



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Agriculture and Natural Resources Capital Program

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) directs an extensive statewide network of research and extension activities that address regional challenges and issues in agriculture, environment, and community. UC ANR's structure—unique to the University system—connects UC with the people of California, enables it to respond to critical state needs, and achieves innovation in fundamental and applied research and education. ANR advances California's resilience through its Research and Extension Center (REC) system—11 sites encompassing over 13,000 acres with over 500,000 assignable square feet across the state while expanding workforce capacity with 100+ new academic positions and supporting increased grant funding exceeding \$100 million annually.



4
Active Projects



\$35M
Active Projects Investment



0
Completed Projects (FY 2024–25)



\$0
Completed Projects Investment

CFP Identified Funding
\$5 million in Capital Plan

Priority Areas

- **Water Resilience and Irrigation Systems for Research**
- **Site accessibility and road safety**
- **Fire safety and security**

Key Metrics

- Two irrigation wells and improved irrigation systems at all ten RECs
- Planned safety improvements for four bridges and road/entry acces to eight RECs
- Five new buildings for engagement and outreach at five RECs

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Capital Priorities

UC ANR has a capital need totaling \$379 million, which includes building restoration and renewal work, seismic remediation, infrastructure, sustainability, food biomanufacturing, and new buildings to modernize aging facilities, many over 45 years old. The antiquated facilities limit overall effectiveness of research and extension programs while highlighting opportunities to enhance safety. ANR continues implementation of capital renewal programs utilizing ICAMP facilities assessment to identify high priority deferred maintenance needs and achieve UC Seismic Policy compliance.

Location-Specific Focus Areas

Statewide Infrastructure Modernization Priorities

\$5 million out of total \$379 million capital need has identified funding sources. UC ANR is building two new Engagement Centers at South Coast REC and Desert REC with plans for Lindcove REC Engagement Center and two Outreach Centers at Hansen REC and Elkus

Ranch. UC ANR has two irrigation well projects planned for Intermountain REC and West Side REC, plus water well rehabilitation, repair projects, and irrigation/sewer drainage improvements at all RECs. Planned projects include building retrofit, seismic remediation, sustainability, and infrastructure across all locations.

Recent Accomplishments

Planning Foundation for Future Growth

No major capital projects were completed during the fiscal year, with efforts focused on planning and design advancement for critical education facilities. UC ANR advanced strategic planning initiatives while developing comprehensive facility assessments to guide future modernization efforts across the statewide Research and Extension Center system.



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Projects In Progress

Education Facilities Advance Through Design

South Coast REC Engagement Center completed Working Drawings phase, advancing toward construction readiness. Desert REC Engagement Center completed Working Drawings phase, supporting expanded research and community education programs. Both projects represent critical components in UC ANR's mission to advance agriculture, natural resources, and nutrition research while enhancing youth development programs throughout California.

Seismic Snapshot

Substantial Progress Reduces Non-Compliant Space

Completed 37 Seismic Tier 2 and 3 evaluations across ANR facilities. Nine buildings converted to compliant Seismic Performance Rating of IV or better, while 28 buildings have SPR of V requiring remediation. Remediation costs are projected to be \$21 million for Priority Group A buildings, \$6 million for Priority Group B buildings, and \$6 million for Priority Group C buildings, totaling \$33 million for comprehensive seismic compliance.

Restoration and Renewal Snapshot

\$112 million identified in deferred maintenance needs with funding not identified. \$263 million identified in renewal needs with funding not identified. The Integrated Capital Asset Management Program assessment reveals substantial infrastructure modernization requirements across aging facilities requiring comprehensive systems upgrades, equipment replacement, and facility improvements to support contemporary research and outreach programs.

EXHIBIT 64. Active Projects Distribution by Budget Category

	Budget \$1M - \$10M	Budget \$10M - \$20M	Budget > \$20M	Total
Total Number	2	2	-	4
	50%	50%	-	100%
Total Budget	\$5M	\$30M	-	\$35M
	13%	87%	-	100%

Note: Because of rounding, some totals may not correspond with the sum of the separate parts.



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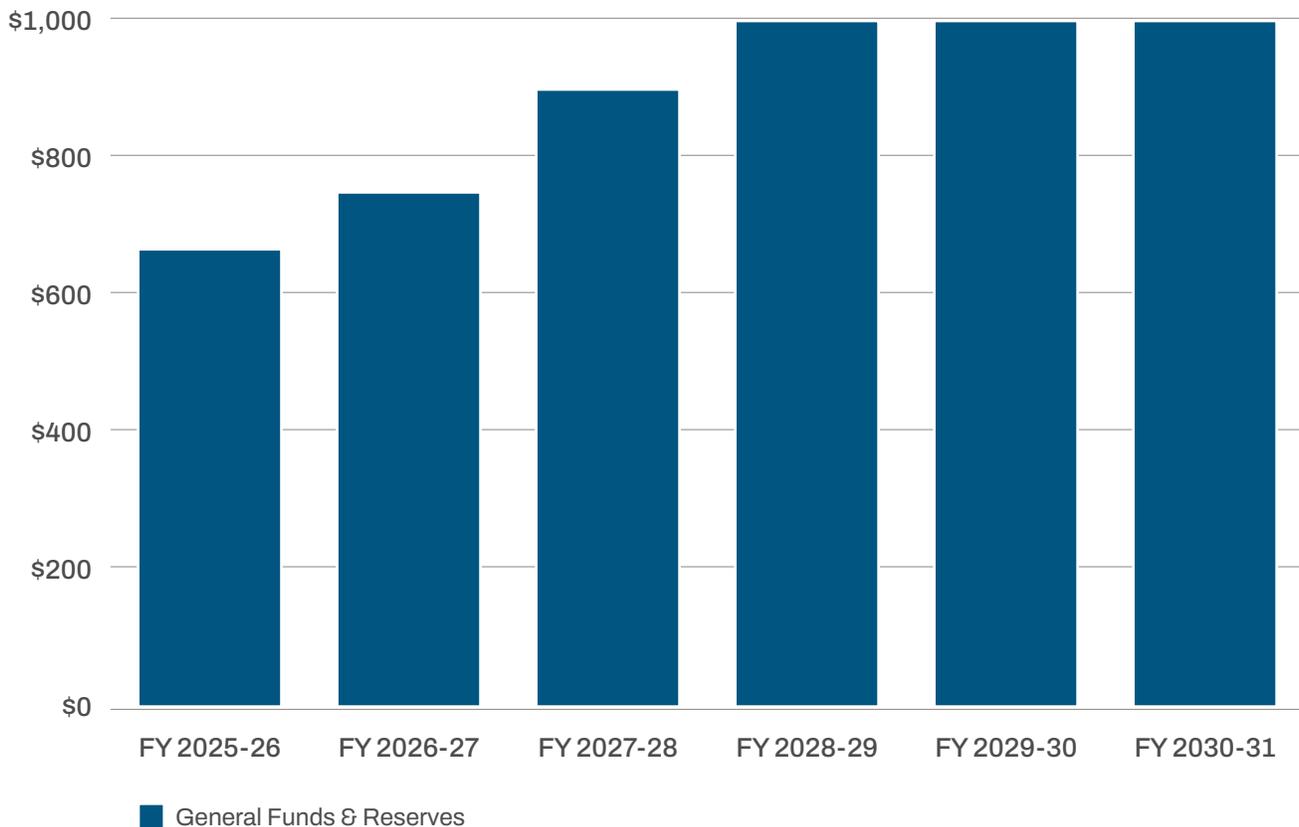
2025-31 Outlook and Progress On Priorities

Education and General Projects include Engagement Center at Lindcove REC, Outreach Centers at Elkus Ranch and Hansen REC, cattle system at Sierra Foothill REC, and greenhouses at multiple RECs. Infrastructure projects encompass water irrigation, road and bridge repairs, and fire safety and security improvements. Sustainability projects include EV chargers and solar panels. Additional priorities include deferred maintenance projects, seismic retrofit projects, and infrastructure projects for food biomanufacturing.

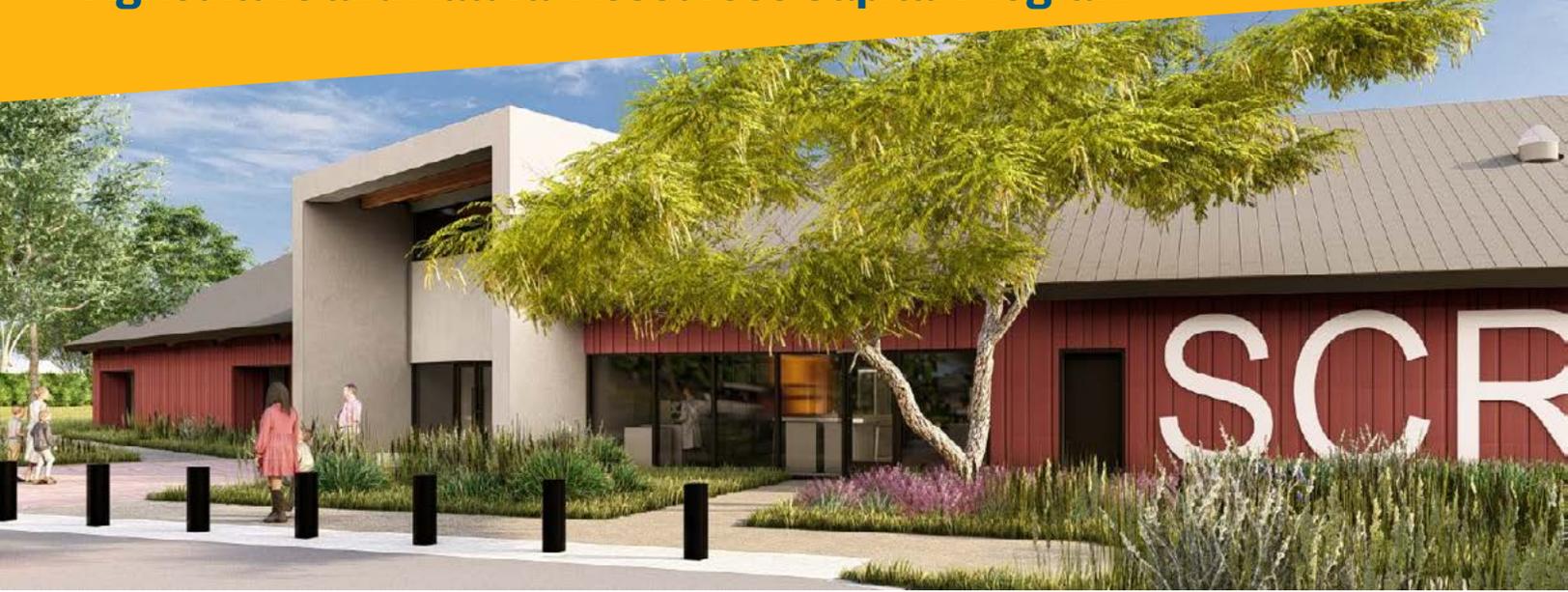
Unfunded Needs and Advocacy Priorities

Access to water and improved water efficiency continue as high priorities to maintain research and outreach. Fire and security upgrades are essential for researcher, staff, and community member safety at REC sites located in high wildfire risk areas. Fencing and security systems prevent trespassing. Bridges and road/entry access improvements address natural erosion and strengthen site operations and emergency response capabilities.

EXHIBIT 65. Proposed Capital Program Fund Sources (\$000s)



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Project Highlight

The Engagement Center supports research and outreach to Southern California's unique agricultural, urban, and environmental interface, including agricultural research for Mediterranean climate plants, environmental stewardship for water conservation and soil health, urban horticulture efficiency, and UC Cooperative Extension outreach programs. South Coast REC bridges scientific research with practical application supporting agriculture, sustainability, and urban ecosystems in Southern California's most diverse regions.

"The South Coast REC Engagement Center will serve as the physical location anchoring research and extension activities around South Coast REC's Hub for Urban Living, a place where the community will see UC's strength in conducting research and then extending that knowledge to solve complex agriculture and natural resources issues."

–Darren Haver, Executive Director, Research and Extension Center System

PROJECT NAME

**South Coast REC
Engagement Center**

TYPE

New Construction

GSF

9,321 GSF

BUILDING USE

Research and Outreach

PROJECT COMPLETION DATE

2026 Q4

PROJECT COST

\$17M

CONSTRUCTION COST

\$12M

PROJECT STATUS

In Progress

ARCHITECT

Mithun Inc.

CONTRACTOR

TBD