

DANR Communities and Sustainability Conference

GOALS

- Explore the interconnections between the human, natural and agricultural dimensions of community sustainability
- Develop and share new insights on innovative practices for community sustainability
- Strengthen and inspire new collaborative partnerships within all programs and regions of ANR
- Strengthen and inspire new campus - community collaborative partnerships
- Build momentum for ANR institution building to support and sustain these partnerships

Building and Celebrating Connections for Sustainable, Healthy, and Just Communities

Sustainable Communities

Natural Resources

*Agricultural
Productivity*

Community Partnerships

Human Resources

*Agricultural Policy
& Pest Management*

OUR VISION: This conference is an opportunity for participants from **all** sectors and programs of the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources and their community partners to share successes, resources, and challenges in the work for community sustainability.

June 4 - 6, 2007

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Program

The conference will focus on successes, resources, and challenges in work for community sustainability. In particular, we hope to highlight cases that illustrate the need for cross-disciplinary collaboration that connects the social and natural sciences, as well as cases that highlight the building of effective bridges between campus and community. The conference agenda includes key note speakers addressing the importance of connections for sustainable and healthy communities. Panel sessions will include presentations of successful projects that have incorporated aspects of youth and community development with nutrition education, utilization of gardens for health and community vitality, community based natural resources stewardship, innovative methods by which to add agricultural value and methods and ideas by which to ensure program sustainability.

Monday • 6.4.07

- 8:30 Continental Breakfast (Library)
- 9:00 Preconference Events
Digital Photography – Mike Poe, *Media Services Manager, Communications Services, UC Davis* (AGR)
Nutrition Coordinating Conference Meeting – Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, *Nutrition Science Specialist* (Founders)
- 10:00 Registration (Lobby)
- 12:00 Lunch (Patio)

- 12:45 **Welcome / Orientation (AGR)**
Karen Varcoe, *HR Program Leader*
Jim Grieshop, *Director, 4-H Center for YD*
Dave Campbell, *Director, CA Communities Program*
Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr, *Nutrition Science Specialist*
Jonathan London, *Center for the Study of Regional Change*
- 1:15 **Opening Keynote (AGR)**
Sustainability: Asking the Right Questions
Tom Tomich, *Director, Agricultural Sustainability Initiative*
- 2:00 Break (Library)
- 2:30 **Putting Sustainability on the Map (AGR)**
Bina Lefkovitz, *Sacramento Youth Service Providers Network*
- 3:30 **Synthesis Session 1**
Nutrition Improvement through Youth and Community Development
Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr (Panel Moderator)
- Parenting Style and Nutrition Attitudes
Lenna Ontai-Grzebik, *Child and Family Development Specialist, UC Davis*
 - Students Evaluate the “Health Environment” of Their Schools
Connie Schneider, *NFCS Advisor, Fresno*
 - Fresh Producers Project
Elizabeth Miller, *Center for Reducing Health Disparities, UC Davis Medical Center*
Discussant: Diane Barrett, *Fruit and Vegetable Products Specialist, UC Davis*
- 4:45 Break (Library)

5:00	Keynote (AGR) Bridging the Divide: Why Sustainability Matters for Everyone Michael Hamm, <i>CS Mott Chair of Sustainable Agriculture at Michigan State University; Former Chair of Department of Nutritional Sciences, Rutgers University</i>	12:15	Lunch “Table Talk on Key Themes” (Patio)
6:00	Reception and Poster Session <i>Local/ slow food catered by Tucos with assistance from UC Davis Students for Sustainable Agriculture</i>	1:15	Synthesis Session 4 Farm to School, Food and Gardens for Health and Community Vitality Jim Grieshop and Gail Feenstra (Panel Moderators) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardens for Learning and Nutrition Carol Hillhouse, <i>UC Davis Children’s Garden</i> Youth Leadership and Environmental Education Deb Bruns, <i>Yolo County Office of Education</i> Innovations in Farm to School Sharon Junge, <i>County Director, Placer / Nevada</i> Discussant: Dan Desmond, <i>UCCE Advisor Emeritus</i>
7:00	Dinner (AGR) <i>Honoring of new and retiring ANR employees</i>	2:45	Skill-building Break Out Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Research and Programs on Nutrition and Food Safety (AGR) Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr Resources for Sustainable Land Use Planning (West Conf Rm) Stephen Wheeler, <i>UC Davis Department of Landscape Architecture</i> Experiential Education (University Club) Mike Marzolla, <i>YD Advisor, Santa Barbara</i> Youth Adult Partnerships (Founders) Bina Lefkowitz, <i>Director, Sacramento Youth Service Providers Network</i> Engaging Diverse Youth and Communities (University Club) Kindra Montgomery, <i>UC Davis Center for Community School Partnerships</i>
8:30	Adjourn		
Tuesday • 6.5.07			
7:30	Continental Breakfast (Library)		
7:45	CEAFCS meeting (Founders)		
9:00	Welcome Rick Standiford, <i>DANR Associate Vice President</i>		
9:15	Synthesis Session 2 Community-Based Natural Resources Stewardship (AGR) Michael Marzolla (Panel Moderator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and Environmental Justice in the Central Valley Susanna deAnda, <i>Community Water Center</i> The WELLS Project for Community Water Stewardship Robin Pelc, <i>UC Santa Barbara</i> Youth, Conservation & Communities Richard Rodriguez, <i>California Conservation Corps</i> Discussant: Kimberly Rodrigues, <i>Regional Director, North Coast and Mountain</i>		
11:00	Synthesis Session 3 Innovations in Adding Agricultural Value (AGR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct Agricultural Marketing Shermain Hardesty (Panel Moderator) Agricultural Tourism Ellie Rilla, <i>County Director, Marin</i> Local Salmon Processing Danny Jordan, <i>Hoopa Tribal Council</i> Discussant: Laura Tourte, <i>County Director, Santa Cruz</i>	4:00	Break
		4:15	Visual Impact: Youth / Adult Partnerships for Sustainability Aarti Subramaniam (Panel Moderator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Voices from the North Coast Sandy Sathram, <i>YD Program Representative, Humbolt County</i> Youth Peer Court Public Service Announcements Karen Green, <i>Sacramento</i> Sierra Health Foundation Galt REACH Community Coalition
		5:30	Buffet Reception featuring local produce (AGR)

Wednesday • 6.6.07

7:45 Food Safety Workgroup Meeting (West Conf Rm)

8:00 Continental Breakfast (Library)

8:45 **Funders' Panel: Sustaining Sustainability**

Kathy Moxon (Panel Moderator)

Panelists:

Jim Richardson, *National Rural Funders Collaborative*

Michael Dimmock, *Roots of Change Fund*

Dorothy Meehan, *Sierra Health Foundation*

Rollie Smith, *US Department of Housing and Urban Development*

10:30 **ANR Leadership and Membership Reflections**

Common Themes and Future Actions

Jim Grieshop & Jonathan London (Panel Moderators)

Panelists:

Kim Rodrigues, *Regional Director, North Coast and Mountain*

Linda Manton, *Regional Director, Central Valley*

Maxwell Norton, *Agricultural Productivity Program Leader*

Tu Jarvis, *Associate Dean, UC Davis*

12:00 Closing remarks

12:15 Lunch (Patio)

2:00 Workgroup Meetings

• Positive YD thru 4-H Camp (AGR)

Marianne Bird, *YD Advisor, Sacramento*

• Families with Young Children (Founders)

Lenna Ontai, *Child & Family Development Specialist, UC Davis*

• Aging Californians (West Conf Rm)

Mary Blackburn, *NFCS Advisor, Alameda*

5:00 Adjourn

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