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## Energy Commission Awards \$15 Million for Clean Energy Projects at Agricultural Facilities

Projects also feature electric vehicle fast charging and battery storage

**SACRAMENTO** – Today, the [California Energy Commission](#) awarded more than \$15 million in grants to 37 farmers and food producers as part of a portfolio of efforts designed to help achieve the state’s climate and clean energy goals.

The projects are funded through [California Climate Investments](#), a statewide initiative that uses cap-and-trade dollars to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen the economy, and improve public health and the environment.

The [Renewable Energy for Agriculture Program](#) (REAP) is providing nearly \$9 million for solar energy and electric vehicle fast chargers on farms, orchards, vineyards, and other facilities in top agricultural counties statewide. The 32 awardees are also helping to finance the projects with nearly \$5 million in match funding. Overall, the Energy Commission received 98 applications for the program requesting double the amount of available dollars.

“The strong demand for these dollars and significant matched funding from the awardees shows that renewable and efficiency projects continue to make sense for California’s agricultural community,” said Energy Commission Chair David Hochschild. “These investments play an important role as the state moves to a clean electric grid and carbon neutrality by mid-century.”

In addition, the Energy Commission approved \$6.6 million from the [Food Production Investment Program](#) (FPIP) for state-of-the-art energy saving technologies at five large food agricultural facilities that process food, including tomatoes, baked goods, and other products.

“Programs like these are crucial to helping more and more California farmers take on the challenge of reducing emissions and costs by incorporating clean energy technologies into their agricultural practices, especially in energy-intensive food processing,” said California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary Karen Ross.

### FPIP Awardees

- Initiative Foods, Fresno County
- Rich Products Corporation, Los Angeles County
- E & J Gallo Winery, Merced County
- Yosemite Foods, Inc., San Joaquin County
- Pacific Coast Producers, Yolo County

### REAP Awardees

County	Applicant
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Fresno County	James Efird Disclaimer Trust Tahmazian Farming** (Fresno, Kings and Tulare) Matthew Efird ROCKN R Ranch Russel and Kathleen Efird Family Trust
Glenn County	California Olive Ranch
Kern County	Sunshine Agriculture**
Kings County	Gary & Elene Esajian Family Trust** Bryan L. Tahmazian
Madera County	Davis Vineyards
Marin County	Neil McIsaac & Son
Merced County	Joseph Gallo Farms
Monterey County	Neil Bassetti Farms Mission Ranches Company** Agriculture and Land-Based Training Association Blanco Farms Luis A. Scattini Family LP** Reiter Berry Farms
San Benito County	Marsha Habib
San Diego County	Hass Heights Growers
San Joaquin County	Michael David Winery Fermented Vision Cherry Road Vineyards
San Luis Obispo County	Loma Seca X-Line Farms Margarita Vineyards**
Sonoma County	Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm
Sutter County	Rahul Family Farms** (Sutter and Yuba) JS Johal & Sons



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Yolo County	Full Belly Farm

\*\* Applicant with multiple awards

More details are available in the Energy Commission's [business meeting agenda](#).

### **About the California Energy Commission**

The California Energy Commission is leading the state to a 100 percent clean energy future. It has [seven core responsibilities](#): developing renewable energy, transforming transportation, increasing energy efficiency, investing in energy innovation, advancing state energy policy, certifying thermal power plants, and preparing for energy emergencies.