseases, drought, extreme temperatures, human health hazards, flooding, landslides and debris flow, severe weather, and wildfire and smoke.)
 2. Of the climate hazards of concern, which do you feel most and least prepared to address and what can the County do better to support your preparedness?
 3. Are there people in the agriculture community (agriculture workers, landowners, and other farmers), crops, or practices that are more or most vulnerable to climate change hazards?
 4. Is the existing farmworker housing inventory satisfying the need for housing, and if not, what is missing or needs to change?
 5. What are the farmworker housing related needs and preferences from the employee perspective and the employer perspective?
 6. How would you like to see the General Plan support the agricultural economy, including ag tourism?
 7. What could the County do better to support the agriculture industry or agricultural land preservation?
- Reports Back/Summary (5:40 p.m.)
- Adjourn (6:00 p.m.)

Key Issues Identified by the Community

- Agricultural land preservation
 - Agricultural soils
 - Protection from agricultural land conversion
 - Right to farm
 - Williamson Act contracts
- Range of agricultural operations
 - Small agricultural operations
 - Specialty agriculture
 - Wineries and distilleries
 - Cannabis operations
 - Local food/food processing
- Agricultural economy
 - Diversified agricultural base
 - Infrastructure to support agriculture
 - Farmworker housing
 - Mutual economic sustainability for local agriculture and community
 - Financially solvent and resilient local food systems
- Sustainable agriculture
 - Environmental assessments for large agricultural manufacturing and industrial projects
 - Water demands