



### **Meet Jill Sarick Santos Community Education Specialist II**

Jill is originally from northcentral Pennsylvania. She obtained her BS degree in Wildlands Parks and Recreation from West Virginia University and her MS degree from Green Mountain College. Early in her career, she lived and worked in the Lake Tahoe Basin as an environmental educator and community outreach coordinator for various community-based organizations including Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships, Sierra Business Council, and Adopt-a-Watershed among others. She relocated to southern California after the birth of her son who is now a teenager! Since then, she has worked for a mix of local governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations promoting sustainable living and natural resources conservation. As an outdoor enthusiast, Jill finds solace and inspiration in nature. You may find her biking in the Los Padres National Forest, backpacking in the Sierras, or enjoying the beauty of the Channel Islands while walking her dog, Annie. She also loves practicing urban homesteading and seeks out discarded curbside treasures to upcycle and repurpose into art or functional wares. In her role as a Community Education Specialist with the UC Environmental Stewards and Ventura County Climate Action programs, Jill will develop a robust outreach program on climate change, resilience and adaptation to stakeholders and the public (youth and adults) in Ventura County and the surrounding area.

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