

**MONDAY MORNING GROUP OF WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY  
ANNUAL ADVOCACY TRIP – WASHINGTON, DC  
APRIL 20-23, 2026**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE FIRE EMISSIONS LABORATORY FUNDING**

**ISSUE:** The Inland Southern California region is one of the nation’s fastest-growing and most diverse areas, yet it continues to receive significantly less investment than neighboring coastal counties. Without federal support to equip the Fire Emissions Laboratory at the University of California, Riverside’s (UCR) SoCal OASIS™ Park, the region will lack critical research capacity to advance wildfire emissions science, limiting national innovation, weakening economic competitiveness, and slowing the development of urgently needed, science-based solutions.

**ACTION:** The Monday Morning Group urges Congress to provide \$3 million for the acquisition and installation of the Fire Emissions Laboratory at the UCR SoCal OASIS™ Park. This investment will establish one of the nation’s most advanced simulation facilities dedicated to analyzing emissions from wildland-urban interface fires and assessing their impacts on air quality and public health.

**BACKGROUND:** UCR is an R1 research university and a 2023 inductee into the Association of American Universities. With nationally recognized strengths in air quality, agriculture, natural resources, public health, sustainable transportation, and climate science—and as a Minority Serving Institution—UCR is uniquely positioned to elevate research, innovation, and social mobility across the region.

The Fire Emissions Laboratory will be located within the UCR Technology Park and will serve as a centerpiece for research, technology transfer, and industry collaboration. The facility will enable the development of new environmental monitoring tools and emissions-control technologies, attracting research investment, supporting startups, and creating high-wage jobs in Inland Southern California.

UCR is now pursuing multiple avenues to secure the remaining \$14 million to fill the gap existing to equip laboratories and research facilities, including:

- A world-class atmospheric chamber to advance fundamental atmospheric science and ecosystem impact studies.
- A state-of-the-art mobility–environment research lab addressing transportation and air quality challenges.
- A next-generation intelligent and sustainable energy systems lab for research and education.

The SoCal OASIS Park brings together UCR, local governments, industry partners, and community organizations to integrate research laboratories, a startup incubator, leasable office space, training facilities, and community gathering areas. Situated within Riverside’s Innovation District and adjacent to the California Air Resources Board’s Southern California Headquarters, the Park will expand internship and employment pipelines while strengthening public-private collaboration across the region.

The SoCal OASIS Park brings together UCR, local governments, industry partners, and community organizations to integrate research laboratories, a startup incubator, leasable office space, training facilities, and community gathering areas. Situated within Riverside’s Innovation District and adjacent to the California Air Resources Board’s Southern California Headquarters, the Park will expand internship and employment pipelines while strengthening public-private collaboration across the region.

The SoCal OASIS Park will accelerate scalable solutions to national and global challenges while training a diverse next generation of scientists, engineers, and innovators. Additional federal funding will ensure the laboratories can be fully equipped, enabling UCR to expand cleantech innovation, increase regional resilience, stimulate entrepreneurship, and drive high-wage job creation across Inland Southern California.