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Kate has over 30 years of land use and environmental planning, public policy, conservation transaction, and organizational management experience. She is equally well known for her work with government agencies, the development, landowners, and stakeholders to craft and implement agricultural mitigation policies, programs, and procedures. During her tenure as Yolo Land Trust's Executive Director, Kate implemented an extensive governmental relations program that facilitated the Land Trust's success in public policy, implementation of farmland mitigation, conservation transactions, and community support.

Kate is the principal author of:

- ❖ *Conserving California's Harvest: A Model Mitigation Program and Ordinance for Local Governments* provides a comprehensive guide to assist local governments in developing and implementing farmland mitigation programs including the use of conservation easements.

- ❖ *Smart from the Start: Responsible Renewable Energy Development in the Southern San Joaquin Valley* provides a suite of recommendations and implementation strategies for environmentally sensitive renewable energy development.