

Climate Change Program Team Meeting Report

January 23-24, UC Merced, California

Meeting objectives

1. advance our collective understanding of climate change and its implications for California's communities and natural resource
2. identify new ways to integrate climate change in our research and extension programs
3. build a community of practices around climate change extension and outreach

Primary meeting outcomes

1. increased knowledge of climate change impacts on California's natural resources and communities
2. improved understanding of how to integrate climate change in extension programming and greater awareness of decision support tools
3. strengthened network of UC ANR professionals working on climate change across program areas

Next steps

1. Help to disseminate results of NIFA-funded study on disaster preparedness and response resources for California communities. Explore funding opportunities to develop new materials and resources, where needed,
2. Collaborate with Climate Stewards Initiative to support development of course materials that could support in-service training
3. Engage with new climate-smart agriculture community education specialists

How the PT activities fit with the larger SI picture (See table for reference).

We see the PT is consistent with these Focal areas

- new problems with existing pests and diseases
- encouraging and enhancing youth science literacy
- community development
- healthy rangelands, forests, and working landscapes
- resilient forests and fire-safe urban areas
- healthy landscapes and urban forests
- safe and secure surface water and groundwater

And fits with these Grand Challenges

- emerging pests
- public safety
- sustainable production
- fire
- land use policy
- climate change
- drought preparedness