



Media Advisory

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Federal Conservation Cooperative Is Newest Addition to Sacramento State Campus

Media Note: Reporters attending the June 3 Open House should RSVP to Ben Young Landis. For additional information, please visit the program homepage at www.CaliforniaLCC.org

SACRAMENTO, CA - A new U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) conservation program has opened its California office on the campus of California State University, Sacramento, and will host an Open House on June 3.

The California Landscape Conservation Cooperative (CA LCC) is part of a newly established nationwide network of 21 applied conservation science partnerships that bring together natural resource managers and scientists who focus on our changing environment at landscape scales. Partners include federal agencies, regional organizations, states, tribes, NGO's, universities and other entities within each LCC's geographic area. They are designed to provide tools and technical support that inform resource management decisions primarily relating to climate change. The products that LCC's develop help to inform and improve natural resource conservation on the ground.

The federally funded CA LCC will showcase its inaugural projects at an Open House on Friday, June 3, 2011 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their new offices in Modoc Hall. The event begins at 10 a.m. on the courtyard with guest speakers including:

- Jeff Keay, Pacific Southwest Area Regional Executive, *U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)*
- Ren Lohofener, Pacific Southwest Regional Director, *U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
- Alexander Gonzalez, President, *California State University, Sacramento*

The CA LCC's 2010 and 2011 projects will be showcased and partner information will be available in Suite 2007 following the speakers. This is an opportunity for the general public, university faculty, staff and students as well as future potential partners to gain a better understanding of the tools and services provided by the CA LCC.

"The CA LCC is a management-science partnership informing and promoting integrated science, natural resource management and conservation," says Debra Schlafmann, coordinator of the CA LCC. "It's an exciting opportunity to streamline efforts and foster new collaborations in

understanding and managing the impacts of climate change and other stressors within and across California's ecosystems."

Inaugural partners of the CA LCC include USGS, USFWS, Sacramento State and other public and private organizations.

The move adds another federal resource to the halls of Sacramento State, which currently hosts the offices of the USGS California Water Science Center, the USGS Western Ecological Research Center and the USGS Pacific Southwest Area Executive Headquarters.

Refreshments will be served and the event is free and open to the public. The CA LCC is located in Modoc Hall, 3020 State University Drive East, Suite 2007, Sacramento, CA 95819.

The DOI Landscape Conservation Cooperative Program is a network of public-private partnerships that provide shared science to ensure the sustainability of America's land, water, wildlife and cultural resources. Learn more at DOI.gov/LCC.

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