



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 2011 the California RREA program was allocated \$99,406 and, based on the recommendations of a Technical Advisory Committee participating from throughout California, funded a total of 10 competitive grants. The projects addressed 6 strategic categories: Forest Stewardship, Rangeland Stewardship; Land Conversion; Wildlife & Fisheries; Public Policy and Economic Opportunities for Individuals & Communities. Each of these projects deserves special recognition for their accomplishments however only a few can be highlighted.

Improving Web Access and Programming for UC Forestry Extension



This project developed a comprehensive UCCE forestry website and series of forestry extension webinars. The purpose of the project was to broaden extension of research based information in forest science and management to hard to reach California forest landowners, especially those in urban areas, and link them to information relevant to their land. The site serves as the home page for a series of webinars including Balancing Fuel Treatment with Wildlife & Sensitive Plant Considerations and Community Forestry in California both of which included speakers from a variety of universities, agencies, research institutions and NGOs. Anonymous comments from participants in the on-line evaluation survey have been very positive.

“The webinar process is a good use of time, energy and cost. Thanks for offering this to the interested public.” comment from online evaluation survey

Community Water Conversations: New Approaches to Public Deliberations about Water in California

The purpose of this project was to provide an opportunity for residents in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to discuss issues associated with California water management issues. Controversy about water management is high in the Delta, where state policy impacts residents’ lifestyle and livelihoods. Many Delta residents have been dissatisfied or felt left out by prior traditional agency approaches to public participation. Ten conversations were held in 5 Delta counties; 100 adults and 28 teenagers attended, and a briefing paper and 13-minute video have been produced to document the findings.

“more approaches like this are needed....we have few occasions where we get to say something positive” Participant, Walnut Grove Conversation

“This water policy conversation will provide a valuable opportunity to discuss the issues and possibilities that will effect the future of our region” Yolo County Supervisor



Water Conversation in Walnut Grove

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: <http://ucanr.org/sites/rrea/> for full stories of our RREA successes. Contact: William Frost, Associate Director, UC Cooperative Extension, One Shields Ave., Davis, CA 95616