



ANR listening sessions set for Jan. 29 – Feb. 26

AS mentioned in the November issue of *ANR Report*, listening sessions are being planned to solicit stakeholders' input on ANR, our programs and ways in which we can better address the needs of Californians. The dates and locations have now been determined:

January 29 – San Luis Obispo

February 5 – Riverside

February 12 – Redding

February 19 – Parlier (Kearney REC)

February 26 – Davis

Two sessions will be held at each location, one for ANR personnel in the morning and one for external constituents in the afternoon. As planning progresses, further details and updates on the sessions will be available on the ANR Web site under "ANR future directions" or at <http://groups.ucanr.org/directions/>. Some background information is found at this site and more will be added during the next two months. Pre-registration for attendance at a session will be encouraged and a Web-based registration form will soon be available at the "directions" site.

A phone-in site for pre-registration will also be established.

We encourage you to attend one of the sessions. In addition, we hope you will publicize the dates and locations for these listening sessions in your newsletters and other departmental and county forums.

Vice President Gomes announced that Lanny Lund will be Acting Associate Vice President from now until Jan. 2, 2004, assuming many duties of the retiring Associate Vice President Henry J. Vaux Jr. On Jan. 3, 2004, Lund will become the Interim Associate Vice President.

Working group to consider the organization of statewide ANR units

IN preparation for the stakeholder listening sessions scheduled for January and February 2004, Vice President *Gomes* has appointed a working group to develop a revised proposal for the organization of statewide ANR units. The group, chaired by Acting Associate Vice President *Lanny Lund*, comprises the following members:

Don Cooksey, Executive Associate Dean, College of Natural & Agricultural Sciences, UC Riverside

Bill Frost, Natural Resources Program Leader, UCCE, El Dorado County

William Horwath, Associate Professor, College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences, UC Davis

Peggy Mauk, County Director/Advisor, UCCE, Riverside County

Richard Molinar, Small Farms Advisor, UCCE, Fresno County

Rick Standiford, Director, Wildland Resources Center, and Associate Dean, College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley

Rick Roush, Director, Statewide Integrated Pest Management Program, Davis

Robert Sams, Director, ANR Communication Services
Cornelius (Corny) Gallagher, Senior Vice President, Bank of America, Roseville

Don Gordon, President, Agricultural Council of California, Sacramento

Douglas Davis, General Manager, Tulare Lake Drainage District, Corcoran

Jonathan Kaplan, Project Specialist, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco

Karen Ross, President, California Association of Winegrape Growers, Sacramento

Steve Mulligan, District Manager, Consolidated Mosquito Abatement District, Selma

The group's initial meeting will be held on Dec. 1. Following that date, information on the process by which interested parties may provide input for the group's consideration will be available.