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Dr. Barbara Allen-Diaz, former Vice President for the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and Russell Rustici Chair in Rangelands, Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management at UC Berkley (*recently retired*)



Barbara Allen-Diaz is known for her vision and commitment to excellence; innovative, solutions-oriented approach, and diplomatic finesse. Throughout her 37-year career, she has improved range science and the environment, mentored future scientists, reshaped the UCANR system, and united the Western Region to a common vision. Barbara has regularly gone above and beyond to advance the Western Region and the entire Land-Grant University System. She has served as Chair of WAAESD, member of the Western Region Multistate Review Committee, ESCOP member and Chair of the BAA Policy Board of Directors.

In 1986, Barbara Allen-Diaz was the first woman in the country hired to a tenure track position in range sciences. She went served on the faculty and later as the Chair of the Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management, retiring as the Russell Rustici Chair in Rangeland Management at UC Berkley. She was the Division Head of Ecosystem Sciences and Associate Dean, Executive Associate Dean and Acting Dean, College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley. She was the UC ANR Associate Vice President of the Research and Extension Center system and UC ANR Associate Vice President for Programs and Strategic Initiatives. In 2015 she retired after serving as the Vice President of UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR), Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and Director of Cooperative Extension in California.

She was awarded the Society for Range Management Frederick G. Renner Award for lifetime achievement and the Society for Range Management Outstanding

Achievement Award. In 2007, she shared in the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Barbara has authored more than 170 peer-reviewed articles and is currently writing a book about higher education.

Barbara Allen-Diaz earned her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkley.