



# University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources

Dear California Naturalists,

Have you been working to address the threat of climate change? Are you involved in any activities that will help your community adapt to change? Have you made changes to your commute, diet, residence, landscaping/land-management practices, purchasing/consumption habits, work, or how you volunteer?

Tell us your story! UC California Naturalist is working with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to help populate the new [Climate Adaptation Clearinghouse](#) by capturing authentic experiences of all Californians as they deal with a changing climate. We hope to share the diversity of people, places, and issues that make climate stories inherently unique and at the same time universal.

Each story answers three simple questions: 1) What motivated you to act? 2) What was your response or change in behavior or practice? and 3) What have you learned from your experience?

Thank you for helping us highlight the faces, voices, and lessons behind a wide range of individual and community stories related to addressing climate change.

Please share your climate adaptation story in 500 words or less along with photos, video, or sound recording using our California Naturalist Story Capture Survey, [here](#), by Friday, October 27, 2017.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact [canaturalist@ucanr.edu](mailto:canaturalist@ucanr.edu).



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## SAMPLE STORY

Sea Level Awareness Project (SLAP)  
iMatter Youth Movement (formerly  
known as Kids vs. Global Warming)

**Location:** City of Ventura, CA

**Description:** In the coastal town of Ventura, CA, Alec Loorz organized his fellow middle school students to raise awareness of the changing shorelines. The students erected nine-foot poles in local beaches to show people what their community will look like if they do nothing about climate change. Working with the City of Ventura, the efforts led to City Council action to include sea level rise in its land use planning. The idea of using these poles, complete with pictures of nearby public amenities and landmarks, has now been replicated in other cities in order to create support for climate adaptation efforts. The iMatter movement continues its organizing efforts, offering students online resources to take action on climate change in their community. iMatter calls for youth organizing, a climate record card, local impact poles, and a government resolution to consistently include youth in City and County plans related to climate change.