



# COASTSIDE BUZZ

Baseline Journalism. Click, Learn, Think, Act,  
Vote...

Coastal News, Music, Events, Directory  
Half Moon Bay, California  
Since 2015

HOME  
CONTACT

BUZZ   
BANNER ART

WEEKLY BUZZ MAIL

CALENDAR

DIRECTORY

ELECTIONS 2024

ABOUT



## San Mateo Resource Conservation District to Design and Launch a Carbon Sequestration Farm Fund to Help Farmers Finance the Implementation of Climate-Beneficial Agricultural Practices

June 18, 2025



Listen to this article now

Powered by Trinity Audio

00:00

04:08



STAFF REPORT. From [San Mateo County Board of Supervisors' meeting](#) on Tuesday, June 10th, 2025 at 9:00am, as a hybrid meeting. [Agenda](#). Staff Report for Consent Agenda [Item #126](#).

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Jasneet Sharma, Director, Sustainability Department

**Subject:** Agreement with San Mateo Resource Conservation District for Carbon Farm Fund

### RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing an agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD) to design and launch a carbon farm fund that will advance carbon sequestration efforts, for the term of June 10, 2025 through June 9, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$395,000.

### BACKGROUND

On October 18, 2022, the Board approved Resolution No. 079264, adopting the San Mateo County General Plan Climate Element and the Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP). As part of the CCAP's overall emissions reduction target of carbon neutrality by 2040, it sets forth a target to sequester 39,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO<sub>2</sub>e) by 2030 and 166,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e by 2045. To accomplish this goal, the CCAP recommends implementing a funding program to help farmers and ranchers implement and maintain climate beneficial agricultural practices, or carbon farming. The CCAP also has a land management goal to "support ranchers and farmers to plan, implement, and scale climate beneficial practices on the County's working lands to mitigate climate change and build agricultural resiliency."

### SUBSCRIBE TO THE WEEKLY BUZZ MAIL

Enter your email

Click Here to Subscribe



### RECENT BUZZ



**When 12-Year Old Arunay Drowned at Cowell Ranch Beach in a Rip Current,...**  
August 11, 2025



**Scientists Make Breakthrough Discovery for the Sea Star Wasting...**  
August 7, 2025



**Half Moon Bay's Carter Park Ampitheatre Ribbon Cutting Celebrates with...**  
August 7, 2025



**Are You a High Schooler in San Mateo County? Apply to Become a Yout...**  
August 7, 2025



**SHIFT-Bay Area's Gregg Dieguez Analyzes Bay Area Transit Costs as a...**  
August 7, 2025



DISCUSSION

The proposed Carbon Farm Fund (Fund) would seek to establish a self-sustaining funding program to support producers in carbon sequestration. The Fund would advance progress on both the CCAP's carbon sequestration and land management goals.

The proposed agreement consists of three key activities. First, the contractor will conduct extensive research, stakeholder surveying, and fund model analysis, development and testing, to create a Funding Pathways Memorandum with recommendations for a sustainable long-term Fund program. Second, the contractor will develop a complete program design for administering the Fund. Third, the contractor will implement the program and distribute the funds. Each phase will be evaluated by the County before the contractor is given approval to move on to the next phase. The grant fund will be implemented with oversight and approval by the County.

The Sustainability Department released a Request for Proposal (RFP) on June 20, 2024, for a contractor to conduct all aspects of the proposed project: background research, program design, and program implementation. The RFP was posted on OpenGov for four weeks and generated one response, from the San Mateo Resource Conservation District (RCD). Following evaluation by the selection committee, the Department recommended moving forward with RCD's proposal.

The County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved the resolution and agreement as to form.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE


Measure	Amount sequestered by end of contract period
MTCO2e sequestered	7,900 MTCO2e

COMMUNITY IMPACT


Work under this agreement will identify and address the agricultural community's financial barriers to implementing climate-beneficial agricultural practices. The Fund will provide a sustainable model for supporting the agricultural community to help mitigate carbon emissions, provide cleaner air and promote a suite of agricultural practices that bring numerous ecological co-benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT


The contract allocates \$195,000 for background research and program design, and \$200,000 for grant funding. Funding in the amount of \$395,000 is included the Sustainability Department's FY 2024-25 Approved Budget and the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget. There is no new Net County Cost associated with this agreement.



**What Does Half Moon Bay City Councilmember Paul Nagengast Think? Have ...**  
August 7, 2025




**New Study Finds California Fire Season is Starting 10 Weeks Earlie...**  
August 7, 2025




**Pillar Point Harbor Dredge and Surfers Beach Pilot Restoration Pipeli...**  
August 7, 2025

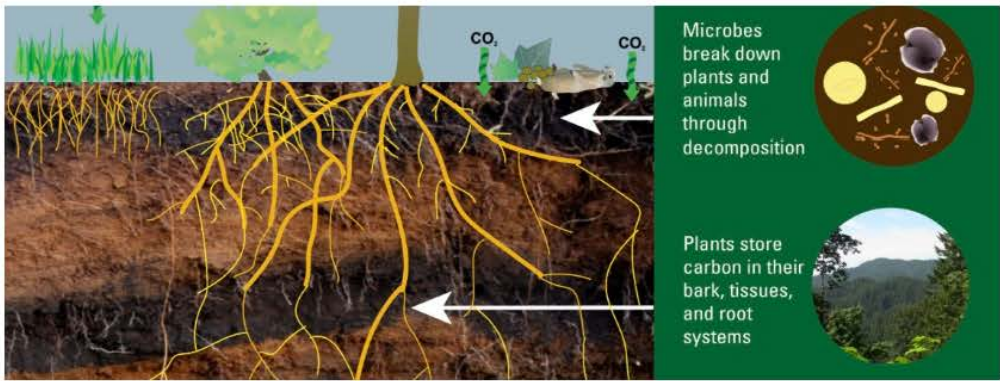
**Biologic Carbon Sequestration**

Biologic carbon sequestration is the natural ability of life and ecosystems to store carbon. Forests, peat marshes, and coastal wetlands are particularly good at storing carbon.





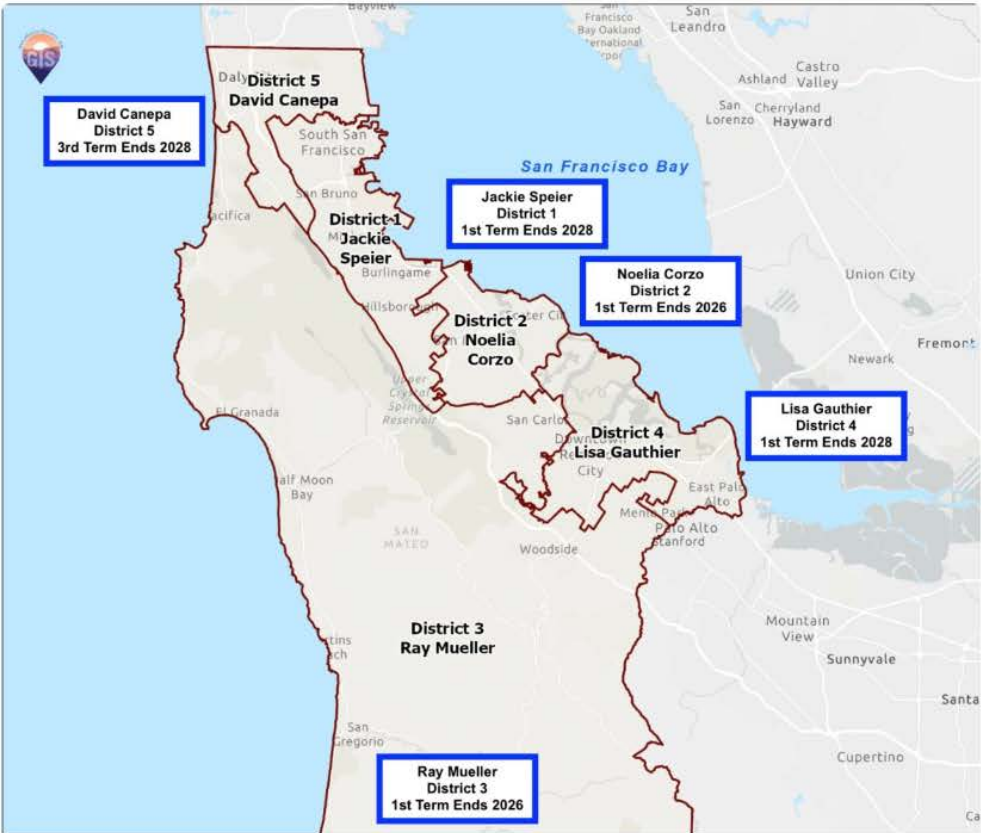
U.S. Geological Survey studies plants and animals. Scientists identify which ecosystems naturally store higher levels of carbon.



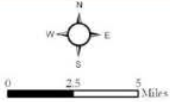
[More on the San Mateo Resource Conservation District on Coastside Buzz](#)

2025 Board of Supervisors

 <p><b>District 1</b> Jackie Speier</p>	 <p><b>District 2</b> Noelia Corzo Vice President</p>	 <p><b>District 3</b> Ray Mueller</p>	 <p><b>District 4</b> Lisa Gauthier</p>	 <p><b>District 5</b> David Canepa President</p>
---	---	---	---	---







## SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO CA

\*Supervisor boundaries approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, December, 2021

### Share The Buzz



← Using Their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Montara Water and Sanitary District Board and Staff Step Up to Help the Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside Receive FEMA Reimbursements as HMB and GCSD Deferred

The Ritz Looks to Upgrade Workers' →  
Miramontes Point Road Parking Lot on Midpen Open Space's New Property with Stormwater Bioretention, Bike Parking and Eight 10' LED Lights

### Related Buzz

#### CV-19: Learning the Right Lesson From Sweden

OWN VOICE ~  
InPerspective by Gregg Dieguez. The topic of Sweden has become another politically/ideologically polarizing one during the Pandemic....

### Share The Buzz



#### Ghosts on the Coast ~ Do You Have a Coastal Ghost Story? Let Us Know!

GHOST STORIES.  
Coastside history is filled with vivid stories of the vivid people who lived here. Those who have...

### Share The Buzz



#### Montara Water GM Reports Urban Water Systems are Generally not Designed to Fight Wildfires; CalFire is Designated to Fight Wildfires; Paradise Changed Building Codes; Hydrants are Tested

VIDEO. From Montara Water and Sanitary District (MWSD) Director's meeting on Thursday, January 16th, 2024 at 7:30pm, as a hybrid meeting. Agenda. Response...

### Share The Buzz

