



THE RENEWABLE RESOURCES EXTENSION ACT
(RREA) PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Young participants survey and clean a local urban creek in Santa Barbara.



4-H youth try out the Agua Pura Model

The University of California (UC) RREA program allocated the FY 2008 federal funds received in the amount of \$99,877 to support a variety of grants and student internships.

Based on the review and recommendations of a Technical Advisory Committee, nine competitive grants were funded focusing on the following topics: Grazing Management; an Interactive Weed Identification Control web site; Development of a Drought Water Management web site; Fuel Treatment Monitoring, Fishes of Clear Lake, Agua Pura Curriculum Statewide Trainings; Central Coast Rangeland Health Indicators Project; Sustainable and Fire Safe Landscapes in Ventura; and Desert Invasives and Wildfire Education. In addition, RREA funds supported ongoing staffing and outreach efforts to continue the successful “wildfire zone” program out of the UC Cooperative Extension office in San Diego County (www.wildfirezone.org). This web site provides timely and relevant wildfire safety, prevention, and recovery information for California and the western states.

Each of these individual projects deserves special recognition for significant impacts on critical resource topics, yet only a few can be highlighted. The “Development of a Drought Water Management Web Site” is unique for its integration of agriculture and natural resources issues (<http://ucmanagedrought.ucdavis.edu>). This web site already receives more than 1,500 hits per month and is expanding to serve as a model for a larger web site on water issues, funded by the UC Water Resources Center. This is an example of how we are further leveraging our RREA funding. Water issues are at the center of sustainable, renewable resource issues, which makes this project particularly important. The Agua Pura project takes a different approach to water resource management issues by creating a fotonovela teaching tool in Spanish, utilizing photographs and a comic book style approach for outreach on water and wildlife fisheries conservation information, reaching underserved communities, primarily Latino and Native American. By creating diverse teaching and outreach tools in a variety of formats, the University of California RREA program is maximizing the impacts from these federal funds. For full stories about our ongoing RREA successes, please visit our web site: <http://rrea.ucanr.org>.

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