

California Association of Resource Conservation Districts  
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Dear President Rick Gomez and Board of Directors,

The Bay Area Chrysanthemum Growers Association extends our sincere appreciation to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (CARCD) for their vital support in drought relief for Asian farmers in the Santa Clara Valley.

The Bay Area Chrysanthemum Growers Association, also known as the Bay Area Mum Growers Association, is a community organization that supports near 200 small farmers in the Bay Area, mainly of Chinese and other Asian descent. Most of our member farmers are located in and around the Santa Clara Valley, a region hard hit by the 2020-2022 drought that impacted much of the state. As a result of the drought our farmers have faced an increase in the cost of electricity and water bills in addition to restrictions of water use. Subsequently, farmers in our area have seen a reduction in crop yields and production as fields were left fallow or crops were damaged by heat, resulting in difficult economic impact. We would like to thank CARCD for assisting small-scale Asian farmers in applying to the California Underserved Producers (CUSP) Drought Relief Program from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. The multilingual assistance provided by CARCD is essential for our farming community to access the CUSP relief funds. We greatly appreciate CARCD's commitment and dedication to supporting diverse farming communities. Your efforts make a significant difference in our communities and help ensure that everyone has the resources they need to succeed.

Signed,  
Bob Kuang



President, Bay Area Chrysanthemum Growers Association