



The University of California’s Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources administers the Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA) Program of California. Our program uses the limited federal funds allocated annually by Congress to implement a competitive grants program. In FY 2013 the California RREA program was allocated \$76,946 and, based on the recommendations of a Technical Advisory Committee participating from throughout California, funded a total of 8 competitive grants. The projects funded addressed these RREA issue areas: Rangeland Stewardship & Health, Forest Stewardship & Health, Invasive Species, Ecosystem Services, and Forest and Rangeland Water & Wetland Resources. Each of these projects deserves special recognition for their accomplishments however only a few can be highlighted.

Enhancing in-the-woods Education for Key Sierra Forest Stakeholders



Participating in a tour of the enhanced trail

Blodgett Forest Research Station in the central Sierra Nevada is an educational field location for forest managers and key stakeholders in California that allows people to see the difference in forest management styles. Visits to Blodgett by the general public and policy makers have increased recently and this project was to enhance an existing demonstration site with billboards to provide the results of the various management techniques applied to the forest. A network of signs were developed and installed to create a "trail of epiphany" that greatly enhances visits and has been very successful; visitors' of the enhanced trail include members of the California Legislature and their staff who visited prior to the passage of two laws influencing management on state and private forestlands. *"There are so many tests and studies going on up there it gives you confidence that they know what they are doing"* California Legislative Consultant, a tour participant

Preservation, Protection and Management of California's Oaks



Participating in an oak workshop group exercise

This project built upon and expanded existing resources to address educational and extension needs in the management of California's valuable renewable resources in Oak forest and savannah. In person workshops were developed on general oak ecology, Central Sierra oak identification and landscaping with oaks. The workshops have been presented to over 380 stakeholders, private landowners, land managers, arborists and other professionals. The project also developed a training workshop for our volunteer UC Master Gardeners program that has an extensive statewide network and are better suited to educate the public at large. *"That was so fun! I can now walk around my property identifying my oaks"* Participant at a workshop in Tuolumne

RREA in California has supported dozens of projects. Federal partnerships, like those supported through UC Cooperative Extension and RREA continue to make a difference at the local level and expand our impacts. Please visit our website at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/rrea/> for full stories of our RREA successes. Contact: William Frost, Associate Director, UC Cooperative Extension, 2801 Second Street, Davis, CA 95618, (530) 750-1312, wefrost@ucanr.edu.