

**RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTERS
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
MISSION, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Research and Extension Center (REC) system to advance knowledge and understanding of agricultural and natural resource systems by providing University of California researchers and educators with managed and sustainable resources to conduct quality research on high-priority statewide and regional issues; coordinating and consulting with researchers to facilitate the successful completion of approved research projects; extending the results of research; advancing knowledge and understanding of agriculture and natural resource systems; communicating to the local communities agricultural and natural resource values.

Goals

Provide controlled sites with managed and sustainable resources, cultural expertise, and soil, water, topography, climate, and other local characteristics suitable to conduct quality research on high-priority statewide and regional issues.

Provide a local base for cooperation and collaboration between advisors, specialists and faculty, and the integration of the research-extension continuum.

Research Advisory Committee (RAC) process to ensure equal access to all ANR academics, facilitate flexible response to high-priority issues, and encourage integration of programs.

Provide a combination of statewide administration and the delegation of local control of program to facilitate the most efficient use of resources, and the greatest flexibility for responding to local needs.

Provide a local base for communicating the value of ANR research and extension programs, and agricultural and natural resource values.

Primary Objectives

Provide land, labor and facilities to support RAC-approved research projects.

Operate and maintain Center land, facilities and infrastructure in a manner that is cost effective, and will indefinitely sustain the resource.

Maintain farming practices and uniform cropping systems that will provide land in a healthy and uniform condition to support high-quality research.

Operate and manage multi-user facilities to facilitate RAC-approved projects, and to facilitate the most efficient use of the space and other resources.

Coordinate, conduct and facilitate field days, tours and other methods to effectively communicate the results of Center-based research to the industry, community and other special interest groups.

Maintain an outreach program that communicates the mission and objectives of the University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) to both local and regional communities.

Secondary Objectives

Maximize farming income where the added cost of marketing the commodity is less than the income received.

Support ANR Academics on activities other than RAC-approved projects when consistent with our mission and as resources permit.