

A Message From the County Director



Placer and Nevada Counties' UC Cooperative Extension (UCCE) staff provide research-based educational services to meet local needs of residents. Our programs in 4-H and Youth Development, Master Gardeners, nutrition, horticulture and livestock provide education with an emphasis on hands-on learning to "help people help themselves."

Change is the theme for UCCE in Placer and Nevada Counties as we move forward into the 2017-18 year. I am retiring on June 29th after 31 years of service as the Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor. I have served the last 10 years in the dual role of County Director and Advisor.

I invite you to look through our 2017 Annual Report to learn more about the exciting and relevant programs we have going in Placer and Nevada counties.

*Roger Ingram,
County Director*



Cindy Fake Appointed as County Director

Cindy Fake, UCCE Horticulture and Small Farms Advisor, will assume the role of County Director in addition to her regular job assignment. She has served Placer and Nevada Counties as University of California Cooperative Extension Horticulture and Small Farms Advisor since 2001. Cindy has an MS in International Agricultural Development from University of California, Davis, specializing in vegetable crops and agroforestry. Her crop responsibilities include citrus and deciduous tree fruit, vegetables, winegrapes, and ornamental crops. Her horticulture programs provide information and training on sustainable crop production, soil and pest management.

Her small farm programs focus on small farm economic viability and include beginning farmer training, farm business planning, marketing, and economic analysis. Cindy will be an outstanding County Director for Placer and Nevada Counties and will shepherd the continuing evolution of our programming as new community needs emerge.



Dan Macon Hired as Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor

Dan Macon will become UCCE Livestock and Natural Resources Advisor on July 1. He recently completed a Master's degree in Integrated Resource Management from Colorado State University. He has worked with UCCE as the herdsman at the UC Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center, and most recently serving as an associate specialist for rangeland science and management in the UC Davis Plant Sciences Department.

Dan has worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, California Cattlemen's Association, and was the founding executive director of the California Rangeland Trust. He is currently the vice president of the California Wool Growers Association and owns and operates a small commercial sheep enterprise in Auburn. Dan will serve Placer, Nevada, Yuba, and Sutter Counties in his new assignment. His familiarity with opportunities and challenges faced by local ranchers will allow him to hit the ground running and enhance and diversify current efforts in livestock and natural resources.

