ENDOWMENT PURPOSE
The Alexander and Elizabeth Swantz Endowed Specialist in Cooperative Extension was established in 2004. And though the Swantz’s left the fund’s specific designation to the Dean of the college, they created this endowment to support research, extension education and outreach in agriculture or environmental science, with primary consideration given to water use management.

RESEARCH
These funds have been used to support outreach and extension education concerning important issues in the management of water resources in CA. Funds have been used for the partial support of personnel who have assisted with these activities and who have generated additional project funding.

TEACHING
I have taught one undergraduate course in the past two years, ESP 123 – Introduction to Field and Laboratory Methods in Ecology. The endowment funds have not contributed significantly to the training of graduate or undergraduate students.

OUTREACH
I have engaged in several projects largely focusing on two areas: management of invasive aquatic species and habitat restoration. Outreach activities have involved workshops with restoration practitioners, providing and distributing information and for invasive species managers, workshops on invasive Eurasian mussels involving fishers, boaters, and other recreational interests, among others.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
I will be hiring a part time outreach coordinator to assist with outreach activities and to help generate additional project funding.

SPECIAL ENDOWMENT USE
I plan to use the Swantz Endowment to help fund additional outreach activities and as leverage in added proposals for further project funding.
THANKS
I would very much like to thank Dr. Swantz and the entire Swantz family for their continued support of this endowed position.