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The Renewable Resources Extension Act Program at the University of California, Davis, ANR

The Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program of California, allocated the federal funds received in fiscal year October 1, 2008-September 30, 2009 in the amount of \$96,784 to support a variety of grants and one student internship. Projects addressed 5 strategic categories; Invasive Species; Rangeland Stewardship & Health; Public Policy; Forest Stewardship; and Health and Economic Opportunities for Individuals and Communities. A total of 12 competitive grants were funded based on the recommendations of a Technical Advisory Committee participating from all over the State of California. Each of these individual projects deserves special recognition for their accomplishments, but only a few can be highlighted.

Web Based Virtual Tour of a Fire Safe Demonstration Building

This project directly addresses several of the RREA program objectives, including promoting the use of best management practices on private wildlands through educational programs and practices and allowing web access to a wide variety of users. It also enables landowners, managers and communities to clarify goals and objectives for owning and managing renewable resources.



*Wildland-Urban Interface
Demonstration Building*
(<http://firecenter.berkeley.edu/housedemo>)



The building structure was designed to incorporate materials and features that were both good and bad allowing discussion of advantages and disadvantages with regard to wildfire exposure.

The corner section shown here used two different siding materials - the siding that is burning is a composite hardboard siding product. The other siding material is a fiber cement siding product that has a "noncombustible" rating.

Agricultural Viability and Resource Stewardship: Digital Stories

Sierra Valley agricultural landowners created 12 digital stories about what they see as the key benefits and hurdles of agricultural viability and resource stewardship. The target audience of these digital story messages are elected and appointed decision makers at the local, regional and state levels, although they are very appropriate for the general public. In DVD format, "Passion for the Land" is available at <http://artofregionalchange.ucdavis.edu>.

- *"I just received an email (one of your videos, "Keeping People on the Land") and I applaud you 110% for being a part of telling the "true story" of agriculture"; "Many thanks for carrying these stories to the far reaches of the earth! How can we thank you enough?"*



A recording session was held February 2009 where stories were recorded and images scanned followed by months of editing and then the final DVD

For full stories of our ongoing RREA successes, please visit our website at <http://rrea.ucanr.org>. California RREA Contact: Kim Rodrigues, Regional Director, ANR-NCMR, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616 – 530-754-8509; email karodrigues@ucdavis.edu