

Research is key

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Thank you for publishing Michael J. Haworth's excellent letter ("Overdue climate study", Jan. 4) praising UC Santa Cruz scientists for calling on faculty science researchers at all UC campuses to collect data on plant and animal species to help Americans make better decisions on global warming.

However, faculty efforts shouldn't be restricted to science departments. All UC researchers should be called on to teach the public about every aspect of global warming. Historians should document, and relentlessly remind the public, about the government's RICO case against Big Tobacco, and how fossil fuel industrialists are engaging in the same organized fraudulent behavior today. Sociologists, political scientists and journalism professors should document the rise of social movements with parallels to today's climate change movement.

Medical researchers should hammer home the negative human health implications of fossil fuel pollution, and the implications of higher temperatures for death rates in America. Economics and law professors should review President Reagan's success reducing CFC emissions that harmed the ozone, and President Bush's success reducing fossil fuel emissions that caused acid rain. Both Republican presidents charged polluters fees for harmful emissions in order to make them stop polluting.

Global warming requires global research efforts.

Readers should please contact Citizens' Climate Lobby for more information about proposed Congressional legislation to reduce fossil fuel emissions cheaply and quickly by charging fossil fuel producers a fee on their products' carbon emissions.

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