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Golden Eagle Farm

Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
Business Development Corporation
Beginning Farmer / Workforce Development

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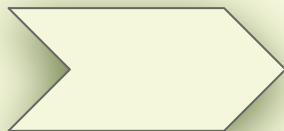
History

- Mesa Grande Business Development Corporation (BDC) was chartered in 2017, the same year the band purchased The Golden Eagle Farm.
- In 2018, two tribal leaders received scholarships to attend Shakopee Mdewakanton Seeds of Native Health Conference.
- In late 2019, the BDC was awarded a grant from Native American Agriculture Fund to kickstart the farm project, and we've received generous support since
- In 2022, the BDC was awarded a CDFA grant to expand Beginning Farmer and Workforce Development.

The Land Returns to Its Original Stewards



Mesa Grande Takes Ownership



Where We Started

The Goals



Ag Jobs for
Tribal
Members



Food
Sovereignty &
Security



Community
Based
Economic
Development



The Land



Mostly pasture
land for grazing



Not previously
planted for crops



Soil needed
prepping

Building a Farm and Its Workforce

Step 1

Organic Farm and
Ethnobotanical Consultants
hired to teach and guide

Step 2

Project begins with one
half-time farmer, Year 1

Step 3

BDC hires four .75 FTE
temp farmworkers

Step 4

CDFA grant creates four
permanent .75FTE farmworker
jobs for 2 more years

The Farm Team Learning the Job



Farm Team Meets with USDA NRCS for site selection and resource identification



Ethnobotanical and Organic Farmer Specialists meeting to advise Farm Team

Learning Crop Production Skills

1

Site Selection and Soil Prep

2

Seed Propagation

3

Sowing, Planting, Crop Care

4

Pest Management



The Land and the People Reconnect



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More Knowledge & Skills Training

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Sustainable Practices and
Resilience

6

Greenhouse Growing



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Harvest and Post-Harvest

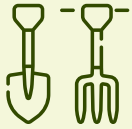
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Organic Certification

The Animal Relatives Approve



The Most Pressing Challenges



Weather

Heat, drought, fires and water shortage likely to worsen over next decade



Water

Irrigation system is antiquated and deteriorating



Revenue

Self-sustainability can't be achieved with grants alone; farm must pay for itself

Weather Challenges...



Fire Threat Challenges...



Aging Infrastructure & Equipment Challenges



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Pest and Weed Management Challenges...



Signs of Successes



Team Spirit

Dedicated team
with strong skills
and great ideas



Community Support

The
community
loves the farm

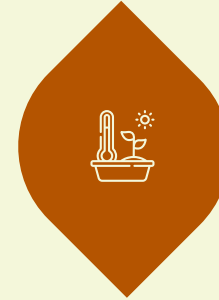
Grants

Over \$600,000 in
organic farm
grants since 2019



Growth

Produce sales
beginning to
generate
revenue



Signs of Success



Blessing of the Garden

May 19th, 2021

10:00a-12:00p

(Light Refreshments Available)

Welcome

Keely Linton

Opening Prayer & Songs

Tony Trujillo
and tribal youth singer
Jake Jacome

Introductions

Tribal Council
Business Development Corp.
Cultural Committee
Scott Murray
Richard Bugbee
Rufus Jimenez

Keely Linton

Tray Planting Activities

Scott Murray

Black Oak Tree Planting

Richard Bugbee

Closing and Parting Gifts

Thank you for helping to plant the seeds of Mesa Grande's future!



Our First Bountiful Harvests



Customers Love Our Produce!



Questions?



Mayahaa Shiwiw Iipay Umaat Enyaa Kwachuur

Creator Watch Over the Land that Takes Care of the People
- Prayer of Elder Jane Dumas, Jamul

Remember to feed the Star People.....

Eyaay 'ehaan



Thank you to our GENEROUS supporters and collaborators:

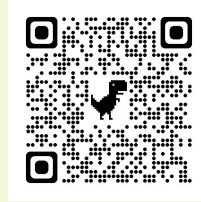
- Intertribal Agriculture Council
- Native American Agriculture Fund
- First Nations Development Institute
- Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- John Deere Foundation
- Emily Burgueno, Maat Hetemii
- Richard Bugbee, Kumeyaay Ethnobotany Specialist
- San Diego Back Country Communities who enjoy wholesome fresh food grown organically and with love:
Ramona, Julian, Santa Ysabel, Warner Springs
- The AMAZING Farm Team and Mesa Grande!!!



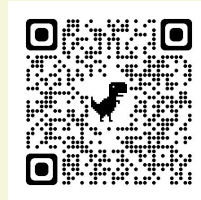
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