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City of Riverside and UC Riverside Celebrate Groundbreaking on SoCal OASIS™ Park

Eight-acre site will be transformative green tech hub for the Inland Southern California region

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The University of California, Riverside (UCR) will host the official groundbreaking for the SoCal OASIS™ Park on Monday, June 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the former UCR Extension Center site on University Avenue.

The 8-acre campus—part of the Opportunities to Advance Sustainability, Innovation, and Social Inclusion (OASIS) initiative—will serve as a transformative green tech hub for the Inland Southern California region.

Backed by a \$68 million investment, the Park combines applied research, workforce development, and entrepreneurial infrastructure to address the region's most pressing sustainability challenges.

State-of-the-Art Facilities

The first phase of the SoCal OASIS Park includes:

- Building 1 (~36,000 sq. ft.) featuring incubator and maker space, training rooms, and offices
- Three specialized laboratories:
 - Sustainable Immersive Mobility Laboratory (SIML)
 - Sustainable Integrated Grid Laboratory (SIGL)
 - Atmospheric Simulation and Measurement Laboratory (ASML)
- Public space and classrooms, supporting both academic and community use
- EV charging stations, bike paths, and sustainability-focused site design

Now Accepting Future Tenants

The SoCal OASIS incubator is now accepting interest from future green tech startups, entrepreneurs, and research-driven companies seeking to locate in a vibrant, collaborative environment. Interested parties should contact Nicole Cleary nicole.cleary@ucr.edu for more information about leasing opportunities and programmatic support.

“OASIS is more than a facility, it represents the convergence point for the region’s emerging green technology and battery ecosystems—where innovation, industry, and community meet.” said Dr. Rosibel Ochoa, Associate Vice Chancellor of Technology Partnerships at UCR.

Groundbreaking Ceremony Details

- Date: Monday, June 23, 2025
- Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Location: Former UCR Extension Center site, University Avenue, Riverside

“This groundbreaking marks the beginning of a project that will shape Riverside’s innovation future,” said Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson. “SoCal OASIS will attract world-class companies, create jobs, and ensure Riverside leads the way on sustainability.”

More information can be found [here](#). The event is open to the public, and media are invited.

