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Monday, December 4, 2006 – ALBA Is For Farmers

ALBA is the acronym for the “Agricultural and Land-Based Training Association.” The word also means “dawn” in Spanish. A year or so ago, I highlighted some of ALBA’s extraordinary work. Today is a good day to remind listeners about this exceptional nonprofit group.

ALBA’s mission is to promote economic viability, social equity and ecological land management among limited resource farmers on the Central Coast. ALBA is probably best understood as a job training and economic development program, aimed primarily at farmworkers, helping farmworkers to advance to economic self-sufficiency as agricultural producers. Along the way to doing that, ALBA helps limited resource farmers learn how to farm in an ecologically sound manner.

Tomorrow, ALBA will provide a training on nutrient management. On January 18th, an ALBA workshop will focus on pest management practices. Both these workshops exemplify an important point: how we use our land has impacts that extend far beyond the land itself. The Planning and Conservation League is hoping to build support for programs that will follow ALBA’s lead, making sure that our land-based farming practices, and other activities, don’t send pollutants into our incomparable Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary.

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More Information

Get a briefing on ALBA’s work on the ALBA website – www.albafarmers.org

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