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Challenge: Regulations, Policy, and Compliance

Informing Regulations, Policy, and Compliance



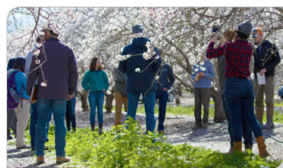
The Challenge

California faces a complex, ever-changing regulatory environment in which science-based input and community engagement are needed to inform policy decisions and implementation.

Actions for Positive Outcomes

UC ANR plays a crucial role in helping our communities navigate California's intricate regulatory landscape. Opportunities for action include, but are not limited to the following:

- Facilitate collaboration among local, state, and federal policymakers, regulators, and community members to ensure that regulations, policies, and systems are informed by evidence-based research and reflect the needs and perspectives of diverse stakeholders
- Extend science-based information to empower stakeholders to navigate regulations and standards in critical areas such as air quality, food safety, land use, water quality and quantity, nutrition, agricultural inputs, pest management, and more
- Address regulatory compliance barriers faced by all producers, especially small-scale, diversified farms; Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities; lower-resourced communities; and those with limited English proficiency
- Promote transparency, accessibility, and inclusivity in regulatory processes, program design, and implementation
- Connect campuses, and other critical resources, to communities across California to further develop the information, tools, and continuing education needed to support compliance with and better understanding of regulations across sectors



"UCCE Advisors are some of the most valuable assets available to orchard growers in Butte County. Their science-based recommendations are key components in our modern farming operations. UCCE Advisors help growers navigate the changing environmental and regulatory challenges of farming in California."

—Paul McGowan, Butte County almond grower



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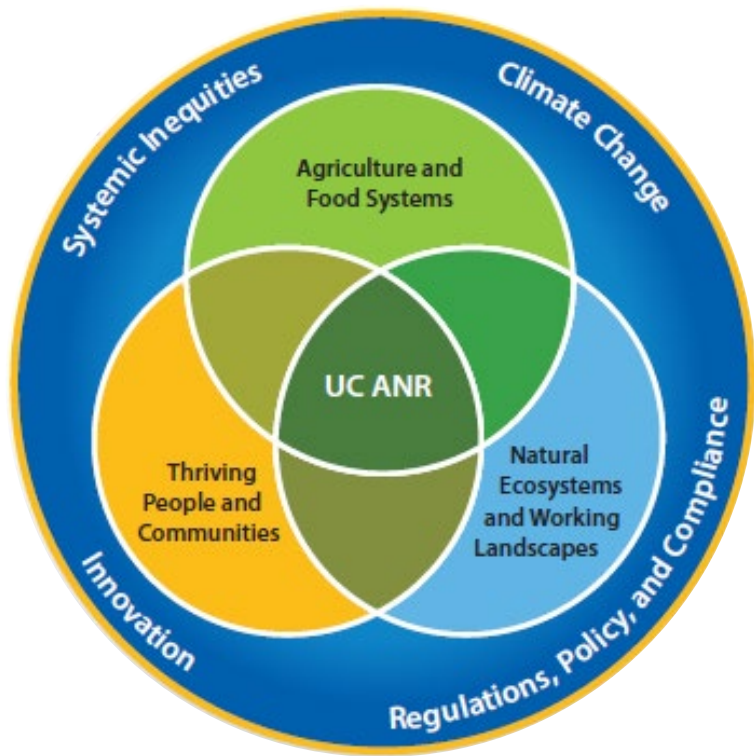
Problem:

- Laws and policies are increasingly complex: e.g., climate change, health care, technology, energy
- Increased need for data-driven and science-informed policies for complex issues
- Policy outcomes may not be as expected if science is left out of the conversation



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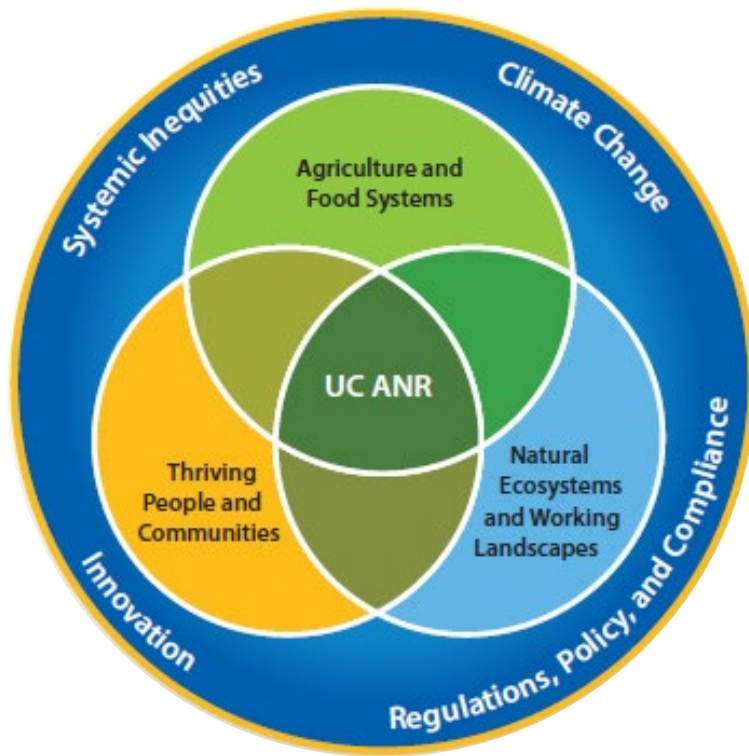
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already engage with
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*Wouldn't it be great to
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opportunities?*



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One-stop shop for policymakers to **find and easily access scientists and cutting-edge research** on issues critical to California



Connect **affiliated researchers** and **expand policy-relevant work and communications.**



Conduct original research and real-time economic analyses to remain relevant and responsive to timely, critical issues.



Establish a **policy institute advisory board** to help identify priority research areas, grant opportunities, and partnerships.

UC ANR Policy Institute

- Issue-specific convenings
 - e.g. policy summits
 - Legislative briefings
 - Brown-bag lunches
 - One-pager briefs
 - 1:1 discussions/deep dives
 - Serve as a panelist
- Immediate connection with experts and policymakers across a multitude of issue areas throughout the state



