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The RECap

*A newsletter from South Coast Research and Extension Center
and UC Cooperative Extension Orange County*



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The month of May seems to have flown by and we're getting closer to summer!

This month, the UC Master Gardeners of Orange County's training class of 2025 celebrated their graduation, the South Coast REC Grow Vocational Education Program hosted several field days for hundreds of local high school students, and we had the pleasure of welcoming a group of visitors from Australia!

Over the next few weeks there are many exciting events to attend, so make sure to check out the upcoming events section!

Sincerely,
Lindsey Pedroncelli, Interim Director of South Coast REC
and
Rita Clemons, Director of UCCE Orange County

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Event Recap

Hands-on classes at the Laguna Beach Library

While partnering with the Laguna Beach Library to bring science-based gardening information to the public, in May the



Master Gardeners did a class on Drought Tolerant Gardening. Then library patrons were able to plant a wonderful pot of flowers to take home and support our friends, the pollinators, while using some of the new skills they learned.

The next class is on June 21st at 11:00 AM with the topic of Tomato Pests and Diseases. Each of the first 24 patrons to sign in for the class at the library, will plant a tomato in a grow bag and take that plant home with them, for their own harvest. We are thankful to work with many of the libraries in Orange County.



For a list of classes, please visit our website at <https://ucanr.edu/site/uc-master-gardeners-orange-county>.

South Coast REC welcomed visitors from Australia Pork Limited!

Towards the end of May, we had the pleasure of hosting a leadership course from [Australia Pork Limited](#). As part of their leadership course, participants from

around Australia traveled to the United States to learn about other agricultural industries and the research, innovation, and outreach priorities and strategies of those industries. Their first stop was South Coast REC where they learned about UC ANR and UC Cooperative Extension, got to taste and learn about several avocado varieties, and heard from several advisors and programs about the work they do.



Thank you to Lindsey Pedroncelli and Rita Clemons for hosting the group and to Tammy Majcherek, Esther Lofton, Jason Suppes, Hannah Standerfer, Grant Johnson, and Rita Jakel for speaking with the group! We are so thrilled we got to meet them and share what we do at UC ANR

In The Media

Beatriz Nobua-Behrmann, Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Advisor, was featured in **Landscape Contractor** in an article titled "Managing Green Waste to Prevent Pest Spread".



When green waste is improperly disposed of, it can actually serve as a vehicle for transporting invasive pests and diseases. Here are some best management practices for managing disposal of green waste:

1. Process green waste on-site when possible
2. Avoid creating pest breeding grounds in staging areas
3. Properly dispose of infested material
4. Manage firewood responsibly
5. Educate landscape crews and clients

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Extension Spotlight

EFNEP Educators are Trusted Messengers of Vaccine Education

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program



In May 2024 Los Angeles and Orange County EFNEP received funding from EXCITE to provide adult vaccination education for COVID-19, Flu and RSV.

EFNEP educators are trusted community members with experience providing health education to diverse audiences. Utilizing existing community partnerships EFNEP educators have successfully spread vaccination confidence!



379

individuals reached through presentations in EFNEP classes

1,735

individuals reached through information booths at community events

1,500

flyers distributed to partner agencies

424,169

impressions through targeted paid social media campaign

To learn more about this program or EFNEP in Orange County, contact Natalie Price at nmprice@ucanr.edu or visit the website <https://ucanr.edu/site/orange-county-efnep>.




JUST LIKE WE PLAN OUR MEALS

WE SHOULD ALSO PLAN OUR HEALTHCARE

GET FREE COVID-19 VACCINES

The BRIDGE ACCESS Program allows those without health insurance or those who have insurance that doesn't cover vaccines to get the COVID-19 vaccine for free. Ask about getting the vaccine at your local CVS or Walgreens store or at other participating pharmacies.

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Pro Tips

Tips, tricks, and advice from our program experts

≡ WATER SUPPLY SECURITY



WSS #1: Stormwater Management in Southern California

Interested in protecting our environment and promoting a community of sustainability? Read our latest blog to learn more about the strategic capture and reuse of stormwater runoff as a valuable water supply source and how it can offer several ecological and socio-economic benefits. This blog introduces the concept and significance of urban stormwater management, spotlighting its capabilities to enhance water resilience within urban landscapes throughout Southern California when properly implemented.

[Read the blog post](#)



WSS #1: La Gestión de Aguas Pluviales en el Sur de California

¿Está interesado en proteger nuestro medio ambiente y promover una comunidad de sostenibilidad? Lea nuestro último blog para conocer más sobre la captura estratégica y reutilización de las aguas pluviales como una fuente valiosa de suministro de agua, y cómo puede ofrecer varios beneficios ecológicos y socioeconómicos. Este blog presenta el concepto y la importancia de la gestión urbana de aguas pluviales, destacando sus capacidades para mejorar la resiliencia hídrica en los paisajes urbanos del sur de California cuando se implementa adecuadamente.

[Lee la publicación del blog](#)

Upcoming Events

Avocado Pop-Up at South Coast REC

SPECIAL POP-UP EVENT!!

**ORDER YOUR BAG
OF AVOCADOS FOR \$30.00**

Bags are limited, register today!
Approximately 10lbs. of Mixed Avocado Varieties

Pick-up date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025
Pick-up time: 7:30AM - 3:30PM
Pick-up location: 7601 Irvine Blvd. Irvine, CA 92618

All proceeds to benefit educational programming for youth and adults.



- Purchases payable online by credit card only
- Limit of (3) bags per purchase while supplies last.
- All sales final. Sorry, no refunds.
- Purchases must be picked up as designated - directions and pick up instructions provided once payment has been confirmed.

Register Here

PLEASE NOTE For best results, please use either FireFox or Chrome browser to register.

Questions? Please contact Tammy at: tjmajcherek@ucanr.edu

2025 GSOB Blitz

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

HELP US PROTECT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S OAK TREES... ONE HIKE AT A TIME.

A GSOB Blitz is a community-powered effort to detect and map goldspotted oak borer infestations. With your help, we'll survey oak trees across Southern California to identify where this pest is spreading...and how bad the damage is. These surveys help scientists and land managers decide where to take action to save our trees.

Even better? It's a great way to learn, explore, and connect with nature... while making a real impact.

Visit our site to learn more and register by using the QR code or link: <https://ucanr.edu/site/goldspotted-oak-borer/gsob-blitz>

Registration is open for the 2025 GSOB Blitz!

Together with local, County, and State agency and NGO partners, UCCE is seeking volunteers to participate in the 2025 GSOB Blitz - a community-powered effort to detect and map goldspotted oak borer (GSOB) infestations. Survey events are scheduled in six Southern California Counties between **June 1 - June 15, 2025**. Participants are welcome from the general public, private business, public or community organizations, etc.

Event details and online registration may be found on the webpage, [HERE](#).

Questions? Contact Jan Gonzales, jggonzales@ucanr.edu.

Invasive Species Lunchtime Talks

CALIFORNIA INVASIVE SPECIES ACTION WEEK

2025 LUNCHTIME TALKS WEBINAR SERIES

JUNE 9 - 13, 2025

12 - 1 PM



June 9 - *Formosan Subterranean Termites: Will Your House Be Their Next Meal?*

Presented by Dr. Siavash Taravati,
UC Cooperative Extension



June 10 - *Anticipating the Next Invasive Threat to California*

Presented by Dr. Mark Hoddle,
UC Riverside



June 11 - *Don't Move a (Golden) Mussel*

Presented by Martha Volkoff,
California Department of Fish and Wildlife



June 12 - *The Fast and the Furriest: Rats, Traps, and Winning the Race*

Presented by Dr. Niamh Quinn,
UC Cooperative Extension



June 13 - *Palms and Eucalyptus Under Threat in the Golden State*

Presented by Dr. Eric Middleton,
UC Cooperative Extension

For more information and to register for these free talks visit <https://ucanr.edu/sites/invasivelunch/2025/>

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June 9-13, 2025 is California Invasive Species Action Week!

Each day from 12 - 1pm learn from the experts about various invasive species and pest management topics.

More Info Here

California Master Beekeeper Program Events



Interested in learning about beekeeping? Sign up for a CAMBP OC Workshop for Beekeepers!

Workshop topics include:

- Checking overwinter colonies
- Managing for honey production
- Swarming & robbing prevention
- Checking for diseases & queen health
- Preparing a split to requeen
- Feeding techniques
- Completing a hive inspection
- Strategies to requeen
- Mite test load & control



Have you ever toured an apiary? Sign up for a California Master Beekeeper Apiary Tour!

Tours are from 10am-12pm on the following dates:

- Friday, June 6th
- Saturday, June 14th
- Friday, July 11th
- Saturday, August 23rd
- Saturday, September 6th

- Honey extraction technique

[Register Here](#)

Upcoming workshops are on:

- July 12, 2025
- October 18, 2025

[Register Here](#)



UC Landscape Plant Irrigation Trials Spring Open House



WHEN: Tuesday, June 17th, 2025, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

WHERE: South Coast Research and Extension Center (REC), 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine CA 92618

The **UC Landscape Plant Irrigation Trials™** (UCLPIT) Team will be hosting a **Spring Open House** for the **Climate Ready Vines for the Western United States** urban cooling, deficit irrigation trial.

This project is funded by a **USDA Specialty Crops Multi-state Program** grant. This will be the first of two Open House events we will have this season to engage with:

1. Landscaping & Landscape Design Professionals
2. Nursery & Greenhouse Growers
3. City Planners/Urban Designers
4. Water Conservationists
5. UC Master Gardeners
6. Academics & Educators

If you have any questions, please contact our Staff Research Associate, **Nathan Lo**, at nclo@ucanr.edu.



Participation entails evaluating the aesthetic quality of ~30 plants over a period of **60 minutes**. This is an opportunity to evaluate and provide us with your feedback on the plant material being trialed. Participation is voluntary, but **registration is required**.

[Register Here](#)

We're Hiring!



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

UC Master Food Preserver Program

Now Hiring

UC Master Food Preserver Program Coordinator (Part-Time)

Job Description

The Master Food Preserver (MFP) Program Coordinator will coordinate a county-based public education program focused on safe food preservation, reducing food waste, increasing food security, and providing engaging ways for Californians to explore healthy food. The MFP Program Coordinator will be responsible for the coordination, management, and delivery of education to community members through a combination of direct education and volunteer management. This includes training, guiding, and supporting volunteer extenders with education, information and resources; evaluating program implementation; collecting and compiling enrollment, documentation, and evaluation data from volunteer extenders and participants; and writing reports in compliance with funding requirements. The MFP Program Coordinator helps to coordinate and monitor fiscal oversight and compliance of county-based activities of the Master Food Preservers statewide program, ensures compliance with statewide program policies and procedures, and effectively resolves conflicts and complaints.



This position is a career appointment that is 50% fixed.

Location Headquarters: South Coast Research and Extension Center, 7601 Irvine Blvd, Irvine, CA

Pay Scale: \$23.66/hour to \$31.51/hour

This job is open until filled. The first application review date will be 05/26/2025.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <https://ucanr.edu/jobs?keys=78227>

It is the policy of the University of California to undertake affirmative action and anti-discrimination efforts, consistent with its obligations as a Federal and State contractor.

For more information about the job and to apply, click here



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