Recent reductions in central funding for many of our activities, coupled with the announcement that we must cease all hiring of new UC Cooperative Extension academics, has created a great deal of concern with stakeholders throughout the state. This overview is a summary of the key points from a recent presentation to the UC President’s Advisory Commission on ANR. Those points include:

- Shrinking public investment in both higher education and agricultural research
- State general funds for UC have decreased in real dollars for two decades; while campuses handle this somewhat through tuition increases, UC ANR has no access to tuition revenue
- The UC ANR budget was flat in FY2018-19; however, UC ANR must cover mandatory staff/academic merit increases of about $5 Million – requiring cuts to programs and research

While we have been able to grow the overall budget, it has been through grant awards, endowment income, and contracts – all of which are obligated to specific programs.

It is the general funds from the state budget that support UC Cooperative Extension academics and our facilities.
Specific actions during FY 2018-19 included:

- Moratorium on hiring of UCCE Advisors and Specialists
- Reduced budgets for all statewide programs and subsidy of research at RECs
- ANR competitive grants program cancelled for 2019

To combat decreasing state funds, UC ANR is working to develop new funding sources: philanthropy, fee-for-service, shared positions, endowments, contracts, events, etc.