

Expanding our Programs!

UCCE Placer-Nevada is expanding our programs, adding new advisors and academic coordinators to better serve the communities and people of Placer and Nevada Counties.

Olivia Henry, Food Systems Advisor (Capitol Corridor / Placer-Nevada)



Olivia Henry (she/her) is a UCCE Regional Food Systems Advisor serving Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, Placer and Nevada Counties. Her focus is on issues related to marketing, resilient supply chains, and infrastructure for processing and distribution. She has a master's degree in community development from UC Davis, where she focused on employee- and community-owned enterprises. Olivia's background is in journalism, having worked in communications and outreach roles with the USC Annenberg Center for Health Journalism, KALW Public Radio, San Francisco Public Press, the Institute for Nonprofit News and Mother Jones.

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Katie Low, Statewide Fire Academic Coordinator



Katie Low is the Statewide Coordinator supporting UC Cooperative Extension's Fire Team. In her role, she will work with the network of Fire Advisors to develop and deliver wildfire-related science and outreach materials for all of California's communities. Prior to this role, Katie completed her Master of Forestry from UC Berkeley where she researched the short- and long-term ecological impacts of fuel reduction and forest restoration treatments on California's Sierra Nevada mixed-conifer forests. She also holds bachelor's degrees in forestry and geography from UC Berkeley. Katie looks forward to collaborating with local natural resource professionals and communities in Nevada and Placer Counties on projects centered around community and ecosystem resilience to wildfire and climate change.

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Dr. Matthew Rodriguez, 4-H Youth Development Advisor (Placer-Nevada-Sutter-Yuba)



Matthew Rodriguez joined UCCE the 4-H Youth Development Advisor for Placer, Nevada, Sutter, and Yuba Counties in 2022. He earned his PhD from the University of Maryland's School of Public Health in the Department of Family Science. As a family scientist, Rodriguez specializes in father-child involvement in underrepresented families. He also provides expertise in 4-H positive youth development and volunteer engagement. He is a UCLA alumnus and is grateful to be "back home" in California.

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