

Group Exercise 1:

Innovations Ranking



Check box
if yes

Which of the following innovations are currently in use in your county?

- 1 Urban Growth Boundaries**
Policy boundaries around urban areas designating where urban growth should and should not occur.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 2 Rural Reserves**
Policy boundary for areas outside of urban growth boundaries where lands are designated for rural use for a period of 40-50 years.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 3 City-County Agreements to "Plan for Agriculture"**
Cooperative agreements between cities and a county that direct urbanization toward cities and agricultural preservation to the county.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 4 Voter Initiatives to Restrict General Plan Amendments on Agricultural Land**
Voter-enacted ordinances requiring voter approval to redesignate agriculture to urban uses.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 5 Policies Regulating Rural Residential Zones**
Strict criteria used to evaluate the appropriateness of rural residential zoning in active agricultural areas.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 6 Infill and Revitalization**
Policies that target growth toward existing urban areas rather than along the rural-urban fringe.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 7 Agricultural Parks**
Combination of working farm and park located in rural-urban transition area that leases plots of land to small farm operations and provides local market access.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 8 Buffers**
Distance requirements imposed on developments to minimize conflict between those developments and adjacent agricultural operations.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 9 Agricultural Mitigation**
Compensation for the conversion of agricultural land to another use by permanently protecting a comparable piece of agricultural land.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____
- 10 Agricultural Conservation Easements**
Deed restriction placed on agricultural land to protect its use as farmland.
If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

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11 Transfer of Development Rights/Credits

To protect the agricultural viability of a parcel, allows the "transfer" of development rights from one parcel (the "sending" parcel) to another (the "receiving" parcel), providing higher density to the receiving parcel and removing development potential from the sending parcel.

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

12 Williamson Act and Super Williamson Act

Contract on a tax parcel that restrict land use to agriculture or related open space for ten or twenty year periods in exchange for reduced property taxes.

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

13 Agricultural Zoning and Farm Home Sites

Zoning district that requires dwelling units in agricultural districts to be occupied by the farmer, farmer's family, or employees of the farm.

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

14 Less Restrictive Zoning (on-site processing and sales)

Reduce restrictions for on-site processing and sales of value-added products to increase economic viability of the farm.

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

15 Agricultural Districts

Special geographic areas where agriculture is encouraged and/or protected from the encroachment of other uses.

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

16 Habitat Conservation Plan and Agriculture-Friendly Easements

Policies or regulations aimed at conserving habitat while preserving farmland in the same location.

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

17 Agritourism and Ag-Industry

Revenue-generating opportunities for agricultural operations beyond normal agricultural production.

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

18 Cities' Sphere of Influence

How have SOIs been used to support or preserve agriculture? How can SOIs be used towards the preservation of agriculture? E.G. Phased expansion? Conditions of approval?

If in practice, in what area of the county is it applied? _____

Other Innovations not listed above:

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Of the innovations that are NOT currently in practice in your county, which do you think would benefit these study areas?

List the benefits and drawbacks of those innovations.

Your table will report out the results to the full group

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