



## UC Davis study finds elevated environmental hazards in Eastern Coachella Valley

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**What:**

University of California, Davis, researchers will present a new study, “Revealing the Invisible Coachella Valley: Putting Cumulative Environmental Vulnerabilities on the Map” at a news conference and a community forum. The new study, by the UC Davis Center for Regional Change, will address environmental hazards including pesticides, drinking water contamination, air pollution, lack of affordable and safe housing, and other issues facing residents in one of most impoverished and underserved rural regions of California.

**When:** News conference, Wednesday, June 12, 10 a.m.; community forum, Wednesday, June 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Where:** College of the Desert Mecca Campus, 61-120 Buchanan Street, Mecca, Calif.

**Who:** Jonathan London, director of the UC Davis Center for Regional Change/ Assistant Professor, Department of Human Ecology with Community leaders from the Eastern Coachella Valley

**Background:** The UC Davis Center for Regional Change produces solutions-oriented research to inform the building of healthy, prosperous, sustainable, and equitable regions in California and beyond. This study was commissioned by the California Institute for Rural Studies with funding from The California Endowment/ Building Healthy Communities. Information about the project can be found at:  
<http://regionalchange.ucdavis.edu/ourwork/projects/ceva-coachella-valley>

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